

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2000 BOARD MEETING OF THE
PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

The ninth meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for the year 2000 was held via teleconference October 3, 2000. President Karen Arends called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM EDT.

PRESENT: All Officers and Directors were present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 22, 2000, Board Meeting are now recorded and will be posted to the PWDCA email list and sent to the *Courier* for publication.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY:

Seven qualified write-in nominations for Director were received. In accordance with the Bylaws, each of these nominees was contacted and responded timely with their written permission to have their names placed on the Ballot.

Official Ballots were postmarked October 1, 2000, to those members eligible to vote. Included in the mailing were the appropriate envelopes as required. In addition, a letter with detailed procedure for the proper return of the Ballots was included. Ballots must be postmarked by October 31st to be valid.

A brief Bio of each of the twelve candidates was mailed to the entire membership a few days later.

A Tally Committee Chair has been designated. He is Mr. Wesley Mathews, Attorney At Law. Mr. Mathews will attest to the eligibility of the ballots received and the integrity of the results. The identity of the other members of the Tally Committee have not been provided to me yet.

The Annual Report to the Membership will go to the printer this week. With the receipt of various reports today, the only report still to be obtained is from Steve Beder, Membership Chair. Due to the recent death of Allan Strauss, there will be no report from the National Specialty Judge Selection Committee and an explanation will be included in the Report.

RESULTS of the email vote taken after the last Board Meeting.

MOTION by Karen Arends and **SECOND** by Stuart Freeman to allow the Canine Health Foundation, the Georgie Project and the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation to have table space at the 2000 National Specialty Wellness Fair. Affirmed: Karen Arends, Carol Mattingley, Geri Zuckerman, Stu Freeman, Claire De Christina, Renee Thimann. Denied: Andy Kalmanash, Karen Miller-Stebbins, Linda Otey.
MOTION AFFIRMED.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

The following correspondence was received:

- 1) Letter from AKC acknowledging and thanking us for our letter regarding Registration requirements. They will present it at their October Board Meeting.
- 2) Letter from PWDCGC re Supported Entry. Their application is still incomplete.
- 3) Letter from AKC regarding United Airlines' indefinite extension of embargo against carrying dogs. President Karen Arends will bring copies of pro forma letter to the National Specialty as handouts for those interested in writing to the airline about this issue.
- 4) Packet from AKC including Revision to Obedience and Tracking Regulations and Guidelines for Stewards, to be effective as of October 1, 2000.
- 5) Letter from AKC that approval will no longer be granted for herding instinct tests to be held on show grounds during show hours, effective January 1, 2001.
- 6) Letter from AKC including Revisions to Match Regulations.

- 7) Packet from AKC re nominations for Lifetime Achievement Awards ballot. Three awards are presented for Conformation, Obedience and Performance. Nominations must be submitted to AKC prior to December 1st.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

The financials were presented by Treasurer Stuart Freeman.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

AKC DELEGATE:

The next AKC Delegate's meeting will be December 12, 2000, in New York. At that time the Delegates will be voting on Bylaws amendments related to membership. The amendments previously proposed and voted on have been amended further since they were posted to the web site. Therefore, they are now different from what was originally presented. As soon as the AKC web site is updated with the new versions, Ginnie will notify the Board. The members of the Board will have 48 hours to review the updates and get back to Ginnie with any comments they may have. The final decision for Ginnie's vote will be left up to her.

BREEDERS EDUCATION:

This item will be discussed in detail at the next Board meeting. There has not been adequate time for the Chair to provide Board members with the complete Breeders Packet, nor has the Board had the opportunity to review the information.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGES SELECTION:

Due to the death of Allan Strauss, a new Chair for this committee must be appointed.

Al was a tremendous help in organizing the judges selection process and was always willing to do whatever was asked of him. He will be very much missed by the PWDCA Board and membership.

MOTION by Karen Miller-Stebbins and **SECOND** by Stuart Freeman to approve Jody Van Loan as Chair of the National Specialty Judges Selection Committee. Affirmed: Carol Mattingley, Stuart Freeman, Geri Zuckerman, Claire de Christina, Karen Miller-Stebbins, Linda Otey, Renee Thimann. Abstained: Andy Kalmanash. **MOTION AFFIRMED.**

RENAL DYSPLASIA:

For the next meeting, the Board requests that this committee provide an explanation of the specifics of Renal Dysplasia, the goals of this committee and how they plan to achieve them, and whether Renal Dysplasia is definitely a problem in Portuguese Water Dogs.

SANCTIONED CLUBS:

Andy Kalmanash reported that he has now received an updated list of officers and directors of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club and a copy of their Bylaws currently in effect. This completes the club's application for sanctioning.

MOTION by Andy Kalmanash and **SECOND** by Renee Thimann to approve the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club as a sanctioned club. **AFFIRMED:** Unanimous.

MOTION by Andy Kalmanash and **SECOND** by Stuart Freeman to authorize publication of the current list of sanctioned clubs in the Courier and on the PWDCA list. **AFFIRMED:** Unanimous.

WATER:

Sue D'Augusta has completed all of the requirements to be an approved PWDCA Water Trial Judge. Lauren McDermott, Chair of the Water Committee requests Board approval of her candidacy.

