

9-21-97 PWDCA MEETING

The eleventh meeting of the 1996-97 PWDCA, Inc. Board met in-person on Sunday, September 21, 1997, in Silverdale, Washington.

Present: Cheryl Smith, Jody Van Loan, Robin Zaremba, Ginny Brown, Janis Watts and Deb Zorn.

Absent: John Karlsson, David Haddock, and Christi Overton.

Listeners: Carol Mattingley and Pat Stuart-Volz.

President Cheryl Smith called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m., PMT.

Membership Binder: The first order of business was discussion of the creation of a membership notebook. The goal of the Board is to have the binders complete for distribution at the 1998 annual meeting. Jody suggested creating a notebook that is book size rather than standard size, but the Board discussed that the majority of the club's documents are 8.5"x11".

Policy & Procedure Manual: The Board discussed the Policy and Procedure Manual. Cheryl directed the Board to send comments and input for the Manual to Robin for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Annual Reports: Cheryl reported that the Annual Reports would be printed and distributed at the September 24 annual meeting.

1999 National Specialty: Robin reported that she had received a fax from Mary Parszewski and that the PWDC of Greater Chicagoland is still researching sites to possibly host the 1999 specialty, although no formal bid proposal has yet been received. Robin will check to see if a formal bid proposal will be forthcoming from said club in the near future.

1998 Louisville Supported Entry Request: Robin reported that she had received a letter from Rachel Marshall requesting \$100 from the national club in support of the Valley of the Dogs PWDC's supported entry to be held in March 1998. Further discussion was tabled pending receipt of the official club form necessary to effect such a request. Robin will inform Christi that she needs to send the correct request forms to Rachel, as well as inform Rachel that when the correct forms are received by the Board, the Board will make a decision on the request.

Mattingley Letter/Committee Volunteers: Robin reported that she had received a resignation letter from Carol Mattingley as chair of the Hairloss Committee. The Board discussed that it had received many recent requests

from members to be on committees. Robin proposed that no action be taken at this meeting, due to time constraints, regarding appointing anyone to a committee so that the Board could review committee applicants. Jody reported that many of the committee volunteers were not in compliance with either the Directory of Dogs/Health Registry filing requirements. Further action was tabled regarding appointing committee members until the October Board meeting. Carol Mattingley volunteered to remain as chair of the Hairloss Committee until a successor is appointed.

1997-98 Board Year/Committees: The Board discussed the need to determine what goals can be accomplished over the next year. Each Board member shall send to Cheryl a list of conceivable goals before the October meeting. Those goals can then be applied to the committees, if applicable. A letter will be created to go to the committee chairs informing the chairs of what work needs to be done and what is required of the committee chair and members.

General Education Committee: The Board reviewed a proposal from Lou Guthrie regarding an information package Lou is creating for distribution to breed inquirers. The Board discussed some general wording changes and corrections (e.g., cost of Courier) which shall be forwarded to Lou by each Board member for consideration. Lou requested that the Board immediately approve the edited "Guide" for distribution by the Breeder Referral Program, with the Guide to be considered temporary with the committee and Breeder Referral Coordinator to continue working on the Guide. After discussion, Janis Watts made a motion, seconded by Robin Zaremba, that the Guide submitted by Lou Guthrie be approved as a "temporary" guide for distribution until such time as the committee, Breeder Referral Coordinator, and Board can approve a finalized package, which final package shall be submitted by December 1, 1997. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board then discussed other specific approval requests from Lou for the package:

(1) Request that the mission, scope, operating procedures, and proposed committee volunteers be approved. The Board discussed that the AKC will provide brochures to the club regarding responsible dog ownership, and that the PWDCA needs to educate owners regarding same as well as specific breed information, and that public education should be the committee's main priority. The Board also discussed that copies of letters from the committee volunteers had not been provided to it for review. Robin will contact Lou and ask that the Board be supplied with the volunteer letters as well as a statement that all the volunteers are in compliance with the Directory of Dogs/Health Registry filing requirements.

(2) Request for the committee to begin analyzing current materials in more depth and obtaining quotes for printing costs, with Board approval for the

committee to begin an in-depth analysis. After discussion, it was general consensus of the Board to support the committee in their review and research endeavors.

(3) Request to produce a PWD brochure, with final product to be submitted to the Board for approval. After discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board that the committee begin creating a brochure with final editing to be done by the Board.

