IRWSAA Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2026

Start time: 9:00 pm EST

Roll Call:

Christina Phillips
Chris Orcutt
Kathleen Hickey
Tammy Ciesla
Sean Rudden
Jean Webb
Kathy Gaut
Diane Welling
Morgan Dart

Absent: Morgan Dart, Kathleen Hickey, Jean Webb

A motion to approve the August 2026 minutes was made by Diane Welling, second by Sean Rudden. Approved.

President Report - Christina Phillips

President - Christina Phillips
Vice President - Chris Orcutt
Treasurer - Kathy Gaut
Recording Secretary - Kathleen Hickey
Corresponding Secretary - Tammy Ciesla

Board Members:
Jean Webb
Sean Rudden
Diane Welling
Morgan Dart

PayPal issues has been resolved and is fully functional.

Instructed treasurer to order Orlando medallions for all competition events.

Awards chair resigned, to much at this time with caring for family and work.

Corresponding Secretary Report - Tammy Ciesla

Hi Members,

The big news is our National Specialty!! Despite extreme heat we had a great turnout of beautiful dogs. From west coast to east coast. It was a lovely reunion with a delicious dinner prepared.

I personally was able to meet people I've spoken with for years and never met! And we even had a visitor come all the way from Australia to look at the dogs and spend time with us.

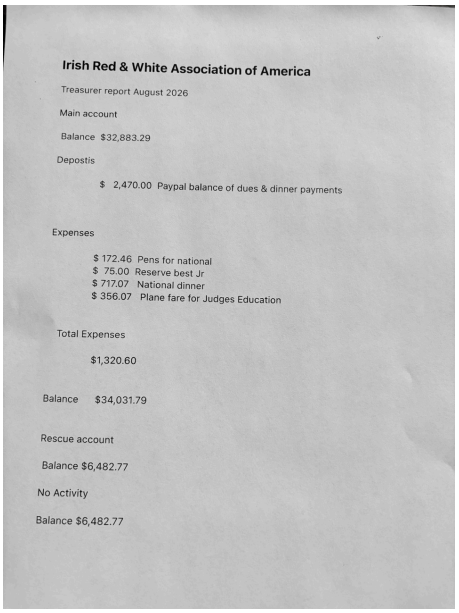
Thank you to everyone who made this event happen.
And congratulations to all the winners!

Plans are already in the works for next year's National in conjunction with the Ohio Specialties, in Marietta**.**

Happy fall,

Tammy Ciesla, Corresponding Secretary, IRWSAA

Treasurers Report - Kathy Gaut



Irish Red & White Association of America

Treasurer report August 2026

Main account

Balance $32,883.29

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$ 2,470.00 Paypal balance of dues & dinner payments

Expenses

$ 172.46 Pens for national
$ 75.00 Reserve best Jr
$ 717.07 National dinner
$ 356.07 Plane fare for Judges Education

Total Expenses

$1,320.60

Balance $34,031.79

Rescue account

Balance $6,482.77

No Activity

Balance $6,482.77

Standing Committees:

AKC Delegate Report - Chris Orcutt

Committee and Delegate Meetings Sep 14-15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Orcutt

AKC Gazette - Cynthia Lancaster

Nothing to report

Awards - Robert Webb, Christina Phillips, Lindsay Bockman

Nothing to report

Statistician - Robert Webb

Nothing to report

By-Laws - Mary O'Leary, Rhonda Cornum, Maura Brady, Brandon Allen

Nothing to report

Companion Events - Kathleen Brown

Nothing to report

AKC Flyer Program - Michael Lamp, Brandon Allen

Nothing to report

Field Committee - Jean Webb

Nothing to report

Health Committee - Judy Taylor

There is no additional information or new news to report.
Thank you.

