

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 29, 2003 BOARD MEETING
OF THE PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA**

The Tenth meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for the year 2003 was held December 29, 2003 via teleconference at 8:13 PM EST.

PRESENT

President Stuart Freeman, Vice President Steven Bean, Recording Secretary Leslie Arner, Corresponding Secretary Catherine Kalb, Treasurer Barbara Niemann and Directors Sandra Overton, Kristen Cofield, Caren Murray, Steven Dostie and Pat Qvigstad. Guest- incoming Director Lisa Baird.

MINUTES Previously approved and published.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Stu reported receiving a letter from Dr. Gus Aguirre, stating that he is moving his research laboratory from Cornell University to the University of Pennsylvania. The letter also states that Cornell University is not planning on transferring the funds remaining in Dr. Aguirre's research fund collected previously from donations specifically designated to Dr. Aguirre's research from the PWDCA and other various owners and/or friends of the Portuguese Water Dog. Stu will forward the letter, along with his concerns to the membership via the PWDCA web site.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

None

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

Votes recorded by E-Mail

1. Supported entry approved: Movers and Shakers; 4/4/04, Columbia, SC KC show, Charlotte, NC. Mr John Lyons, Barry Roland sweeps. Conformation, veterans, puppy sweeps offered. \$100 support requested and granted.

Other:

1. Keystone and DelMarVa clubs both submitted applications to host a supported entry at Wilmington KC show on April 24, 2004, each with the understanding that the kennel club was in favor of their club hosting the event. The Board of Directors has approved the Keystone club's request to support the entry at the shows in 2004, due to their history with the KC and supporting previous entries at the show. In the future the Board will adhere to AKC policy regarding the regional club's proximity to the show location in approving supported entries, and may require written consent of the host Kennel Club before considering any requests.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Cathy received a letter from the organizers of the Oklahoma City Cluster- they are doing a Working Group seminar next year (2004). The communication has been forwarded to Betty Trainor, JEC Chair.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

Operating Statement for November 30, 2003 and 2002.

Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2003.

Segregated Funds as of November 30, 2003.
Wells Fargo Bank reconciliation as of November 30, 2003.
Wells Fargo Checking and Premium Market Rate Statements for November 30, 2003.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE

The December 2003 AKC Delegates Report is on file on the PWDCA web site. The Board addressed the following issues noted in the report:

1. Proposed amendment to the AKC bylaws to allow, in certain instances, non-AKC events to be held by breed clubs. Board voted in favor.
2. Proposed change to Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline which would allow, in certain circumstances, a one-time change in a dog's name. Board voted against this change.
3. Proposed amendment to Rules Applying to Dog Shows which would allow for a Best of Breed for each breed in the Miscellaneous Class, with competition among the BOBs for a Best in Miscellaneous Class. Board voted in favor of this amendment.
4. Parent Clubs are requested to return a questionnaire with their selected representatives to the Parent Club Conference indicated. The PWDCA has not received the questionnaire and will table discussion until it is received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Cancer Committee- Caren Murray reported the committee is interested in identifying new research projects deserving of their support. The Committee wants to recruit an additional one or two members who have the knowledge to assist in evaluating research projects. It was suggested that the Canine Health Foundation web site might be an excellent resource, as well some of our PWDCA members with medical backgrounds currently serving on other health committees. Caren reported that the committee has formerly funded Dr. Modiano's research at University of Colorado.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Associate Members

Michael Williams

& Thea	Bennett	Gabriel	Lane
	Betson -		
Carol	Goldstein	Denise	Latty
Termera	Bishop	Candice	Lawhorne
John	Campbell	Leslie	Lawton
Elizabeth	Emmett	Virginia	Oldrin
Julie	Galleshaw	Anne	Paige
Mercedes	Geraldes	Leigh	Pelc
Stephen	Gertzof	Peter	Poser
Robert W. &			
Nancy A.	Griswold	Katie	Reefe
Tammy L.	Handzo	Michelle	Scheulin
Christina E.	Hinton	Dianne	Sevier
Stephen	Hult	Jeff	Silver
Robin	Hutchison	Cathy	Singer
Katie	Katinas	Tamera	Thomason
John	Keller	Jodi	Whetzel
Peggy	Ladd	Donna	Wilson

2002 Specialty- Of monies owed to the PWDCA (seed money, auction donations, share of profit) \$5,802 has been received by the Treasurer. Balance of \$4,944.77 promised by Becky Molinaro by December 31, 2003.

