

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, INC.**  
**July 17, 2018**

The first meeting of the 2018/2019 term of the officers and directors of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc., was held July 17, 2018 via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm Pacific Time.

**PRESENT**

President Mary Baum, Secretary Heather Kelly, Treasurer John Cucura, Director Lee Ann Emirkhanian, and members Susan Cucura and Lucinda (Cindy) Bersano.

**ABSENT**

Vice President Janna Loeffler.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the May 8, 2018 Board of Directors meeting were approved as published. As a quorum was not reached, no minutes were recorded at the May 24, 2018, annual meeting and the June 28, 2018, general membership meeting.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** – Mary Baum – At the annual meeting on May 24, 2018, I thanked Ellen Leyda, for organizing and chairing the Independent Specialty; Pam Francis, for putting together the wonderful fiesta; and our members, for volunteering and attending. Ellen thanked the breed judges, Mr. Eric Ringle (conformation) and Mr. Matthew Davis (sweepstakes). Mary thanked judge, Dr. Pamela C. Regan (obedience/rally) and chief ring steward, Logan Ott.

Board members for the 2018-2019 term were inducted at the annual meeting. We welcomed two new board members, Heather Kelly, Secretary; and John Cucura, Treasurer; along with three returning board members, Janna Loeffler, Vice President; Lee Ann Emirkhanian, Director; and Mary Baum, President. I thanked our outgoing board members. Susan Cucura stepped down after two years as Treasurer. Wendy Spradlin retired after a decade as Secretary. In gratitude for her long service on the board, Wendy was presented with a Tina Evans custom bowl. Wendy has lent a professional hand to our meetings and notices, steadied our discussions, and worked extraordinarily hard documenting our proceedings and maintaining our bylaws. I am grateful to have served with Wendy and Susan on the board.

**REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT** – Janna Loeffler – no report.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER** – John Cucura – A TDR for our year up to now is attached.

The Mission Circuit Independent Specialty lost roughly \$200. This was actually better than most years.

We are required to place ½ page ad in the Courier for our water trials. There was some discussion as to whether we want to do another ad to acknowledge member achievements. No decision was made at this time.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY** – Heather Kelly – had nothing new to report.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

**Agility** – Mary Baum – Our trials in Pomona on May 25-28 were a success. An application was submitted to AKC for agility trials on April 19-21, 2019 in Fountain Valley. This represents an addition of Friday to our weekend dates.

**Scent Work** – Lee Ann Emirkhanian – So far the attendance looks great for our upcoming August 9<sup>th</sup> Big Bear trial. Lynda Tjarks is still in the process of finalizing the October trials.

**Conformation** – Ellen Leyda via email – We had a wonderful Independent Specialty on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks so much to all the people who helped make it so successful. It ran very smoothly, and the judges were the most professional and delightful judges I have ever worked with. It was a fun day and I hope next year will draw even more members and PWD lovers. We have begun to work on the conformation and sweeps judges for next year.

**Rally/Obedience** – Mary Baum – We had a nice turnout on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Our judge, Dr. Pamela Regan, was extremely easy to work with and very efficient at keeping on schedule. Pam wrote: “What a wonderful experience! Lovely working teams, super sportsmanship, helpful stewards – it doesn’t get any better. Please extend my gratitude to your club members.” Mary will begin working to find a local Rally/Obedience judge for next year’s Independent Specialty.

**Legislative Liaison** - Ingrid Fermin – Nothing to report.

**Rescue** – Ellen Leyda – Nothing to report.

**Water** – Susan Cucura – We have been having good turnouts for our water practices. Water trial preparations are underway. Premium will be available at the end of July with the trial opening date being 8/1. Water trials are on 9/15 and 9/16. Suzanne Malick has agreed to be our judge. Hotel block has been secured and is open for booking.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Regional Club Sanctioning – Mary Baum -- Paperwork was submitted June 2, 2018 to PWDCA. It was approved by the PWDCA board in the June Minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Membership – Ellen Leyda via email – As a quorum was not reached at the last general membership meeting, we have one new member to vote on, Connie Dey, who was sponsored by Marilyn Rimmer and Wendy Spradlin.

A motion to approve the member was made by John Cucura; Lee Ann Emirkhanian seconded the motion. The membership application was unanimously approved. Mary will notify Ellen who in turn will let Connie know.

Future board meetings during the 2018/2019 term will begin at 6:00pm Pacific Time on Tuesdays, dates to be determined.

Trophies for Mission Circuit. We are all out and will need new ones. They don't necessarily have to be trophies. The price range at the high end is \$100 for Best of Breed and at the low end is \$20 for Best in Sweepstakes. We are also out of leashes for placements, roughly \$5-\$6 each. If anyone has ideas, they can be brought to the next board meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 8:06pm Pacific Time.

Respectfully submitted on August 22, 2018.

Heather Kelly, Secretary  
Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc.