

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2002 BOARD MEETING OF THE PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA

The ninth meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for the year 2002 was held December 16, 2002 via teleconference at 8:10 PM EST.

PRESENT

President Stuart Freeman, Recording Secretary Leslie Arner, Corresponding Secretary Catherine Kalb, Treasurer Barbara Niemann, and Directors Karen Miller-Stebbins, Sandra Overton, Kristen Cofiell, Caren Murray and Andrew Kalmanash. Guest Steven Dostie. Vice President Steven Bean joined the meeting at 8:20 PM.

MINUTES Previously approved and published.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Stuart Freeman expressed his gratitude to retiring Board members Andy Kalmanash and Karen Miller-Stebbins for their active participation on the Board. Their knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed by all.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

E-votes taken since last meeting:

1. 11/20/02-Motion by Andy Kalmanash, second by Leslie Arner to approve 2003 Specialty logo. Approved unanimous
2. 12/02/02-Motion by Stu Freeman, second by Barb Niemann to approve Barbara Cawley as 2003 Specialty treasurer. Approved unanimous

Items presented for vote:

1. Motion by Sandy Overton, second by Kris Cofiell to approve two PWDCA members, Sarah Kahn and Sue Zgol, as Water Trial judges. The PWDCA Water Trial Committee, by majority vote, recommended both candidates for approval. Approved, unanimous.
2. Motion by Stu Freeman, second by Karen Miller-Stebbins to replace Laurie Hardman as Therapy Committee Chair with Terrilynne Lymburner. Laurie will continue to serve as a member of the committee. Approved, unanimous.
3. Specialty Water Class addition to National Specialty non-regular classes. Steven Bean is waiting for a response to some questions submitted to the AKC Parent Club Relations department. Vote will be tabled awaiting AKC response.

Other announcements:

1. Results of the Specialty Judges vote were received from Jody Van Loan on 11/07/02. The top four places are as follows: (1) Letty Larson Afong (2) Bill Shelton (3) Michelle Billings, Jean Fournier (4) Keke Kahn.
2. The Board did not submit a vote for AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards nominees by the December 1 deadline.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

1. The AKC Museum of the Dog has requested a copy of the PWDCA membership roster to be used for promotional mailings. It is not the policy of the PWDCA to provide this information to outside parties and their request was denied.
2. Purina's request for the PWDCA to participate in the Parent Club Partnership was denied by the Board, after brief discussion.
3. Cathy received a copy of "LapDog Therapy" from H. Marie Suthers-McCabe, DVM, Associate Professor at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, This recently published book addresses therapy dogs, and their role in human health as they visit group residential facilities. It was "written" by Mickey, a Boston Terrier. The book and the accompanying cover letter will be forwarded to Terrilynne Lymburner, the new Chair of the Therapy Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Barb Niemann presented the following financial information, which is on file.

1. Operating Statement for December 12, 2002 and 2001.
2. Balance sheet as of December 12, 2002.
3. Segregated Funds as of December 12, 2002.
4. Wells Fargo Bank reconciliation as of December 12, 2002.
5. Wells Fargo Checking and Premium Market Rate Statements as of, 2002.

A copy of the AKC Breed Flyer was sent to each Director, as discussed at last months meeting. Stu Freeman suggested changing the wording in the flyer, under responsible breeding, from "Following the terms of your contract together is your mutual responsibility and should be taken very seriously" to "Following the terms of your contract is the serious mutual responsibility of you and your breeder." Definitive agreement was not reached.

It was agreed that the Welcome and Work Committee contact name would be changed in the brochure from Stu Freeman to the new committee Chair, Maralee Johnson.

\$100 seed money has been sent to Rio Salgado, Greater Chicagoland, and Movers and Shakers regional clubs for their Supported Entries.

AKC DELEGATE REPORT

The topic of the November report was the AKC Parent Club Conference. The PWDCA and the Courier made a great impression with Karen Arends presentation, which Terry Cardillino prepared for the Conference.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Updates were requested by the Board from all the committee Chairs, due by December 15. The following were received by the deadline.

AGILITY – Chair Jane Freeman, Leslie Arner, Linda Otey, Joan Heater.

The one item I would like to work on this year is a standardization of the Agility awards at the National. While a formula for HIT has been passed by the National Board, this year another award was given as well. I think the committee should have some input on this. The committee doesn't need more members but if someone was interested in serving I think space would allow for that.