(4) Request for committee to produce a regional club information brochure, with final approval by Board required. Janis suggested that the Association of Regional Clubs should handle this brochure, but that the Association was currently inactive. After further discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board that the committee will undertake the creation of a regional club brochure, and then the brochure can be shifted to the regional clubs for utilization.

(5) Request to produce a packet of materials to assist breeders (e.g., sample contracts, pedigree research, health requirements, raising a litter, temperament testing, breeding costs, etc.) with final product approved by Board. Robin stated that sample contracts should not be provided to the general contract by the PWDCA. The Board discussed that a list of breeders willing to share contract language would be more appropriate. After further discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to approve the committee beginning work on producing a packet of materials to assist breeders, but that no sample contracts shall be included although a list of breeders willing to share contracts may be included.

Water Committee: Robin reported that the Water Committee had verbally reported to her that Maryanne McGuingle had completed all necessary requirements to become a water trial judge and that the committee was asking for Board approval. After discussion, upon a motion made by Robin Zaremba, with a friendly amendment made by Jody Van Loan that approval is subject to receiving a written recommendation from the water committee, seconded by Janis Watts, it was unanimously resolved to approve Maryanne McGuingle as a water trial judge.

October Info Update: The next Info Update will go out in October. The Update may include, but shall not be limited to: cardiomyopathy report, annual meeting minutes, 1996 ROM and POM earners, Homestretch Drive final report, etc. The Board shall submit their data for the Update to Jody no later than October 1.

Treasurer's Report: David's reports are included in the annual report package. Cheryl asked that the Board members get their receipts to David as soon as possible for reimbursement.

Georgie Project: Ginny brought for discussion the 7/26/97 report from Karen Miller-Stebbing regarding the Georgie Project, including a report on Cornell's International Workshop in Canine Genetics: The Map, The Genes, The Diseases. Ginny asked for Board approval to: (1) allow Karen to recognize the PWDCA as her affiliation in the articles submitted for publication from the Georgie Project, and (2) make a recommendation if specific dogs' names should be included in the articles or if generic names or code numbers should replace the proper names. After Board discussion, Ginny Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Deb Zorn, that Karen Miller-Stebbing be allowed to reference the PWDCA as her affiliation in articles coming from the Georgie Project research, but approval is not granted for any other projects at this point. Voting "yes," Robin Zaremba, Deb Zorn, and Ginny Brown. Opposed: Janis Watts with the explanation that she is not sure of what is the proper protocol for affiliations for authors. Abstaining: Jody Van Loan with the explanation that the club should consult with an attorney regarding the possibilities of any liability if the PWDCA is listed as an affiliate of an author. Thus, on a 3-2 vote, the motion passed.

It was the general consensus of the Board that generic names or code numbers should be used in articles where proper dog names are listed, and no proper names of dogs shall be used in any articles affiliated with the PWDCA.

The Board reiterated its support of the Georgie Project, and a letter shall be sent from the Board to Dr. Lark indicating same and thanking him for his time and dedication. Ginny will draft a letter and E-mail it to the Board for their approval, as well as a letter to Karen thanking her for all her efforts on the project and connecting the PWDCA with Dr. Lark.

AKC Gazette Articles: The Board discussed that it never reviews any articles submitted for printing in the AKC Gazette from Carole Prangle-McIvor. Jody reported that she used to receive the articles but had not received them in the past several months. John Karlsson is the liaison for Carole. Jody will direct John to have Carole's articles submitted to him for forwarding to the Board before they are included for print in the Gazette.

Cardiomyopathy Report: Ginny reported that an oral report will be given at the annual meeting regarding the increased incidence of sudden puppy deaths as a result of juvenile dilated cardiomyopathy. Ginny brought for discussion the idea of an open registry for cardiomyopathy, similar to that for PRA, which could be used to help determine the mode of inheritance if more breeders would file their puppy deaths therein. Carol Mattingley presented a draft of a Consent Form for the Board's consideration for an open registry pertaining to juvenile dilated cardiomyopathy. Pat Stuart-Volz stated that if the club is going to have an open registry, then it should have a proven mode of inheritance before the registry is created because it is the general

perception by most people that if a dog is listed as having a health problem, then it affects the parents of the dog and so on. After further discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to table voting on the Consent Form until a mode of inheritance is determined by geneticists, which determination is expected by January 1, 1998. Any breeder may list puppy deaths on a volunteer list with the committee pending the determination of a mode of inheritance being received by the Cardiac Committee. Ginny, as committee liaison, will give a report at the annual meeting so that members will have increased awareness of the problem, but will stress that dogs producing the problem should not be spayed or neutered, and that the faster the committee receives pedigrees and autopsy information, the faster a determination may be made.

