

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, INC.**  
**March 28, 2017**

The seventh meeting of the 2016/17 term of the Officers and Directors of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc., was held on March 28, 2017, via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM Pacific Daylight Time.

**PRESENT**

President Mary Baum, Vice President Janna Loeffler, Treasurer Susan Cucura, Secretary Wendy Spradlin, Director Lee Ann Emirkhanian, and members Cindy Bersano, John Cucura, and Ellen Leyda.

**ABSENT**

None.

**MINUTES.**

Minutes from the February 21, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting were approved as published.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Mary reported there is a dizzying number of new AKC titles up for grabs in an enhanced Rally program and a new Scent Work program. The AKC announced that intermediate and master Rally titling classes will begin November 2017. A Rally champion title, RACH, can be earned by accomplished teams. The AKC also will offer a Scent Work program beginning October 2017. The odor search division will test for detection of essential oils hidden at four levels of difficulty (novice, advanced, excellent, and master) with a titling series for each of four different environments (container, interior, exterior, and buried). The detective division is open to dogs with a master title achieved in any one of the four environments. The handler discrimination division will test for detection of hidden articles bearing handler scent at four levels of difficulty. Members who are looking for something new to challenge their PWD's brain may find training for one of these programs to be just the right thing.

**REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

No report.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

No report.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

(Susan) The Transaction Detail Report is on file.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

**Agility**

(Mary) Susan will chair our next agility trials at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley, April 22-23. Entries will close April 5. The premium for our agility trials on May 26-29 at the LA Fairplex is available now.

**Conformation**

(Cindy) We are talking with possible ring stewards for our Independent Specialty in May.

**Rally/Obedience**

(Susan) Rally and Obedience at our Independent Specialty have been approved by the AKC.

**Legislative Liaison**

No report.

**Nominating Committee**

(Mary) The slate of officers put forth by the Nominating Committee accepted their offices. They were announced to the membership on March 12. The deadline for additional nominations is April 15.

**Membership**

(John) Wendy Parker graciously agreed to print our membership directory. The directory should be in the mail by mid-April.

(Ellen) We have a new membership application to put before the membership at the next general meeting in April.

**Rescue**

No Report.

**Water**

(Susan) We are still waiting for our permit at Castaic Lake.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Pet Expo: John reported that our booth assignment arrived. Heather will be seeking volunteers to staff the booth (April 28-30).

Independent Specialty: Plans are progressing well. Trophies are in progress and ribbons will be ordered May 1. Susan will verify entries with Cindy for accurate order.

New Website: Mary collected suggestions for the prototype from the Board. The new site will be released mid-April with an announcement and link sent to the membership.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next general membership meeting will be held Saturday, April 22 in Fountain Valley.

The last Board meeting for the 2016/2017 term will be held Tuesday, May 9.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 8:25 PM Pacific Daylight Time

Respectfully submitted on April 3, 2017,

Wendy Spradlin, Secretary  
Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club