

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2001 BOARD MEETING
OF THE PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA

The eighth meeting of Officers and Directors of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for the year 2001 was held in person October 2, 2001 in Warwick, Rhode Island. President Karen Arends called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. EST.

PRESENT: President Karen Arends, Treasurer Stuart Freeman, Corresponding Secretary Claire DeChristina, Vice President Carol Mattingley, Director Christi Overton, Director Steven Bean, Director Caren Murray, Director Karen Miller-Stebbing.

ABSENT: Recording Secretary Geri Zuckerman, Director Andrew Kalmanash.

GUESTS: 2002 Board Nominees Rita Hasel, Leslie Arner, Cathy Kalb, Barbara Niemann, Kristen Cofield

MINUTES: Approval of minutes from the September 18, 2001 meeting will be moved to our next meeting.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: President Karen Arends thanked all in attendance for their work and invited the board nominees to stay following the meeting and get acquainted.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY:

RESULTS OF E-MAIL/FAX VOTES:

9-24-01: MOTION by Karen Arends and SECOND by Andy Kalmanash that the PWDCA donate \$1000 to the AKC/AKC CAR Disaster Relief Fund which has been established by AKC to provide support for search and rescue dogs and relief for pets of disaster victims.

AFFIRMED: Karen Arends, Steven Bean, Claire DeChristina, Stu Freeman, Andy Kalmanash, Carol Mattingley, Caren Murray, Christi Overton, Geri Zuckerman.

NO VOTE RECEIVED: Karen Miller-Stebbing.

10-1-01: MOTION by Karen Arends and SECOND by Claire DeChristina that the PWDCA approve the proposal of Lyle Harding for the 2003 National Specialty to be held in Park City, Utah – host hotel being Park City Marriott at Prospector Square, Water Trial site being Jordanelle reservoir, and the show site being Miners Park – with Lyle as the chair of the committee organizing the event.

AFFIRMED: Karen Arends, Claire DeChristina, Stu Freeman, Andy Kalmanash, Karen Miller-Stebbing, Geri Zuckerman.

ABSTAINED: Steven Bean, Christi Overton.

NO VOTE RECEIVED: Carol Mattingley, Caren Murray.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Corresponding secretary Claire DeChristina reported the following.

1. The American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards solicitation was received. Our club has not participated in this in the past because it is geared more towards all-breed clubs. The Board chose not to participate in this award program again this year.
2. Two items were received from hotels, one from Tucson, AZ and one from Fort Worth, TX, inviting our club to consider holding our national specialty at their facility. We will keep these pieces on file for future reference.
3. Claire DeChristina presented the drafted letter to the American Kennel Club regarding our non-participation in the Eukanuba Dog Show Classic to be held in Orlando, Florida in December. In discussion Karen Miller-Stebbing noted that she has information from the AKC stating that winners are being asked to donate a portion of proceeds to the AKC Disaster Relief Fund and those funds will be matched by AKC. Discussion among the board followed with the conclusion that AKC may have had significant negative feedback from other clubs

regarding this show and if they had backed down from the prize money prior to the World Trade Center disaster our feelings may be different. As it is, our letter to the AKC President expressing our disapproval of the monetary awards will stand.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: No treasurer's report was submitted due to the short time frame from our last board meeting. Stuart Freeman has submitted the report of the 2000 Specialty under a separate item of business.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE: Ginny Santoli is doing a great job in keeping us informed.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

DNA Parentage Testing Committee: Chairperson Claire DeChristina presented a summary of the work of the DNA Parentage Testing Committee and the consensus of opinions of its committee members. Discussion ensued regarding the relevance of parentage testing to the issue of Optigen testing itself. Because of the long history of research behind the Optigen test, the demands of club members to dispense with Optigen testing on AxA progeny, and the desire to accumulate information on the accuracy of these designations the following motion was made.

MOTION by Steven Bean that the PWDCA adopt an interim proposal allowing progeny of an Optigen A x Optigen A breeding, with established DNA parentage testing, to be rated with a classification identifying the individual as get from such breeding. This "rated" individual may not be required to be individually tested. Any progeny from this "rated" individual would be required to undergo individual genetic testing before being used for breeding. SECOND by Karen Miller-Stebbins.

