

Minutes of the September 24, 2002 Annual Meeting of The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America.

The 2002 annual meeting of The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America was held at the Interlaken Resort on September 24, 2002. Meeting called to order at 5:10pm. All board members present (Leslie Arner was present via telephone). Quorum was achieved with 132 active members present.

Report of the President:

Due to the illness of Lee Canalizo's husband, Nancy Liebes will judge the classes at the 2002 specialty. Betty Trainor will judge intersex classes. This decision was approved by the Board at its meeting yesterday. The vote by the membership for the judges for the 2002 specialty was reviewed. The judge who was second in votes, Ms. Barbara Alderman, was contacted and unable to attend. Ms. Nancy Liebes who was third in votes was available for Wednesday and Thursday, but not Friday. Betty Trainor who had received the most votes for the 2003 was on site and agreed to judge BOB.

The Board was introduced to the members, with a thank you to out-going Board members Karen Miller-Stebbing and Andrew Kalmanash, who, because of the by-laws, were not able to run for the 2003-2004 term. Nominated board members for the 2003-2004, Steve Dostie and Pat Qvigstad were introduced.

President Stu Freeman introduced and thanked the following members for their outstanding service to the PWDCA:

Carol Doerr-Allen for her tireless hard work with Rescue and Relocation.

Betty Trainor, new Chair of the Judges Education Committee.

Pat Qvigstad for her outstanding accomplishment in publishing the book Mad Cao's are Surfing in my Kitchen, which raised over \$8,000 for health funds.

Morgin Quirin for her creativity and effort in making the Basket Raffle a huge success.

Last, but definitely not least, Becky Molinaro and the 2002 Specialty Committee for organizing a wonderful week of activities for all the Specialty attendees. GREAT JOB!

Courier: Maryanne Murray has copies of the 30th anniversary Courier available for sale for \$10.

Explanation of the New Members "Welcome and Work" Committee, that will be welcoming all new associate members. This committee will be asking all committee chairs to encourage participation by new associate members to help get these members involved in the workings of the PWDCA.

Explanation of the new committee “Joint Chiefs”. This committee is working towards Open Registries for all health conditions where there are known modes of inheritance, with the help and guidance of the directors of all the health committees under Karen M-S leadership with the assistance of Cathy Kalb. This is not an attack on anyone’s breeding program.

2003 Specialty, Utah The 2003 Specialty Committee has not made much progress in forming basic organizational committees required for the success of a National Specialty. It is felt that the preparations are not moving forward. The Board will be having another meeting this week to discuss how to proceed with the 2003 specialty.

Rescue and Relocation: There has been a significant increase in the number of dogs received into PWDCA rescue. There is ongoing discussion with a newly formed committee of rescue representatives about how to deal with breeders who either refuse to take rescue dogs back or pay the expenses incurred by PWDCA Rescue for those dogs.

National Specialty: Andy Kalmanash is working with his National Specialty Committee on how to deal with future specialties and the lack of clubs that are able or willing to put on PWDCA specialties.

Boat Insurance: Explanation of the problems that PWDCA and some of the Regional Clubs are having with getting insurance for boats used in water trials.

High Volume Breeders:

Explanation of the work that the AKC is doing with the High Volume Breeders committee. We are formulating a response with the help of Karen Arends, our AKC representative, to the AKC’s study on how to deal with high volume breeders

Report of the Vice President

Steven Bean thanked the 2002 Specialty Committee and congratulated them on a job well done.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer’s report is included in the Annual Reports handed out at the door.

New Business

Health and Litter Registry update... Kris Cofiell reports that the Health and Litter task force on-line litter registry should be up and running very soon, hopefully by 10-01-02. The committee has been very hard at work getting information from past litter registries converted from a word document into a database that can be placed onto the internet. President Stuart Freeman emphasized how important it was for everyone to participate in this undertaking.

Judges Education Committee: Motion by Dr. Elizabeth F. Trainer that the section of the Policy and Procedures manual, under the heading of Judges’ Education committee be amended. With reference to the current language: “Any form of the breed standard,

other than the already approved written standard, as well as a grooming guide shall require a vote of the full active membership with a two-thirds of those voting approving the proposal prior to the release by the PWDCA inc. (i.e., illustrated breed standard) to anyone.”

Offered in Substitution: “The PWDCA Judges Education committee may utilize any materials approved by two-thirds of the voting membership of the PWDCA. The Breed Standard, the official Grooming Guide, and the illustrated Standard are examples of club materials, which have, or will have, this authorization. With respect to additional materials, and for the purpose of conformation judges’ education, the Judges Education Committee may utilize other ”Non authoritative” materials, with the approval of the PWDCA Board, providing that these materials are marked “The attached information represents the opinion of the author, and has not been approved by the membership of the PWDCA, Inc.” Second by Virginia Santoli. Motion passed

AKC scholarship: President Stuart Freeman announced that PWDCA member Cindy O’Connor, 4th yr Veterinary student at the University of Wisconsin was recipient of an AKC scholarship.

Presidents Award President Freeman gave the Presidents Award to Terry Cardillino for her award winning efforts as editor of The Courier.

Addison’s: Karen Miller-Stebbing announced that she has received a letter from Dr. Elaine Ostrander, head of the program in Genetics of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. In this letter Dr Ostrander reports that due to the great advances in medicine that have occurred because of the sequencing of the human and mouse genomes that the NIH is planning to support the sequencing of other mammals. The dog, cat, and cow are being considered. But that their proposal for giving the “dog” priority has been given an extremely high rating from the scientific panel due to a large extent because of the efforts of the Georgie Project and the collaboration between Portuguese Water Dog owners and the scientists at the University of Utah. They are hoping to have the decision of which animal is given priority very soon.

Questions from the floor:

Karen Berggren asked about why a person she knew who had sent in a check in July for Associate membership had not had his check cashed or received any PWDCA materials. Pres. Stuart Freeman suggested that this person contact Steve Beder, membership chair about that check. Karen Miller-Stebbing added that her new committee “Welcome and Work” would be contacting new associate members in the future and requesting that they join a current PWDCA committee. Bob Candage volunteered to be a part of this committee. He was welcomed to the committee by Karen Miller-Stebbing. Bob Candage also volunteered to provide a \$.37 stamp for each new associate PWDCA member so that they can be contacted with welcome information.

Jane Harding asked about how new members become full members. Answer: that information is both in the by-laws and on the PWDCA website. She also asked if Associate members can be on the breeder's referral. Answer: they can be after 1 yr.

Elaine Suter expressed concern about non-involved members becoming full members and the difficulty in getting a quorum at the annual meeting. She also expressed concern about members who don't show, voting on judges for the specialties.

Gail Troll requested that the PWDCA board consider the recommendation made at the water committee meeting that all specialties have two days of Water Trials.

Lou Guthrie stated that Alice Vicha of Norvic Kennels wanted to thank everyone for the cards and condolences received after the death of her son.

Karen Miller moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Virginia Santoli.
Affirmed: unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5: 55pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Caren Murray
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America