Judy Taylor

National Specialty Organization Committee - Christina Phillips, Dorothy Denton, Deb Peterson, Brandon Allen, Eileen Newell, Arlene Wilson

Nothing to report

CHIC Program - Chris OCR

Nothing to report

Judges Education - Michael Lamp

Nothing to report

National Guidelines - Christina Phillips, Kathy Gaut, Brandon Allen

Nothing to report

Newsletter Forum - Gary Scypta

Nothing to report

IRWSAA Club Store - Cynthia Lancaster

Nothing to report

IRWSAA Membership -

Nothing to report

2026 National Specialty - Colorado - Christina Phillips

Thank you to all that helped making this a successful event.
The concurrent show on Sunday received a check from Onofrio for $432

2026 Regional Specialty - Edison, NJ - Amanda Mowery

Nothing to report

2027 National Specialty - OVIRWSC - May 2027 - Michael Lamp

Nothing to report

Trophy Fund Fundraising Committee - Wendy Bockman

Fundraising help a silent auction at the National Specialty in Colorado.

All proceeds including checks and cash are locked in the cash box in my camper. We arrived back late Wednesday night and I had only unpacked food and laundry whilst recovering from the trip. Friday evening Storm started labor and I'm now caring for the litter. In about a week or so I should be able to go through the box and send the proceeds to the club. In addition to the silent auction items, we did a live auction at the dinner of a cheese board with the National logo on it made and donated by Shauna Laird in Australia. The high bid was $125 by member Sharon Merkel.

Chair Wendy Bockman

ROM [Registry of Merit] - Rachel Bockman

Nothing to report

Rescue Report - Tammy Ciesla

Hello members,

There is still a dog in TX with a lovely foster waiting for adoption. His name is Ollie. I've been sending folks to the IS rescue of N. TX. The lady is very nice to work with but she's very particular who he goes to. He's a senior.

I have several requests for an older dog if any need rehoming! I do have a list! Please privately reach out to me if any of you know of a dog needing a new home.

Thank you,

Tammy Ciesla, IRWSAA Rescue Coordinator

Funding Appropriation Committee - Deb Petersen, Kathy Gaut, Debbie Cornoyer

Nothing to report

Standing Rules -Mary O'Leary

Nothing to report

Sunshine Fund - Kathleen Hickey

Nothing to report

Purebred Preservation Bank - Chris Orcutt, Michael Lamp, Judy Taylor, Christina Phillips

Nothing to report

AKC Junior Coordinator - Amanda Bowery

Nothing to report

Website - Sean Rudden

Nothing to report

Eastern Area Coordinator - Lindsey Bockman

Nothing to report

Central Area Coordinator - Michael Lamp

Nothing to report

Western Area Coordinator - Arleen Wilson

Nothing to report

Motion to approve all Committee reports, made by Tammy Ciesla, second by Chris Orcutt. Approved.

Old Business -

Board approved 3 new memberships, two are new pup owners. Lee Salmon (full), David Mundt (new pup) and Melissa Hess (new pup). Welcome to the IRWSAA!

Previous PayPal issue was resolved.

New Business -

Awards

Christina would like to explore the possibility that members apply for their yearly awards. This is done by many parent clubs due to work overload to keep track of all the winnings. Board agreed that now that the IRWSAA is growing, this will help membership involvement by having the owner submit the date the award was received. More discussion is needed regarding how this will be organized. Board is looking for two members who will take over the responsibility from Lindsay Mathur. Once the details are in place, an email will go out to membership to solicit two volunteers.

Membership Renewal

Board discussed the procedure surrounding membership renewals. To better assist our treasurer, the board agreed that once a member completes the Jot form, they are to mail the check for the fee. If payment will be made via PayPal, there is also the option to pay by credit card. There has been difficulty with securing on time membership renewals, so this is kind reminder to be aware of fully processing the IRWSAA renewal membership by the deadline.

Next Meeting Date - October 19, 2026 at 9:00 pm EST

Motion to adjourn made by Kathy Gaut, second by Chris Orcutt.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m. EST

Meeting recorded and transcribed by Kathleen Hickey, Recording Secretary