

IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

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OFFICERS, 1951

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NOTE:—This is the 42d in a series of bulletins your officers will issue from time to time on activities of interest to the membership. If you have bulletin material send it to the secretary.

Report of the Club's Annual Meeting—Rice New President.

At the club's annual meeting held the evening of February 11 at Hotel Taft, New York, Howard C. Rice who has served as secretary-treasurer since 1944 was elected president, succeeding Gen. E. B. McKinley.

General McKinley's refusal to serve longer was based on his firm belief that rotation in office would best serve the interests of the club fresh ideas and enthusiasm. In this connection, a start was made last year when two new governors were added to the Board from fanciers currently breeding and showing Irish. It will please the membership to know General McKinley not only remains on the board of governors but that his continued interest and support of the breed can be expected. Mrs. M. Carter Hall of Washington, D. C., was re-elected vice-president, and Thomas H. Mullins, American Kennel Club delegate. Edward C. Eaglen was elected to the post of secretary-treasurer.

Governors elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Frank M. Bohr, Thomas F. Bolton, J. J. Corcoran, Edward C. Eaglen, Michael Gately, Dr. L. W. Goss, Mrs. M. Carter Hall, Gen. E. B. McKinley, Thomas H. Mullins, Alfred M. Niese, Edward O'Keefe, Alexander Palmer, Howard C. Rice, Dr. J. B. Richardson, Jr., and W. A. E. Woods.

Fifteen members attended the annual meeting and nine of the 15 governors were at their meeting immediately following. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$848.32. Club membership as of the meeting date was 85, with five new members to be voted on.

The club's breed publicity plans came up again for discussion. Thus far very few stories have come in. The success of these plans depends on your story as the basis for publicity material, so won't you please help your committee get started?

Another matter discussed was the club's finances. Contributions to the Specials Fund are needed if the policy of offering cash Specials is to be continued. Your support will be appreciated.

To members who have overlooked paying their 1951 dues of which there are 37, this is a reminder that they should be sent at once.

Your secretary was both thrilled and upset at his election to the dual offices. Thrilled at the honor, and upset because he did not feel he could fill the role to the perfection of the past secretary who has so ably and admirably served the club.

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NEW YORK SHOWS.

Another February has gone and with it another Specialty and Westminster. Both shows were thrilling yet tinged with disappointment. We were thrilled with the over-all quality of the entry which was an improvement over recent years, but disappointed with its size. At the Specialty 18 Irish were entered with 13 shown. Westminster was no improvement with 16 entries, 12 shown and 4 absentees.

Out of 14 breeds represented at the Specialty the Irish placed 12th in position while at Westminster we placed 10th among the 21 terrier breeds shown.

General comment from the ringside and from fanciers of other breeds was to the effect that the Irish are looking good and what we lacked in numbers was made up in quality. It was encouraging to see the several imports make their appearance and do very well. There is no doubt the keen interest taken by the spectators in our breed was attributable to the imports. Many came over to our side to take a look see.

At the Specialty, Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best Terrier went to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Sayre's import Russetone O'Shaunessy. Best of Opposite Sex to Eve Boden's Culbahn Cantola, another import.

Mr. and Mrs. Sayres again took the honors at Westminster, this time with their imported bitch Stately Lady taking Winners, Best of Winners and Best of Breed. Best of Opposite Sex went to their third import Wogil Melody Maker.

An added thrill at the Garden was when Stately Lady placed third in the terrier group in the face of stiff competition. This is the second consecutive year that an Irish has placed in the group. An oddity occurred this year in that all four group placements were imports and the judge (Mr. Sedgwick) was forced to go to the fifth dog for an American Bred.

In commenting on our light entry, according to the A. K. C. ranking for all breeds, Irish hold the 39th position with 604 registrations for 1950 as compared to 35th place and 671 registrations for 1949. With this background, there is no reason why the Irish entry has to decline. It simply points up the fact that we are not doing our "level best" in showing our dogs. Our breeders have firmly held to type, quality and soundness and while there is always the good, better and best there will be specimens that we feel do not quite measure up to our high standards. The perfect dog has yet to be born and the only way we can determine "how good" a terrier we have is to show him in competition where there is the opportunity to make comparisons.

The next big one coming up is Morris and Essex, so let's resolve to have a dog in the ring. If we fail to provide an adequate entry at this show, it is possible that the Irish will not be invited to participate or be a part of their future shows. Mr. George H. Hartman will judge our breed.

EDWARD C. EAGLEN, Secretary.

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