

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, INC.**  
**January 16, 2018**

The fifth meeting of the 2017/18 term of the Officers and Directors of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc., was held on January 16, 2018, via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM Pacific Time.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

None.

**MINUTES.**

Minutes from the November 14, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting were not recorded as a quorum was not reached. Minutes from the October 10, 2017 meeting were approved as published.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Mary wished the Board a Happy New Year, 2018. She reported that the year is getting off to a good start with performance events in agility and scent work in February. Upcoming events for 2018 are listed on the event page of our website. Looking back at 2017, she thanked the Board members for contributing time in support of launching a new club website, debuting a club newsletter, pursuing AKC scent work sanctioning, and for chairing events. She thanked Pam Francis for organizing our Fall Fun Day and our club members for their enthusiastic participation. We have such a great group of members!

**REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

No report.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

No report.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

(Susan) The 2017 TDR, income and expense report, and year-end bank statement were submitted for the annual self-audit. The assistant treasurer filed the SI-100 Statement of Information with the California Secretary of State. Annual paperwork for AKC sanctioning was filed.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

**Agility**

(Mary) Susan will chair our February 2-4, 2018 agility trials. We are looking at adding an additional day to our April 21-22 weekend.

**Scent Work**

(Lee Ann) On November 7, 2017, we received approval to hold AKC sanctioned scent work trials, contingent on modifying our Bylaws with the appropriate AKC wording. Lee Ann will chair our first scent work trials, held concurrent with our February agility trials.

**Conformation**

(Ellen) We are still working on the final details for our Independent Specialty on May 24th. Ellen will oversee trophies with Linda from Good Dog Beds.

**Rally/Obedience**

(Mary) Pam Regan will judge rally and obedience at our Independent Specialty. The application was submitted online to AKC in November.

**Legislative Liaison**

(Ingrid) No report.

**Membership**

(Susan) We have 12 outstanding members who haven't renewed as of January 16. A reminder notice has been sent.

**Pet Expo**

The Pet Expo dates are April 27-29. Heather Kelly will coordinate volunteers.

**Rescue**

(Ellen) There have been numerous inquiries but we have no dogs in Rescue in Southern CA. Several individuals have filled out applications and sent them to our National Rescue Coordinator in case a dog that fills their needs is available in another part of the country.

**Water**

(Susan) We need to determine our date for next year's Water Trials and invite a judge. Also, water dates need to be submitted this month to the lake.

**Nominating**

Mary reported that the Nominating Committee is being formed. She will chair the Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Our new Club Newsletter debuted October 17, 2017. The Winter issue was sent January 16, 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Club should consider having a Meet and Greet in April in Orange County.

Donations were made to the PWDF for Kathy Souza's Dory, for Linda Otey's Ella, and for John and Susan Cucura's Indy.

After discussion of the AKC requirement that our Bylaws be revised in order to host AKC sanctioned scent work trials, the Board agreed by consensus to recommend the Club membership approve several revisions to our Bylaws:

Article I Section 2d: To conduct sanctioned matches, local specialty shows, agility trials, obedience trials, and any AKC events for which the club is eligible under the rules and regulations of the AKC.

Article II Section 1e: While membership is unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

Article II Sections 3b: Applicants for membership may be elected to membership at the next Club meeting by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present and voting. If there is no quorum at that meeting, the applicant for membership may be elected by the Board of Directors at the next meeting. Affirmative votes of the majority of the Board of Directors present and voting shall be required to elect an applicant. Voting shall be made by secret ballot at the request of any member or Director present. The Membership Chair shall notify each applicant of the outcome of the membership or Board of Directors vote within 15 days.

Article IV Section 4: Each Director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Club for election of the Board of Directors as specified in these bylaws, and until his or her successor is

elected and qualifies. There shall be no term limits. Each retiring Director shall turn over to his or her successor all properties and records relating to that position at the annual meeting of the Club.

Wendy will send a notice to all members in good standing of a special meeting to be held on February 3, 2018, to vote on these changes to the Bylaws.

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 27. The next general membership meetings will be held February 3 and April 21.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 8:58 PM Pacific Time

Respectfully submitted on February 1, 2018,

Wendy Spradlin, Secretary  
Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.