AKC BREED COLUMN- Carole Prangley-Mclvor, Editor and Chair
Board Liaison to Committee: Stuart Freeman, President PWDCA.

The columns that appeared in the AKC Gazette Breed Column for the past year were:

October 2001:	Enjoying Your Dogs	Carole Prangley-Mclvor
January 2002:	R.E.A.D.- A New Type of Therapy	Sandi Martin
April 2002:	PWD Responds to 9/11/01	Connie Millard
July 2002:	IBD	Pat Qvigstad
October	ER Vet Care Has Its Rewards.	

Possible future articles: Health Articles: Cancer & Tumors, Health Registry, Georgie Project Update, DCM(dilated cardiomyopathy), Health Clinics. Other Articles: Water Work, Agility, Obedience, etc.

I will continue to contact numerous committee members & individual club members in hopes of their submitting articles, as well as having this request printed in the PWDCA UPDATE mailings. I am always open to new ideas and welcome input from PWD owners & club members as to the subject matter for the column. And, I am especially interested in comments on the articles as they appear. I have received and answered favorable letters & phone calls on some of the columns and have set information as requested.

My sincere thanks to all recent guest authors and to the Board for allowing me to serve in this position. I look forward to serving the club & the breed in the coming year as PWD Breed Column Editor for the AKC Gazette, if reappointed.

ARCHIVES- Janet Boyd-Kristensen

The continued direction or mission of the archives committee has been to remain focused on collecting as much as possible for the archive.

In 2002, we continued to build the archives collection through the generosity of PWDCA members who donated back issues of The Courier among other items. The archives provided research for articles on the history of the water trial and top ten dogs, published in the anniversary issue of The Courier.

Currently the archive has a complete collection of the PWDCA National specialty video and we continue to work to complete the National Specialty photo and catalog archive. National Specialty years 1994 and 1996 remain with items outstanding. The collection of Couriers spans from 1974 to present with holes to fill. We have a sketchy record of club business for the 70s and 80s and a negligible record of the 90's.

The action plan for the end of 2002 and beginning of 2003:

1. Continue to work to fill existing holes in the archives and build the collection for the future.
2. Continue to encourage regional clubs to send newsletters and other club publications to the archives.
3. And last but not least to continue to encourage the membership, when purging any thing Portuguese Water Dog, to give it to the archives before you consign it to the trash!

CARDIAC- Chair Carol Mattingley, Carolyn Iraggi, Sandy Saybolt, Lisa Wiley

We received excellent news from the researchers at Penn. this past week, they have been able to pull the DNA from the blood thought to be lost when the freezer went down during a storm. All the blood that was stored in the freezer was collected from dogs back in the early days before the research was started. We are still pursuing PWD owners and breeders for blood samples. A few have come in recently with more appointments scheduled for next week. As you know, it is, at times, difficult to get people to do things which require action on their part. Unfortunately, many of the owners involved are not breeders, they are pet owners and they don't understand the importance or the urgency of this project. We will continue to call those who don't respond and keep reminding them until they agree to collect the blood.

The committee feels that the most important item on our agenda is education. Especially the education of breeders, veterinarians, and puppy owners, on the importance of having a proper autopsy, collecting the necessary tissue samples and blood. We have prepared a memo that we would like to see put on the PWDCA website, in the Courier and in every puppy packet. We are requesting that every breeder include it in every puppy package and explain it to every new owner even if they do not suspect a problem. Over the last few months two puppies died; the owners neglected to contact the breeders for several days and these puppies were lost to the research, we want to prevent this from ever happening again. We as a Breed Club need to get the word out in order to insure that valuable material and proper diagnosis is not lost. Another of the problems facing the Club is when a proper autopsy is not obtained some breeders have a tendency to overlook a genetic answer but come up with some anomaly of communicable or accidental nature

We have updated the carrier list and would like it published. Currently, we do not have a published Health Registry; we therefore feel that it could go in the Courier. Carol Iraggi, with the help of the committee and the researchers, is writing an article for the committee that may be included in the next Courier.

We have also attached a copy of the first progress report submitted to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation by Drs. Sleeper and Henthorn from the U of PA regarding their current research on JDCM in Portuguese Water Dogs.

Dr. Alroy has contacted us to inform us that he will be releasing two PWDs at the end of the month and that he will not have any remaining at his facility. Carol Iraggi will be picking them up and we will house them and re-home them when they are ready.