MOTION by Renee Thimann and SECOND by Linda Otey to approve Sue D'Augusta as a Water Trial Judge. AFFIRMED: unanimous.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: (as of October 3, 2000)

Ann Brady	888 Park La West. Santa Barbara. CA 93108	805-565-3968
Diane Brundage	7001 Orchard Hill Ct. Colleyville. TX 76034	817-251-8424
Robert Cicoria	479 Ellendale Ave. Port Chester. NY 10573	914-937-3128
Ann Covin	7004 Plymouth Ave. N. Golden Valley. MN 55427	763-546-6597
Steephen & Susan Crane	25430 W. Cuba Rd. Barrington. IL 60040	847-713-2267
Paul Darrigo	11 Hillcrest P. Mt. Sinai. NY 11766	631-473-8586
Marie Forgach	7 De Mott Ave. Rockville Centre. NY 11570	516-536-2869
Judith Freeman	35 Rotterdam W. Holland. PA 18966	215-355-2315
Thomas Gladkowski	9 South 270 Skylane Dr. Naperville. IL 60564	630-904-1612
Carol Goularte	52493 River Pine Rd. La Pine. OR 97739	541-536-1610
Tamera Groene	9192 Neil Dr. Cincinnati. OH 45231	513-522-2145
Nadean Hanson	2195 Wildflower Way. Bellingham. WA 98226	360-738-8389
Jennifer Hruska	50 Washington St. Arlington. MA 02474	781-367-7486
Shari James	402 Solitude Dr. Garland. TX 75043	972-240-5625
Bryan Keyt	1312 W. Fletcher #3. Chicago. IL 60657	773-832-4401
Marita Meffesoli	1119 Devonshire Rd. Grosse Pointe Park. MI 48230	313-881-5560
Ann McDonnell	1654 Valley Ave. McLean. VA 22101	703-848-2593
Paul Mikulski	31 Lawrence Ave. Annapolis. MD 21403	410-974-9126
Joseph Pignataro	170 Gordon Pl. Freeport. NY 11520	516-223-6652
Jim Pontillo	1401 Eagle Trace Ct. Woodland Park. CO 80863	719-686-0360
Beverly Rosenblatt	19011 Old Baltimore Rd. Brookville. MD 20833	301-260-1313
Milarie Rude	15 W. 277 79 th St. Hinsdale, IL 60521	630-325-7466
Kitty Sherill	765 Park Ave. Apt. 4B. New York. NY 10021	212-737-0375
Terry & Thomas Smith	10364 Wolcott Hill Rd. Camden. NY 13316	315-245-1660
Dottie Deans	734 Galaxy Hill North. Pomfret. VT 05053	802-457-5876
Joanne Treistman	4 Winn Terrace. Northboro. MA 01532	508-393-2433
Linda Jean Tus	10 Charter Circle. Ivyland. PA 18974	215-953-7238
Leslie Vinson	16022 W. Gages Lake Rd. Libertyville. IL 60048	847-549-1603
Denise Wallentinson & Stephanie Yee	8841 Tierra Buena Ln. Peoria. AZ 85382	623-876-9345
Diane Williams & Scott Robinson	192 Lovell Ave. Mill Valley. CA 94941	415-383-8516
Ann Wolfe	624 Crofton Pk. Ln. Franklin, TN 37069	615-591-4402
Mike & Jan Yates	7408 80 th St. Lubbock. TX 79424	806-794-7475

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AKC REGISTRATION PACKET FLYER:

Board members expressed the need for more time to review this important flyer. Proposed changes, if any will be Emailed or FAXed to Karen Miller-Stebbins and final approval for the flyer will be sought at the next Board meeting.

SUPPORTED ENTRY:

Insurance certification has not yet been received from the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Greater Chicagoland. Thus, approval of their request for a Supported Entry can not be given at this time.

DNA PARENT TESTING

MOTION by Renee Thimann and SECOND by Geri Zuckerman to form an Ad Hoc DNA Parentage Testing Committee whose objective shall be to investigate the research specific to Portuguese Water Dogs and determine the feasibility of a DNA Parentage Testing Program appropriate for the Portuguese Water Dog. Once it is established that DNA Parentage Testing is reliable, this committee will outline the appropriate protocol for implementing such a program.

AFFIRMED: unanimous.

Volunteer applications will be accepted for this committee until November 4, 2000.

PWD FOUNDATION:

The Board wishes to receive and review the following items from the PWD Foundation prior to entering into any dialogue: Articles of Incorporation, Determination Letter of their tax status, Mission Statement of the Foundation, and disclosure of the percentage of funds to be used for administrative costs. In addition, the Board would like to receive a Proposal from the Foundation expressing their specific ideas relative to how they want to work with us, what they plan to offer to the PWDCA and what information they are soliciting from us. Receipt of this information is required by October 31st so that the issue may be placed on the Agenda for the next Board meeting.

2000 SPECIALTY WELLNESS FAIR:

Renee Thimann, as Chair of the Wellness Fair, will define the arrangements to be in effect with the outside organizations that were invited to participate in the Wellness Fair. She will report back to us on this and the Board will support the decisions made by her on this issue.

Next Board Meeting will be held **November 14, 2000**. Agenda items are to be submitted by October 31st.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Zuckerman
Recording Secretary
PWDCA, Inc.