

## **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, INC.**

The annual meeting of the members of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club was held on May 23, 2023, by videoconference. The meeting was called to order by President Mary Baum at 5:10 pm PDT.

**PRESENT** – President Mary Baum, Secretary Heather Kelly, Treasurer John Cucura, Director Lee Ann Emirkhanian, members Eric Cantlay, Susan Cucura, Nancy Gills, Linda Otey, Wendy Spradlin, Mollie Tobin, Margie Valine, Rod Valine, and honorary member Lucinda Bersano.

**ABSENT** – Vice President Pam Francis and all members not in attendance.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes from the January 9 and February 27, 2023, Board of Directors Meetings are posted on the SCPWDC website. Beginning with the April 10 meeting, a link to meeting minutes will be emailed to members once minutes are posted.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** – Mary Baum – Mary welcomed everyone to the annual meeting and reviewed the events held so far this year. The Independent Specialty (conformation, obedience, rally) was held in conjunction with Winterfest at Ventura. Two weekends of agility trials took place at Industry Hills and Camarillo. The club's final agility event of the year is coming up later this week in San Bernardino at Mission Circuit. The club does not plan to hold scent work trials because a trial secretary and sufficient volunteers are not available. We are fortunate to have several members who are involved with other clubs that put on scent work trials for us to enjoy in SoCal and the Central Coast.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER** – John Cucura – The Income and Expense Statement for January 1 to December 31, 2022 was shared with meeting participants. Mary noted the club's reserve of funds is nearly the same as 2016 when she began as president, but the club's income has gone down. Agility is the primary source of club income but the sport has not recovered to pre-pandemic popularity. With less money coming in and expenses going up, the club raised fees in 2023 for water participants and the specialty. A new expense that began this year is fire insurance, now required by Castaic Lake.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

**Agility** – Mary Baum – Agility trials will be May 26-29 in San Bernardino. Five to six core volunteers will be out of town that weekend. We could use any help possible. No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

**Conformation** – Lucinda Bersano – Cindy is planning for two independent specialties held back-to-back on the Friday before Winterfest 2024 in Ventura. One specialty in the morning with a breeder judge and one in the afternoon with an AKC judge. Sweepstakes will be offered with one show, probably in the afternoon. A complimentary lunch will be offered between the shows at noon.

Because of the high cost of travel, judges will be from CA or AZ. Entries at this year's specialty were in line with recent years. Mission Circuit in San Bernardino drew fewer PWD entries than Winterfest in Ventura even though SCPWDC supported entries at both events in 2023.

**Obedience** – Mary Baum –Obedience and Rally will be offered at our 2024 Specialty if we can share the cost of the judge with other clubs. In 2023 we split the cost between four clubs.

**Water** – Susan Cucura – Susan suggests we return our water trials to the second weekend in September so there are at least three weeks between our event and the NoCal water trials in early October. In 2023 our requested dates are September 16 and 17. Amanda Ford has agreed to be our judge.

### **NEW BUSINESS** –

The 2023/2024 Board of Directors was inducted:

President, Mary Baum

Vice President, Pam Francis

Secretary, Heather Kelly

Treasurer, John Cucura

Director, Lee Ann Emirkhanian

There are no changes from the last term because no one else stepped up. Thank you and welcome back.

Linda Otey suggested Marilyn Rimmer as the breeder judge for our 2024 specialty in Ventura. She also suggested we move it back to May in San Bernardino because December and January are expensive months. Various members brought up several issues: the club received complaints about San Bernardino and the area surrounding the host hotel; Ventura draws NoCal dogs; and there are very limited options for our specialty. SCPWDC could not get a spot at the January show in Palm Springs, but got the last spot for a specialty in Ventura.

Members voted 12-0 in favor of donating up to \$250 for the basket raffle at the 2023 National Specialty.

The National Specialty is coming up at the end of August. It will be on the West Coast in Albany, OR. SCPWDC donated to the National Specialty general trophy fund. Personal sponsorship of a trophy is a wonderful way to remember a PWD who is no longer with us.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectfully submitted on June 12, 2023

Heather Kelly

Secretary, Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club