

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

The fifth meeting of the 2019/2020 term of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club was held via teleconference on March 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Baum at 7:07pm

ROLL CALL: In attendance were President Mary Baum, Treasurer John Cucura, Secretary Heather Kelly, Vice President Pam Francis and Director Lee Ann Emirkhanian. Committee Members Susan Cucura, Ellen Leyda, Cindy Bersano. were also in attendance.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 12, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting were approved as published. As a quorum was not reached, no minutes were recorded at the February 1, 2020, general membership meeting.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Mary Baum – This spring our club will have a booth at Pet Expo again. Taking part in a Meet the Breeds event fulfills one of several annual requirements as an AKC-sanctioned club. This year Pet Expo will take place on April 24-26 in Costa Mesa. We could use at least 18 volunteers to fill the two hour slots. Your dog will get lots of love from the public and you may get a few questions about what it is like to live with a PWD. Thanks to Heather Kelly for coordinating volunteers again this year. Please save the date. An email regarding the event will be sent to club members this month.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT – Pam Francis – working on a theme for lunch at Independent Specialty.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER – John Cucura – The Transaction Detail Report is on file. The club's Statement of Information Form SI-100 was filed with the California Secretary of State.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – Heather Kelly – nothing to report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Agility – Mary Baum – The site for our April 18-19 trials was changed to Freedom Park in Camarillo. Cindy Tilly will judge. Entries will close April 1.

Scent Work – Lee Ann Emirkhanian – Lynda has offered to do one trial for us to maintain our licensing. It would have to be in Atascadero.

Independent Speciality – Ellen Leyda – We are progressing nicely on our plans for our Independent Specialty at Mission Circuit.

Legislative Liaison – Ingrid Fermin via email – There has been news coverage of proposed rules defining service animals for the purpose of air travel. A service animal will be defined as one individually trained to assist a qualified disabled traveler. The proposal clarifies the ability of airlines to require defined paperwork and set limits on the number of service animals transported. The full proposal from the U.S. Department of Transportation was published in the Federal Register in January. There is a 60 day comment period that will close in late March. If anyone wants to review the proposal or comment on it, AKC has posted a summary with relevant links at:

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/u-s-department-transportation-proposes-new-rules-define-service-dogs-purpose-air-travel/>

Last week, the Palm Springs City Council considered an ordinance that would restrict the breeding of dogs within the city limits. The proposal seeks to limit "Backyard Breeders" - an attempt to limit pet populations. It would also prevent the return of lost animals to their owners and increase existing fees for ownership and breeding. Strongly opposed by the AKC. Anyone wishing to offer input, should contact the Office of the Mayor and City Council of Palm Springs.

Membership Renewals – Susan Cucura – our current membership is 70 people.

Nominating Committee – Mary Baum – Letters of acceptance were sent to nominees last week. The slate will be announced soon.

Rescue – Ellen Leyda – Nothing new to report.

Water – Susan Cucura – Martha Ruskai from South Carolina has agreed to be our judge. Water dates have been submitted to the lake. The water trial will be held September 12-13, 2020 with practice September 11, 2020.

Steve Monas has stepped down as Water Trial Chair. We would like to thank Steve for his many years of service as Chair (I think it was about 15 years). Eric Cantlay has agreed to be Water Trial Chair for 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Donation has been made to the PWDF for Emmy, owned by Paula Heath (February).

Paula Heath and Sandra Gould gave generous donations along with their membership renewals which we will use for our Specialty trophy fund.

Next board meeting: Sunday 4/26.

Next general meeting: Saturday 4/18 at the agility trial.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted on March 4, 2020

Heather Kelly

Secretary, Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club