While the committee's main focus and current goal is to find the answer to JDC and to support the development of a test that will identify the carriers of this deadly disease, we continue to investigate and research any and all reports of Portuguese Water Dogs dying of Heart related problems. A willingness to autopsy dogs that die an untimely death to unknown causes is imperative. Our projects revolve around monitoring heart disease in the Portuguese Water Dog and aiding researchers in the collection of the data needed for their research.

The committee is made-up of four members, which is a very manageable. The four members who currently serve work well together and are involved in the current projects. As chairperson, I do not see a need to increase or decrease committee members at this time.

The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America

To: Breeders, Veterinarians, New puppy owners

Re: Juvenile Dilated Cardiomyopathy

From: PWDCA Cardiac Committee

Cardiomyopathy is killing our puppies. Juvenile Dilated Cardiomyopathy is an inherited disease of the cardiac muscle. It appears to follow an autosomal recessive pattern of inheritance in which the defective gene must be present in the sire and dam of a litter for a puppy to be affected. It is characterized by an enlarged, flabby heart, which is unable to contract as vigorously as it should to pump blood throughout the body. Dilated Cardiomyopathy is a progressive syndrome often of unknown etiology. In the PWD, it is an acute, infantile form resulting in early myocardial failure and death typically by six months of age. A puppy may exhibit a decreased activity level, general malaise, vomiting and significant pain and distress trying to breathe. Without proper blood flow, bodily systems are compromised, the lungs fill up with fluid, the weakened heart eventually stops, and the puppy dies. The earliest detection of juvenile DCM in PWD puppies is by echocardiography, which reveals slowly progressive, global, left ventricular dilation and poor systolic function approximately one to four weeks prior to clinical deterioration. It is only through the progression of cardiac dysfunction that the diagnosis can be made. Therefore, this parameter must not be used in isolation for screening a PWD for JDCM, but must be evaluated in conjunction with other echocardiographic parameters. Unfortunately, because the disease is so rapidly progressive, often puppies die without definitive diagnosis, which allows the disease to continue to spread in the breeding population. This is where the primary problem lies.

Because puppies go undiagnosed and are not autopsied quickly the researchers are losing much valuable data in their quest for a DNA test.

The ultimate, long-term goal of the researchers at Penn is to identify the underlying genetic defect. They hope to be able to both, identify your puppies that are affected with the disease while they are still healthy in appearance, and identify asymptomatic carriers of the disease. However, this goal will not be realized unless they are successful in the genetic linkage analysis project, which requires DNA from affected and related dogs, as well as definitive postmortem results. To increase the likelihood of success, it is critical to include as much information as possible. The more DNA samples that can be included the

more likely success becomes. In order to increase the numbers, we must obtain definitive diagnosis of JDCM in puppies that die unexpectedly or with signs of heart disease that are less than one year of age. Heart and lung tissue are required for this assessment/diagnosis and must be fixed in formalin. Additionally, for the research, frozen kidney and liver and 10cc of blood (EDTA tube) are essential for DNA production, since DNA cannot be extracted from formalin fixed tissue. Finally, DNA from dogs related to affected puppies (littermates, parents and grandparents) will also give valuable information for the linkage analysis.

What can you do? PWD breeders who have produced JDCM are being asked to submit blood samples from an affected puppy's parents, grandparents and full siblings. Owners who have a puppy die suddenly are being asked to have their puppy autopsied and contact the researchers or a member of the cardiac committee immediately.

Please, if you are a true lover of the PWD and value the continued health of the breed, help keep up our excellent track record of legendary cooperation and conquer this health problem with support and determination. Locate a close relative of a puppy who died of JDCM, and convince the owner to submit a blood sample. Dr. Meg Sleeper, who is conducting the research on the PWD would like 100 samples to start the linkage analysis to maximize our chance of success. The more DNA they have, the more likely and quickly the link will be found and the carrier test developed.

**PORTUGUESE WATER DOG FOUNDATION
RESEARCH UPDATE
Juvenile Dilated Cardiomyopathy in Portuguese Water Dogs
Meg Sleeper, VMD and Paula Henthorn, Ph.D.
12/5/02**

Dr. Ed Lankford's subtractive hybridization techniques have revealed several proteins that are uniquely expressed in myocardium from affected Portuguese Water Dogs (PWD), and not expressed in normal PWD or non-PWD. Interestingly, these proteins are also not expressed in individuals with other forms of dilated cardiomyopathy either. Unfortunately, this discovery has not proven to be the cause of juvenile dilated cardiomyopathy (JDCM), however it is has resulted in improved understanding of the disease. We hope to ultimately identify the mutated protein with these techniques.

