

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

The fifth meeting of the 2023/2024 term of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club was held via teleconference on February 26, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Baum at 7:06 pm PT.

ROLL CALL

In attendance were President Mary Baum, Vice President Pam Francis, Treasurer John Cucura, Director Lee Ann Emirkhanian, and club members Lucinda Bersano, Susan Cucura, and Ellen Leyda. Secretary Heather Kelly was absent.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 8, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting and January 26, 2024 General Membership Meeting were approved as published.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Mary Baum – We had a small but enthusiastic and supportive group at the Independent Specialty in Ventura. Highlights of the day included newcomers entered in rally or obedience and 6 new members voted in at the general membership meeting! Thank you to everyone who helped make the day possible.

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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER – John Cucura – The TDR is on file. Please note there was a transfer from savings so the balance is higher than it should be.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Agility – Mary Baum – The February 2-4 trials were a success. Our next agility trials will be April 13-14 at IHEC in City of Industry and May 24-26 at Community Center Park in Camarillo.

Legislative Liaison –Kathy Souza – Pending legislation was sent to members.

Membership – John Cucura – We still have 10 outstanding members (4 are family memberships) who have not renewed. Personal emails were sent to all of them last week.

Nominations – John Cucura – We have secured an acceptance letter for each board position.

Rescue – Ellen Leyda – nothing to report.

Sanctioning – Mary Baum – Paperwork was submitted to AKC and PWDCA in January.

Water – Susan Cucura – This year, the National Specialty prevents us from holding our water trials the first weekend of September. If we were to hold our trials the second weekend, that is only 2 weeks before both the RSPWDC and PWDCNC water trials and I expect would greatly diminish our entries. Additionally, no West Coast judge is available and many other judges will be at the specialty which ends the day before our trial would start. Based on this information, I am proposing we hold a Mock Trial. We would take entries, have running orders, have a “judge” and full ring with stewards. People can run their dogs and if desired, we can provide coaching and feedback. Then in the afternoon, they could practice some of the things they need to work on in preparation for the other club’s water trials. We would do a set up/practice day on Friday, have dinner back at La Quinta Friday night and then hold the mock trial on Saturday and tear down at the end of the day.

Another idea is to add something like Fetch either Saturday afternoon or Friday. This might draw other PWD folks who perhaps don’t do water but want to try something new.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

Next board meeting: 4/1/2024 (Monday) at 7pm.

Next general membership meeting: 4/13/2024 (Saturday) at 1pm.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted on March 25, 2024

Heather Kelly

Secretary, Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club