BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, INC.
September 21, 2025

The first meeting of the 2025-2026 term took place virtually.

ROLL CALL- Mary Baum (President), Laura Leyda (Secretary), Pam Francis (Vice President), John Cucura (Treasurer), Lin McClure (Director), Susan Cucura, Kate Zimmer, Cindy Bersano, and Ellen Leyda

Zoom Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm

MINUTES
Minutes from the general membership meetings held on January 23, July 31 and September 6, 2025 were approved as published.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Mary Baum – We just wrapped up a successful water trial two weeks ago. We had a wonderful turnout of competitors from Arizona and Northern California, plus our dedicated crew from Southern California. Our judge Karen Pratt was very gracious and encouraging. Susan Cucura (trial secretary), John Cucura (equipment manager), Eric Cantlay (trial chair), Lee Ann Emirkhanian and Ellen Leyda (basket managers), and our volunteers (everyone who attended!) did a fantastic job. Susan, your schedule worked out so well that we should plan to stick with it. Everyone liked going back to the hotel for a shower before eating dinner on the patio and socializing the evening away.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT – Pam Francis – Will be sending out condolence letters as soon as possible.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER – John Cucura – The current Transaction Detail Report is on file. Before anyone gets excited by the bottom line, please remember we transferred $3000 from savings and have at least $2300 in expenses still due this year.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – Laura Leyda – N/A

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES
Agility – Mary Baum – Applications for the February 2026 trial at City of Industry were submitted to AKC in August. It will be chaired by Laura Leyda.

Conformation – Lucinda Bersano – Debra Thornton will judge and has a contract. Sweepstakes judge is still needed. Susan put together a spreadsheet of what we have and what we will need for trophies. We have enough slip leads that were purchased earlier this year to cover the classes and we still have some

trophies in inventory. What we need are the big trophies: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winner's Bitch, Winner's Dog, Obedience High in Trial, Rally High Combined, and Rally High Triple Combined. Cindy took photos of items that Lynn Green did for the National Specialty. We are looking for any other suggestions. We also need trophies if we support entries for Winterfest (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday): BOB, BOS, BOW. Kate Zimmer has offered two brand new dog cots in original packaging. Susan and Kate are going to talk soon and come up with some more ideas. Maybe buckets with gift cards, charcuterie board, dog beds…?

Pam Francis volunteered to do hospitality again this year.

Obedience & Rally – Mary Baum – Gina Grisson will judge. The PWDs, Kees, Cardigan and Pembroke Welsh Corgis groups will run together by level with separate books.

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

Membership – John Cucura – N/A

Rescue – Ellen Leyda – N/A

Water – Susan Cucura – Last water practice is Thursday, September 25 from 9-noon at Paradise Cove. We had good turnouts at all of our practices this year.

Water Trials: We had better entries than we've had in quite a few years. All went well with many compliments from the entrants. With the addition of our basket contest, we actually made a profit of about $1400.

It seems clubs are having a hard time getting judges for water trials so I hope to have a judge secured in the next month or so.

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS –
Donations were made in memory of:
Walt Aviles and Barbara Fletcher's Nai'a
Wendy Parker's Kina
Heather Kelly's Miss Millie
Don and Barbara Niemann's Ramona.

The next board meetings will be in October and November, dates will be emailed.

ADJOURN- 5:40 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted September 21, 2025 by Laura Leyda, Secretary.