Karen Miller-Stebbins suggested the Eye Committee be informed and that this committee work in conjunction with the Eye Committee under the guidance of Drs. Aguirre and Acland. MOTION AFFIRMED: UNANIMOUS

PWD Health and Litter Registry Update: This committee presented a litter analysis comparing AKC and PWDCA statistics. It was noted again that this committee is proceeding with great speed.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Andrew & Shari Barden	7524 Westbury Dr. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	319-373-9327
Lonnie & Judith Collins	312 Vine St. Madison, IN 47250	812-265-3171
Louise Farmer-Dupere	3 St-Etienne Repentigny PQ Canada J6A 5A2	450-657-9892
Colonel Doug Forsythe	Box 828 Gig Harbor, WA 98335	253-858-2249
Lynn Goldberg	91 Caramel Rd. Commack, NY 11725	631-266-2951
Sally Hough	964 Bluffpoint Dr. Columbus, OH 43235	614-885-8568
Jan Janski	435 Falcon Ct. Palmer, AK 99645	907-745-3845
Jay & Ronnie Kaiser	25 Forrest Ct. San Anselmo, CA 94960	415-456-8043
B. J. Kelly	10063 Linden Rd. NW Minerva, OH 44657	330-868-2099
Tom Mills	203 Westminster Dr. NE Atlanta, GA 30309	404-872-5097
Regina Mulligan	533 Park Ave. Hoboken, NJ 07030	201-792-6387
Douglas Reed	5200 Epsom Ct. Columbus, OH 43221	614-771-6087
Laura Rettinger	321 Harrington Dr. Long Lake, MN 55356	952-475-0957
Karen Roach	18966 Breneman Rd. NE Silverton, OR 97381	503-873-8594
Lucy Sheils	3 Whitney Ln. Rochester, NY 14610	716-385-6569
Edward Wagnon	4712 N. Camelot Dr. Muncie, IN 47324	765-284-3100

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Stuart Freeman presented the 2000 National Specialty Report. He commented that a breakout of numbers from registration and merchandise would be preferable to the sum presented. Total funds to be divided by the PWDCA and PWDNC are \$8456.50. The PWDNC has held an additional \$1000 for expenses which have not yet been settled.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Karen Arends presented a letter from Cindy McCullough and Charles White protesting a ruling by the Water Trial Committee regarding their ability to judge each other's dogs on an "emergency basis" at the Lone Star

PWD Club's Water Trial. The scheduled judge was unable to attend the trial because of the air traffic problems following the World Trade Center disaster and Charles and Cindy agreed to judge in her stead. Cindy and Charles have asked that any titles earned under their judging stand due to the unusual circumstances at that trial. MOTION by Karen Miller-Stebbing that given the circumstances of the past several weeks and the willingness of Charles White and Cindy McCullough to help out in this situation, and their past participation, that the titles earned at the Lone Star Water Trial under Charles' and Cindy's judging stand. SECOND by Claire DeChristina. MOTION AFFIRMED: UNANIMOUS.

Director Steven Bean presented results of an informal survey in which he polled breeders regarding the incidence of megaesophagus in Portuguese Water Dogs and found six breeders with dogs that had been diagnosed. MOTION by Steven Bean to form a committee to study the incidence of megaesophagus. SECOND by Christi Overton. MOTION AFFIRMED: UNANIMOUS.

Committee members will be solicited and a plan for the committee formed.

Steven Bean noted that he has not received all material regarding the Regional Clubs.

Director Karen Miller-Stebbing brought up the formation of a committee to study anti-freeze toxicity. More information is needed prior to such a committee being formed.

Treasurer Stuart Freeman contacted Lyle Harding regarding her proposal for the 2003 National Specialty. Discussion ensued regarding social events, hotel availability, and financing. This specialty will need to be helped by regional clubs or members nationally in a fashion similar to that of the 1996 National Specialty held in St. Louis.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Stu Freeman. SECOND by Karen Miller-Stebbing. MOTION AFFIRMED.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire DeChristina

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