[The following motion was made via a fax vote on October 3, 1997.] Ginny made a motion that Dr. Jerold Bell shall be offered the opportunity to be one of the geneticists to give an opinion to the PWDCA, Inc. on the mode of inheritance of cardiomyopathy in the Portuguese Water Dog. The motion passed by majority vote with "yes" votes received from John, David, Ginny, Deb, Robin, Janis, and Carol. (Jody did not vote due to being out of town for the vote.)

GM-1 Update: Ginny brought for Board discussion the unresolved issue between the GM-1 Committee and Dr. Jerold Bell of the downline testing of pups for the GM1-AP rating program, which the Board issued a December 31, 1997, deadline for at their June 1997 meeting. The committee reported that it had not received a scientific explanation nor any statistical probabilities to support why downline breeding dogs need to continually be blood tested. Pat Stuart-Volz, a GM-1 committee member, stated that all scientific studies should have supporting opinions, and additional opinions should be sought to determine if Dr. Bell's position of testing downline dogs receives general consensus from a second geneticist. Pat stated that she was not negative about Dr. Bell, but that Dr. Bell needed to remain working through the committee rather than bypass the committee and go directly to the health liaison or Board. Pat also informed the Board that a DNA parentage test will prove who the sire and dam of a dog are, so the argument by Dr. Bell that the need for downline testing is in case of unknown parentage will be a moot issue upon such test's availability. Regarding the GM1-AP program, Pat brought from the committee its desire to have two opinions on the GM1-AP program. After Board discussion, upon a motion made by Janis Watts and seconded by Ginny Brown, it was unanimously resolved that the GM-1 Committee shall obtain a total of two opinions regarding the implementation of the AP program.

After further discussion, the Board directed Ginny to prepare a letter to Dr. Bell asking him to send the PWDCA GM-1 database, raw data scores, and all other kinds of statistical probabilities or formulas used to compute

GM-1 data to Dr. Lark's Georgie Project in the spirit of collaboration for research purposes. To that end, upon a motion made by Ginny Brown and seconded by Robin Zaremba, it was unanimously resolved that the GM-1 data, in total, be given to Dr. Gordon Lark in the spirit of sharing research data.

Canine Health Conference: Ginny reported that she would be attending the AKC Canine Health Conference in Missouri in November, and she will give a report on the meeting to the Board thereafter.

National Specialty Manual: Janis reported that the National Specialty Manual was basically complete, and she would be sending it to Robin for proofreading and minor editing corrections.

Awards Committee: Deb reported that Robin Zaremba had resigned from the committee. Deb asked that further reporting from the committee be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Committee Guidelines: Cheryl asked that the Board review the committee guidelines and submit suggestions and clarifications to the guidelines to her before the October meeting. Cheryl suggested that all committees hold at least one conference call per year.

American Dog Owner's Association: Cheryl brought for discussion a request from the American Dog Owner's Association for the PWDCA to join. The Association does a lot of work with legislation, being responsible breeders, etc. After discussion, upon a motion made by Janis Watts and seconded by Deb Zorn, it was unanimously resolved to have the PWDCA join the American Dog Owner's Association and to pay the yearly dues (currently \$25). Cheryl will be the liaison to the Association.

Special Member Recognition: The Board discussed several members who had volunteered many hours and work to the club and breed, and that some special recognition should periodically be given to individuals, although not necessarily to be awarded on an annual basis. Janis and Cheryl will work on the recognition wording, and recognition will be given to Mary Harkins for rescue, Bobbie Babbitt for the health registry, and Kitty Braund for the Courier.

Executive Session: The Board then moved into, and out of, executive session.

[At 12:34 a.m., it was unanimously resolved to table the meeting until 9 p.m., October 3, 1997.]

Next Board Meeting: The first meeting of the 1997-98 Board is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., EST, on Thursday, October 23, 1997. Agenda items must be to Robin no later than October 9, 1997.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Robin made a motion to adjour the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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