To date, DNA has been manufactured from all of the 72 blood samples at the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School through the efforts of the PWDCA Cardiac Committee and the PWD Foundation. Blood is being sought from siblings, parents and grandparents of the 15 affected dogs for which we currently have DNA. We will need more samples before a DNA linkage analysis is likely to be successful, however we are optimistic that with the continued efforts of the Cardiac Committee, more samples will be forthcoming. Now having some indication of the material that will be available, we can begin to perform the statistical analysis that will tell us our likelihood of success. The DNA linkage analysis will be performed as soon as enough samples are available.

COURIER- Terry Cardillino, Editor

General description of committee's goals:

To continue to produce a high-quality publication for members of the PWDCA, and to uphold the advertising policy relative to health testing.

Projects currently working on:

In addition to publishing the magazine six times per year, the editor will implement the proposal approved by the Board to add the Courier to the PWDCA web site.

EYE- Joan Bendure, Chair, Ginny Brown, Mimi Johnson, Anne Smith

We feel that a committee needs to have enough members to plan and discuss business and our committee of four seems to be a good working number. At this time we are not currently involved in any demanding or time consuming projects.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

To continue to support the PRA research project to find the gene for prcd.

Monitor CERF's Annual Diagnostic report. That report was included in the Eye Committee's Annual report. This report enables us to know what eye diseases are on the rise in our breed. The diseases that are occurring most often are cataracts, PPM and Distichiasis, in that order.

Publish a list of Optigen "A" dogs for the breeders/membership in the Courier.

GOALS: Continue to support research until the gene for prcd is identified; educate the membership as to the importance of CERF exams, particularly its use in puppies before they are placed; continue to watch eye anomalies to determine if and when we need to become involved in any research.

GASTROINTESTINAL/IBD COMMITTEE- Pat Qvigstad, Chair

This committee consists of one person and currently there is no other help needed.

The Gastrointestinal Committee's mission is to collect data on PWDs that have been diagnosed or suspected with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), protein-losing enteropathy (PLE), hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (HGE), Colitis, and Megasophagus. This information is kept in a database and hard copy in file folders. The information is used to assist owners and veterinarians with information on these disorders, as well as assessing how much of a problem these disorders are in the PWD.

This committee is currently working with the Georgie Project IBD Study under Dr. Gordon Lark at the University of Utah.

Articles pertaining to these disorders are printed periodically in The Courier. These disorders are also covered under the Health section of the PWDCA web site.

Funding needs for the committee include printing and postage costs for any materials needed, teleconference costs, and any other costs that could arise should one of these disorders require additional committee work. As long as I am Chairman of this committee I will donate all of these expenses.

HEALTH AND LITTER REGISTRY- Joe Schoenfelder Chair, Ginnie Santoli Health Coordinator, Rita Hasel Litter Coordinator, Karen Berggren, Scott Marshall, Mary Parszewski.

Since our last report the major focus has been on the transition of Health information. At this writing we are just about done, just some odds and ends. The remaining task that Ginnie has undertaken is the rebuilding of the data from 1990 to 1998 for the N to Z portion (alphabetical filing) of the list. We don't know how many dog records have to be built but the design we targeted was to have a complete Health database from 1990 to present.

Some really good news is that the litter conversion is complete. The last file was finished on 12/5. Work will commence on this immediately to do a minor bit of data scrubbing – insuring that all terms are at least the same. We will merge all the records and determine a publication process that will include all “litter submissions” through 12/31/2002.

Speaking of litters, the Litter On Line program slowed after an initial burst. Only 6 arrived in November. Interestingly, we've not received any by paper (mail). While it is certainly not attaining the numbers hoped, the bottom line is that LOL has successfully established a process that is very workable. While the “test” period is coming to a conclusion (12/31/02), it is highly recommended to keep this process in place. It's has proven to be easy to work with and all the supportive records are “electronic”.

Two other really critical parts are being worked. Karen Berggren completed her initial analysis of Data Elements. The Task Force will be discussing this to recommend what is needed. I believe the next step on that will be a Board and Health Committee review. The other major activity is discussion of the database itself. With actual segments of data from the Health and Litter, Optigen and OFA now available, we are better able to analyze the information and will be doing so. The attached chart is only the beginning of a new statistical approach we should be able to attain. For instance, with 9,246 listings in litter, we now know how many we have. If you compare (the incomplete) Health number of 2,182 – we know that Health reporting covers 23.5% . (These are not quotable numbers – just a demo of what we will be finding out over the next few weeks,

As noted in our last report, I have attached the “Database Requirements” document. This is the basis for considering the needs to construct a database. Our next focus will be “publication”. I will work with Ginnie and Rita to figure this out.

