

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
OCTOBER 19, 2000**

The 28th annual meeting of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc., was called to order by President Karen Arends at 7:00 p.m. PDT, October 19, 2000, at Best Western Monterey Beach Hotel, Monterey, California.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President, Karen Arends; Vice-President, Carol Mattingley; Treasurer, Stuart Freeman; Recording Secretary, Geri Zuckerman; and Directors, Andrew Kalmanash, Karen Miller-Stebbins, Linda Otey and Renee Thimann.

ABSENT: Corresponding Secretary, Claire De Christina

QUORUM: A physical count of the voting members present was taken and 96 eligible voting members were present. Total active/voting membership is 1,172. Accordingly, this did not constitute a 10% quorum of the active membership of the club. Therefore, in accordance with the Bylaws, no action from the membership could be pursued and the meeting was limited to announcements to and from the membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chuck Teasley announced: Re Best of Breed class to be held Friday, October 20, 2000, Armband Check will be promptly at 9:00 A.M. All dogs MUST be present at that time.

Christi Overton announced: Re Parade of Titleholders held Wednesday, October 18, 2000, any participants can contact her if their Rosette needs correction.

President Karen Arends announced: Re DNA Parentage Testing, the formation of an ad hoc committee was approved by the Board at its meeting of October 3, 2000. Any member of the Club interested in serving on this committee should submit a volunteer application as soon as possible.

Treasurer, Stuart Freeman, announced that he has the Club financial records with him. Any one wishing to review these may do so after the meeting and he will be glad to answer any questions that may arise.

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS:

President Karen Arends announced her pleasure to present two President's Awards this year. Both recipients have gone well beyond the call of duty for the Club and are always there to help when needed – no matter what else is going on in their lives.

The first person receiving the PWDCA President's Award this year epitomizes the devotion that we would like to have all PWD families possess. She has been a member of the PWDCA for 10 years – and during the past six years she has spent more time

working for the welfare of Portuguese Water Dogs than most of us do at our official jobs. Spending countless hours collecting PWDs in need, housing many of them herself or arranging for others to foster dogs during troubled times, and spending more hours than anyone can reasonably spare in a day – all for dogs in trouble – MARY HARKINS has shown her love and devotion to Portuguese Water Dogs through her exemplary coordination of our Rescue Program and always giving assistance to any dog owner asking for her help.

The second President's Award recipient this year has been a member of PWDCA for 11 years. During the past eight years he has spent a tremendous amount of time organizing our membership applications and keeping our membership list, preparing and receiving the annual membership renewals, and often preparing mailing lists for various PWDCA mailings – usually with a short deadline. Steve Beder has put the PWDCA membership before his personal life on many occasions and shown how important the dogs and people of this Club are to him.

Unfortunately, Steve was not able to attend the National this year – and Karen will get this award to him with her congratulations.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further announcements, President Karen Arends adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Zuckerman
Recording Secretary
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.