

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

The third meeting of the 2017/18 term of the Officers and Directors of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc., was held on October 10, 2017, via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM Pacific Daylight Time.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Vice President Janna Loeffler.

MINUTES.

Minutes from the August 28, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting and the September 30, 2017, General Membership Meeting were approved as published.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

(Mary) Mary reported that we had perfect weather, a wonderful turnout, and an encouraging judge, John Brock, at our water trials at Castaic Lake. There were qualifiers at every level except the new master level. As the name implies, the latter challenges our most proficient handlers and PWDs. The "not yet" teams at every level showed some good skills and looked like they were getting close to earning a Q. Even if our dogs were rolling in the sand, zooming in and out of the ring, or finally showing some control stroking through the water toward retrieves, we know our PWDs were not only learning the basics of the water trial game, but they were having a good time, too. Our volunteers did a fantastic job. Special shout outs go to trial secretary Susan Cucura, ring builder and equipment manager John Cucura, trial chairperson and song leader Steve Monas, hospitality chairperson Maggie Megaw, gift basket organizer Jill Jensen, and the ukulele duet team of John Brock and Steve Monas. Mary commended and thanked everyone for making the event so successful.

Mary also reported that members should not put away their dogs' water harnesses yet. They will be needed at the Fall Fun Day on Saturday, October 21 in Long Beach. Pam Francis has organized this event. It will be a morning of kayaking and stand up paddle boarding, followed by lunch. It promises to be a fun day.

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) Our first agility trial of 2018 will be February 2-4 under cover at Industry Hills Expo Center.

Conformation

(Ellen) Conformation and Sweeps judges have been chosen for our Independent Specialty in May.

Rally/Obedience

(Mary) We have not yet selected a judge for our Independent Specialty in May.

Legislative Liaison

(Ingrid via email) The State Senate amended AB 485 and it is now in front of Governor Brown. AB 485 is the Bill that prohibits the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet shops unless they come from Shelters. The AKC's Alert requests that Breeders contact Brown's office to encourage him to veto the bill. Ingrid further reported that the purpose of the bill is to discourage the "Puppy Mill" Industry.

Membership

(Ellen via email) Ellen reported that family membership applications for Quentin & Nora Pullen and Loren & Karen Rojek were voted on at the September 30 General Membership Meeting and both applications were approved unanimously.

Rescue

No report.

Water

(Susan) Our Water Trial went very well. We made a profit of \$600 that will help to offset our other water expenses from this year (boat storage, lake fees, etc.). A huge thanks is owed to all the volunteers who worked so hard: Jill Jensen and Ellen Leyda for the very successful gift baskets, Maggie Megaw for taking care of our judge and all of hospitality, Eric Cantlay, Nancy Gills, and John Cucura for overseeing set up and take down and everything in between.

(John) John recommended we purchase four 45-pound weights (180 pounds total) to replace the 540 pounds of cement blocks we currently use to anchor the boats. The cost would be \$110. John also recommended we purchase one set of wooden oars for the Portable. The cost would be less than \$90. Mary moved and Wendy seconded a motion to approve both expenditures. The motion passed unanimously.

(John) John reported that the Rubbermaid storage container for water equipment has developed cracks in the roof after fifteen years of use. A replacement will be needed in the near future. John also reported that we have six never-used anchors. As they retail at \$30-40 the Board agreed we should see if they can be sold on craigslist or, if not, offered to club members.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary sent Board members a sample Newsletter for review. The focus of the first newsletter will be on Water. An email will be sent out simultaneous with the first Newsletter due to the possibility of members' email filters directing the Newsletters to junk folders.

Susan reported that trial applications for our Independent Specialty should be submitted in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Our water trial judge, John Brock, asked us to make a donation to the PWDF in memory of his dog, Reagan, in lieu of us giving him a stipend. We did and he was very grateful.

Donations have been made to the PWDF for Molly, owned by Jan Shirreffs and Pam Barnett, and Poseidon, owned by Nancy Leon.

Mary has begun the sanctioning process for AKC Scent Work. The application will be submitted this week. Mary moved and Susan seconded a motion to amend our bylaws to include AKC Scent Work trials. The motion passed unanimously. In addition to Article 1, Section 2 (d), the Board should review the Bylaws to see if any other revisions are needed prior to putting the measure before the membership.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:02 PM Pacific Daylight Time

Respectfully submitted on October 17, 2017,

Wendy Spradlin, Secretary
Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club