JUDGE'S EDUCATION- Dr. Elizabeth Trainor, Chair, Southeast: Letty Afong, Mid-Atlantic: Lou Guthrie, Northeast: Andrew Kalmanash, Central: Renee Reiherzer, Northwest: Judy Seibert, Southwest: Janis Watts. (No vacancies at this time)

The Judges Education Committee is dedicated to formulating effective, reliable and objective breed presentations to aspiring, provisional, and approved Portuguese Water Dog judges. The goal of the JEC is to hold and support presentations in various areas of the United States in order to facilitate the needs of judges, with the end result of better-educated judges able to assess our breed.

To this end the committee (in particular, the work of Lou Guthrie) has developed a PowerPoint presentation to be utilized by committee members and mentors presenting judges seminars and workshops. We are currently in the process of revising and improving the Information Packet now being sent to all provisional judges as reported in the monthly AKC Gazette, and being sent to any judge requesting same, as well as being utilized as a handout at all parent club approved seminars presented by our committee members and/or approved mentors. We are also working on developing new material for the packets.

We are currently looking for new Mentor volunteers who fulfill the requirements as published in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

The list of approved PWD judges' seminars currently planned for 2003 include the following:

January - One in Minnesota and one in Southern California

March - One in North Carolina and one in Massachusetts

August (tentative) - ADSJ Institute in Pennsylvania

October - PWDCA National in Tennessee

October - LADJEA Institute - California

ORTHOPEDIC- Angela Harding, Chair, Cathy Kalb, and Trudi Gold.

Goals of this committee include

- supporting viable research in veterinary orthopedics concerning PWD's, with the goal of reducing the incidence of orthopedic disease
- providing information to the PWD fancy that will assist them in making better breeding decisions for the future orthopedic health of the breed
- providing education and support to owners of PWD's with orthopedic problems or concerns

The Orthopedic Committee receives quarterly information from the OFA including all Portuguese Water Dogs certified for Hips, Elbows, etc. as well as information on those dogs not certified that are submitted under the open database submission option. This information is downloaded into a cumulative PWD hip and elbow database the committee maintains for the use of PWD fanciers. Periodic statistical reports on the data for this breed are requested from the OFA staff and reported to the club membership. PennHIP statistical information on the breed is also reported annually. Committee members are available to answer questions and concerns from PWD owners concerning orthopedic issues.

The committee is not currently working with any specific research projects, but does report to the membership in its annual report on published research pertaining to orthopedic issues.

REMEMBRANCE- Pat Qvigstad, Cathy Kalb

This is a three-part committee consisting of:

Remembrance Fund (Maintained by Pat Qvigstad):

The purpose of the Remembrance Fund is to accept donations, which may or may not be designated, in memory or honor of an individual or a PWD. Monies not designated for specific purposes will be deposited into the PWDCA General Health Fund. The donations are then forwarded to the treasurer for disbursement to the various designated purposes. A note is sent to the family or dog's owner notifying them of the donation, as well as a thank you note to the person making the donation. A list of individuals and dogs and those who donated is maintained and printed in Courier ever six months. Funding needs are minimal consisting of postage, envelopes, stationary, and printing costs. As long as I maintain this part of the committee, I will donate all of these expenses.

Memorial Plaque (Maintained by Cathy Kalb):

The Memorial Plaque is available for deceased PWD dogs. Donations made to the Club in the name of a deceased dog shall have the dog's name affixed to the plaque. Donations can be made to the fund in any amount and specifically designated for a particular purpose. Donations not designated for specific purposes will be deposited into the PWDCA General Health Fund. Donations are forwarded to the Remembrance Fund Coordinator, along with the name of the dog to be put on the plaque. The coordinator then forwards the monies to the treasurer. The Memorial Plaque is made available for viewing at the PWDCA National Specialty. If the person maintaining the plaque cannot attend this function, then the plaque will be sent to the President of the PWDCA. It will be the President's responsibility to have the plaque available for viewing at this function. When the function is over, the President will return the plaque to the person maintaining it.

The cost of the nameplate and engraving will be separate from the donation. The collected costs will be paid by the donor and forwarded to the Remembrance Fund Coordinator who will send it to the treasurer. The person maintaining the plaque will be reimbursed for any costs incurred for the nameplate, engraving, plaque, postage and shipping when needed.

