MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, INC.
January 12, 2026, 5:00 PM PST

ROLL CALL President Mary Baum, Treasurer John Cucura, Vice President Pam Francis, Director Lin McClure, Lucinda Bersano, Ellen Leyda, and Susan Cucura. Secretary Laura Leyda was absent.

MINUTES
Minutes from the November 17 and December 8, 2026, Board of Directors Meetings were approved as published.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Mary Baum – We have a nice entry for our independent specialty at the Ventura Fairgrounds on Thursday, January 22, 2026. For those who can attend, there will be complimentary lunch at noon. I hope members can come watch our lovely PWDs, visit with old friends, and meet the newcomers in the club.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT – Pam Francis – Condolences will be sent to those who recently lost PWDS once she has more notecards. Susan will bring cards to the Specialty.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER – John Cucura – The financial reports for 2025 are on file. Please note the TDR bottom line is skewed by transfer from savings by +3000. And we paid for 2026 Winterfest trophies in 2025 by the amount of $607. So we technically made about $300 for the year.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – Laura Leyda – Nothing to report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES
Agility – Mary Baum – Out next event will be January 31-February 1, 2026, at Industry Hills Expo Center. The show chair, Laura Leyda, will award a HIT ribbon to the weekend's highest scoring PWD.

Conformation – Lucinda Bersano – The ribbon order is shipping this week. Because Cindy cannot attend this year, she prepared a list detailing the rosettes and trophies for the awards table. Ellen and Kate will organize the awards table. Verla or Lafayette will steward the ring. On Thursday PWD conformation will take place in ring 6 in Anacapa Hall. Sweepstakes will begin at 11am, followed by a break for lunch and a club meeting. Judging will start up again at 1pm. It will be a 5-point major for bitches if none are absent.

Hospitality – Pam, Ellen, and Kate can help with setup. Mary will place the lunch order and bring assorted chips and bottled water. Susan with bring tablecloths for the tables at ring 6. Pam will bring decorations and candy.

Obedience – Mary Baum – A full day of judging will begin with rally at 8am in ring 3 in San Miguel Hall. Mary will bring tablecloths for the awards table.

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

Membership – John Cucura – We have 7 outstanding memberships which is ahead or our usual schedule.

Nominations – John will chair the committee.

Rescue – Ellen Leyda – Nothing to report.

Sanctioning – Susan Cucura – The Statement of Compliance has been submitted to AKC.

Water – Susan Cucura – Suzanne Malick will be our judge. Water dates will be submitted to the lake at the beginning of February. Our water trials will tentatively be held the weekend after Labor Day.

OLD BUSINESS – The Scent Work Club of San Gabriel Foothills decided not to hold detective trials in partnership with SCPWDC. Entries cannot be controlled in the manner they hoped.

NEW BUSINESS –

Donations to PWDF were made in memory of dogs owned by Wendy Spradlin, Lauren McDermott and Marilyn Rimmer.

Next general membership meeting: January 22, 12:30pm, at the specialty in Ventura.

ADJOURN @ 5:47pm.