

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, INC.
January 10, 2017**

The fifth meeting of the 2016/17 term of the Officers and Directors of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc., was held on January 10, 2017, via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM Pacific Time.

PRESENT

President Mary Baum, Treasurer Susan Cucura, Secretary Wendy Spradlin, Director Lee Ann Emirkhanian, and member Cindy Bersano.

ABSENT

Vice President Janna Loeffler

MINUTES.

Minutes from the November 15, 2016, Board of Directors Meeting were approved as published. No minutes were recorded at the December 10, 2016, general meeting as a quorum was not reached.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mary wished everyone a Happy New Year. She said that 2017 holds many opportunities for fun with our dogs and for visiting with each other. She is looking forward to our agility trials in February, April, and May, our independent specialty in May, and our water trials that will be held after the national specialty. She hopes many club members will be able to join in the fun.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

(Janna via email) The new website is in the final phase of design. It will be released some time this year.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

No report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

(Susan) The Transaction Detail Report is on file. There was a slight loss for 2016 but it will be offset by Paypal money from membership renewals.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Agility

(Mary) Entries will close January 18 for our February 3-5 agility trials at Industry Hills Expo Center. Our agility trials for April will be at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley on April 22-23, one week before Pet Expo (April 28-30).

Conformation

(Cindy) We are anticipating final AKC approval for our Independent Specialty in May.

Legislative Liaison

(Ingrid) There are no AKC alerts that involve California this month.

Membership

(John via email) We have about twenty memberships that have not been renewed as of this date.

(Ellen via email) We received a membership application from Lori Johnson late last year, but since a quorum was not reached at the December membership meeting, the Board needs to vote on it. Lori is sponsored by Ellen Leyda and Lee Ann Emirkhanian. Wendy moved and Susan seconded a motion to

affirm her membership. The motion passed unanimously. Mary will let Ellen know so that she can inform Lori.

Rally/Obedience

No report.

Rescue

(Ellen via email) No dogs coming into Rescue this month.

Water

(Susan) The water trial committee will be formed in the next few weeks. The water trial application will be submitted after that. The National Specialty conflicts with our usual date so we will have to negotiate with the Newfie club for a new date. John Brock has agreed to be our judge.

OLD BUSINESS

Independent Specialty: The paperwork was submitted online, and the Judging Panel has been approved. We should receive AKC approval soon.

New website: Mary collected the suggestions for revision of the new website prototype. It should be ready for release later this year.

NEW BUSINESS

AKC Sanctioning: Susan is completing this year's report. The paperwork will be submitted soon.

Donations to PWDF: Donations have been made in memory of Buzz and Ingrid Fermin's Keeper; Linda Kelly's Francine; Dave and Cheryl Smith's Gibson; and Mollie Tobin's Angel.

2017 Calendar: The calendar has been sent to Leslie to update the current website.

2017 National Specialty: The website is live. Hotel reservations can be made beginning January 11.

Nominating Committee: Mary volunteered to form this year's Nominating Committee (three members and two alternates) and serve as the Board representative on it. On or before March 1, the Committee will forward to the Secretary the names and acceptances of the nominees. On or before March 15, the Secretary will notify the membership of the Committee's slate. If no additional nominations are made by April 15, the slate stands.

RSPWDC Supported Entry: The Board discussed concerns regarding the RSPWDC Supporting Entry on February 4 (Heart of the Desert Classic dog show cluster, February 2-6) in Phoenix, AZ. There was consensus to remove their Facebook announcement on our Facebook page as the date conflicts with our Agility Trials.

2017 Board Meetings: The remaining Board Meetings for this term are tentatively set for Tuesdays, February 21, March 28, and May 9.

2017 Club Meetings: The remaining general membership meetings set by this term's BOD are to be held Saturday February 4 (Industry Hills) and Saturday April 23 (Fountain Valley). The annual meeting will be held on Thursday May 25 (LA Fairplex).

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:27 PM Pacific Time

Respectfully submitted on January 17, 2017,

Wendy Spradlin, Secretary
Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club