Memorial Album (Maintained by Cathy Kalb):

The Memorial Album is available for deceased PWD dogs. Anyone wishing to submit a picture or written tribute of his or her deceased PWD may do so at no charge. The Memorial Album will be made available for viewing at the PWDCA National Specialty. If the person maintaining the plaque cannot attend this function, then the plaque will be sent to the President of the PWDCA. It will be the President's responsibility to have the plaque available for viewing at this function. When the function is over, the President will return the plaque to the person maintaining it. The person maintaining the album will be reimbursed for any costs incurred for the name album, protective sheets, postage and shipping when needed.

THERAPY- Laurie Hardman (retired Chair), Terrilynne Lymburner (incoming Chair), Richard Aranoff

The Therapy Committee currently consists of myself as Chair, Terrilynne Lymburner, and Richard Aranoff. Both have been excellent in contributing material upon request.

We have discussed some the possibility of more of a "presence" acknowledging Therapy dogs at national Specialty shows. This could include not only therapy dog evaluations, but brown bag information sharing and a tribute to therapy PWDs. We are very pleased with the continuing support of the Board with our on-going reports/pictures in the Courier.

I am looking to step down as Chair, and suggesting/requesting Terrilynne take over. I am very, very happy to continue on as chair, and/or assume a co-chair type role or active member with Terrilynne. I expect to remain a very active, contributing member of the committee; I have just found that the events of the past year have taken a bit of a toll and that it's time for me to give up a few responsibilities. I have mixed thoughts about requesting to step down, but the timing seems right, and my desire to further the cause of therapy work with PWDs remains extremely high.

It is a privilege to work with the Board of the PWDCA in capacity as Chair of the Therapy Committee. I am hopeful that change can keep the fires burning with the membership and expand the number of registered therapy PWDs. (submitted by L. Hardman)

WATER TRIAL- Lauren McDermot, Chair, Sue Augat, Chuck Bubert, Cindy McCullough, Andy Paight, Jan Reinert, Mary-Kay Schroeder.
(Report published in November 2002 minutes.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Associate Members as of December 11, 2002

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WELCOME AND WORK COMMITTEE

Leslie will forward all committee reports to Maralee to use in developing a plan of action for the committee.

JOINT CHIEFS REPORT

Karen Miller-Stebbing made a motion to make Cathy Kalb the Board liaison with the committee next year. Stu Freeman seconded. Approved, unanimous.

Karen would like to see the committee start the program off with an open registry that is viewed as neutral and positive that most owners will participate in freely.

DEYANNE MILLER MEMORIAL FUND

The Board has received two requests for veterinary educational support, from members Cindy O'Connell and Katelyn Romeo. To date this fund has never been used; the current balance is \$9207.44. The Committee has not defined the guidelines for receipt of the funds, either for Junior Handlers going to Westminster or for supporting veterinary students.

Karen Miller-Stebbing made a motion, second by Kris Cofiell, to award \$1000.00 each to these two applicants. In favor were Freeman, Cofiell, Arner, Overton, Niemann, Murray, Bean, Kalb, Miller-Stebbing. Kalmanash abstained. Motion approved.

In addition, Stu Freeman will contact the current members of the committee to find out whether or not they wish to remain and actively serve. The Committee will be asked to develop a set of guidelines for future awards.

Andy Kalmanash told the Board that Don Grauer still has prints from the original Deyanne Miller Memorial fundraiser, which could be used for additional fundraising efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

2004 SPECIALTY

Sandy Overton presented a bid from the Pacific Northwest PWD Club to host the 2004 Specialty on the Central Oregon Coast at the Westin Salishan Resort. The proposed dates are October 1 through 8, 2004. Janet Boyd-Kristensen will serve as National Specialty Chair. Motion by Caren Murray, second by Steven Bean, to accept the PNWPWDC bid. Approved, unanimous.

EPILEPSY-SEIZURE COMMITTEE

Elaine Suter has expressed interest in re-activating the Committee. Motion by Karen Miller-Stebbing, second by Stu Freeman to approve re-activating the committee with Elaine Suter as Chair. Approved, unanimous.

Executive Session:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on January 1, 2003 at 7:00 PM EST, for the sole purpose of electing officers for 2003.

Motion to adjourn: Karen Miller- Stebbings
Second by: Andrew Kalmanash
Affirmed: Unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 10:18 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Arner
Recording Secretary
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.