

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

The first meeting of the 2021/2022 term of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club was held via teleconference on August 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Baum at 7:02pm

**ROLL CALL**

In attendance were President Mary Baum, Vice President Pam Francis, Treasurer John Cucura, Secretary Heather Kelly, Committee Member Susan Cucura and Cindy Bersano. Director Lee Ann Emirikian was absent.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the May 5, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting were approved as published. As a quorum was not reached, no minutes were recorded at the May 23, 2021, annual meeting or the August 1, 2021 general membership meeting.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** – Mary Baum –At our annual meeting we inducted the board members for the 2021-2022 term:

Mary Baum -- President  
Pam Francis – Vice President  
John Cucura – Treasurer  
Heather Kelly – Secretary  
Lee Ann Emirikian – Director

Thank you for taking on these roles again. The last term was pretty tough because of pandemic restrictions that cancelled several events, but the club weathered it well. Even though our Independent Specialty was cancelled for the second year in a row because of COVID, we were able to hold seven days of agility trials in 2021. And we have a water season this summer! Our water trials will be here before we know it. We will need everyone to step up and help out. It will be so fun to visit with our friends and to see our dogs competing on the lake again. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

**REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT** – Pam Francis – nothing to report.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER** – John Cucura – The current TDR is on file. We are in the black.

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

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

**Agility** – Mary Baum – Our April trials in Camarillo and our May trials over Memorial Day weekend in Moorpark were very successful. The April trial was covered in our club's Spring newsletter. We also had coverage by Richard Gillard, photo editor for The Acorn Newspapers, who posted his gallery of photos to the Camarillo edition of the Acorn Online.

**Conformation** – Lucinda Bersano – John Ramirez will judge for us in 2022. Our Independent Specialty will be moving to a new location.

**Obedience** – Mary Baum -- Pam Regan will judge for us in 2022.

**Legislative Liaison** – Ingrid Fermin – There is a resolution that has been introduced in the California legislature that could limit various veterinary procedures – such as cropping of ear and tails. Not an issue for PWDs, BUT dew claws would be included.

At the Federal level, there is new legislation to increase health standards for dogs being imported from foreign countries. The countries of origin would be responsible for meeting the requirements.

**Membership** – Ellen Leyda – We have three applications to vote on:  
Michael and Kiley Lampier  
Catherine Gintowt  
Irena and Zdenek Kloz

Mary Baum made a motion to approve the new members, Michael and Kiley Lampier, Catherine Gintowt, and Irena and Zdenek Kloz. Pam seconded the motion. All approved.

**Water** – Susan Cucura – Water practices have moved to mornings for the rest of the Summer to try to beat the heat. The water trial preparations are under way. Premium will be out the week of 8/15. Suzanne Malick is our judge. The trial dates are September 18 and 19.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Becky Morin is working on facilitating conversation between individuals and club representatives who are interested in holding a Specialty on the West coast in 2023.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Donations – A donation was made in memory of Lara Schindler's Snorkel.

A \$200 donation for the basket raffle was made in support of the 2021 National Specialty.

Next general membership meeting: 9/18 at the water trial.

Next board meetings: 10/10, 11/14.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm

Respectfully submitted on August 21, 2021

Heather Kelly

Secretary, Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club