2003 Specialty- Roy Cawley has asked Roy Sandifer and Ann Jackson to provide an auction income detail report, which is the only report still needed from the 2003 specialty.

2004 Specialty- Web site is up and more information will be added as time goes on. The host club is looking for an agility chair.

2005 Specialty- Steven Bean reported that the DelMarVa club has identified a suitable site for the 2005 Specialty in Maryland. They are expected to submit a formal proposal to host the Specialty in the near future.

AKC Breed Tape- Steven Bean reported that it is unlikely that the AKC will update our breed tape any time soon. It was suggested we could offer to help defray the costs to the AKC or try to find other creative solutions.

AKC Delegate- Karen Arends was nominated to continue serving as AKC Delegate. Motion by Steve Dostie, second by Steve Bean, approved unanimous.

Illustrated Breed Standard- Steve Dostie reported that he was expecting to receive a report from Carole Doerr Allen in the near future, and would report at the next meeting.

Regional Clubs- As a result of a recent boundary dispute between two regional clubs, the Supported Entry application form will be revised to include a statement that the club may be required to provide evidence of the host KC approval for them to support the entry at a given show. (see Recording Secretary report above)

Rescue & Relocation The following policy was voted on by the Board and approved unanimously.

New PWDCA Rescue Policy for Breeders

PWDCA breeders are required to take responsibility for the Portuguese Water Dogs they produce that require PWDCA Rescue intervention.

Option one: When the breeder(s) of record is notified by the PWDCA Rescue that one of the dogs they produced needs rescuing, the breeder will take back the dog immediately, eliminating the need for PWDCA rescue to get involved.

Option two: When the breeder(s) of record is notified by PWDCA Rescue that a dog of their breeding needs rescuing, the breeder will allow PWDCA Rescue to take custody of the dog for a fee of \$500.00, payable to PWDCA Rescue, by calendar year-end. If the fee is not paid by June 30th of the following year, the breeder will be cited in: 1) the PWDCA Rescue annual report and 2) the PWDCA Breeder Referral List, for not complying with the PWDCA Rescue Policy for Breeders. Furthermore, the breeder's PWDCA membership will not be renewed unless all fees are paid. (A lapse in membership will require the breeder(s) to reapply as an Associate Member.)

Welcome and Work Committee- Maralee Johnson has stepped down as Chair. The Board thanks her for her efforts while serving and hopes she will volunteer in another capacity in the future. Based on input received thus far, the committee's purpose will be revised to focus on

welcoming new club members only. Bob Candage, the remaining member of the committee will be asked if he wishes to take over the duties of the Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

Courier Advertising Policy- my notes say Cathy will ask Joan Bendure to write an article for the next Courier.

National Specialty Advisory Committee- Leslie Arner will ask the current members of the committee if they are interested in continuing to serve. The Board will also amend the committee description to include a volunteer option for 2-3 additional members.

National Specialty Judges Selection- Jane Freeman has been asked to form an Ad Hoc committee with the goal of determining a better/more representative way of selecting judges for the National Specialty. Committee members will be Jane Freeman (RI), Kathy Bumiller (IL), and Nadine Hunter (CA), Caren Murray (FL).

Changes to Recording Secretary's job description- Leslie suggested breaking out some of the stand-alone projects which are currently being done by the Recording Secretary to spread the workload more equitably among the Directors. Leslie will write her current job description for recording secretary and distribute to the Board. Potential projects for re-allocation might include compiling the Annual Report, annual nomination and ballot mailings, creating monthly meeting agenda, etc.

Truth in Courier Advertising- Steven Bean reported on a recent case of an ad for a deceased dog with numerous false claims made regarding the dog's offspring. The co-owner was not consulted about the ad before it was published, nor was the co-owner's name listed in the ad.

Discussion followed on how to ensure the Courier ads contain truthful information, whose job it is to verify content, what documentation to require, how to handle situations when obvious misinformation is submitted to the Courier. The general feeling was that a formal written complaint would need to be filed with the Board in order for action to be taken. If the ad were found to be inaccurate, another equivalent, corrected ad would need to be paid for by the party involved and labeled as a retraction.

Health Research- Barb Niemann reported that the 2003 Specialty profits should be used to support worthy PWD health research. New projects need to be identified. The Health chairs will be asked for suggestions of projects to consider.

Executive Session

Motion to adjourn at 10:24 PM by Stu Freeman, second by Steven Bean. Approved, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

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