

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 31, 2005 BOARD MEETING
OF THE PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA**

The second meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for the year 2005 was held January 31, 2005 by teleconference at 5:12 PM PST.

PRESENT

President Barbara Niemann, Vice President Janet Boyd-Kristensen, Recording Secretary Leslie Arner, Corresponding Secretary Cathy Kalb, Treasurer Pat Qvigstad, Directors Steven Dostie, Kristen Cofiehl, Charles Teasley and Barbara Paul. Director Lisa Baird was absent.

MINUTES Previously approved and published.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

"Meet the Breeds" – January 15-16, Tampa, FL .Thank you to Meg and Bud DeFore, Terry Cardillino, Cathy Kalb, Karen Arends, and members of the USSPWD for their roles in making this event a success. Meg also wrote a full report which will appear in the next Courier.

PWDCA Health Research – A letter has been sent to all PWDCA Health Chairs seeking recommendations on health research to support in 2005. Responses are due to the President by February 28, 2005.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT No report

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

E-vote recorded for the following:

1/5/05- approved- Chuck Teasley and Janis Watts as Co-Chairs of the Regional Sanctioned Club committee effective January, 1 2005. Members of the committee are: Jane Harding, Karen Arends, and Cheryl Smith.

1/10/05-Approved- Erin Mayfield as Club Liaison to the Canine Health Foundation. Erin represented our club at the 2003 AKC/CHF Health Conference and her summary of this conference has been nominated for BEST NATIONAL CLUB MAGAZINE FEATURE: Dr. Erin Mayfield's "AKC/CHF Conference Report" March/April 2004 Courier. "The Liaison is appointed to the AKC Canine Health Foundation by their Club. The Liaison will receive progress reports on the research being completed and will communicate with their club and with the AKC Canine Health Foundation on matters pertaining to canine health. This person will also sign a confidentiality agreement."

1/14/05-Approved- Shelly Jakubowski for the Courier Article Index position.

1/24/05-Approved-Request to support the entry and receive \$100 donation. PWDCNC 10/23/05 Del Valle KC Pleasanton, California. Judge Linda Fowler (pending AKC approval)

Other:

2005 PWDCA Board of Directors Meetings (REVISED 1/8/05)

Conference Call Dates:

Monday, January 31

Monday, March 14

Monday, April 18

Monday, June 6

Monday, July 18

Monday, August 29

Tuesday, September 20 (1:00 PM Pacific Time)

Monday, November 7

Monday, December 19

REPORT OF TREASURER

- Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004
- Profit and Loss as of December 31, 2004
- Prior Year Comparison Profit and Loss as of December 31, 2004
- Restricted Equity Segregated Funds as of December 31, 2004
- Futurity Equity Funds as of December 31, 2004
- Wells Fargo Bank Reconciliation as of: December 31, 2004

- Checking Account
- Money Market Account
- Wells Fargo Bank Statements as of: December 31, 2004
 - Checking Account
 - Money Market Account

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE- Karen Arends

January 2005 AKC Delegates Meeting - Tampa, FL - The Delegates Caucus and Forum usually held prior to the Delegates Meeting were omitted because there was only one official day of meetings due to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championships. At this meeting next year, the agenda will be sorted out and we will be back to the normal two-day meeting.

Committee Meetings (Monday, January 17)

Herding, Earthdog, Coursing

The issue of performance event regulations being changed to rules was discussed. The Herding, Earthdog, Coursing Committee feels strongly that the venues covered by this committee should remain as regulations. If rules were used to organize performance events, it would add another layer of approval - the Delegate Body - where very few delegates are familiar with the events they would be voting on. A concern from a member of the Obedience Committee was that a change such as this would certainly overflow into other performance events; i.e., obedience, agility, tracking, etc.

The Bylaws Committee made a presentation on a recommendation they are bringing before the Delegate Body to change the formation of the Nominating Committee from the Board of Directors to the delegates.

A letter had been received by AKC Staff concerning the use of controlled substances in performance events. Although the H-E-C Committee members agree that this is a serious problem - the consensus was that this issue should be handled by the AKC staff, as the equipment and qualified people to monitor controlled substances are not available at most performance events.

Delegates Meeting (Monday, January 17)

It was announced that there were 141 Parent Clubs represented at the Meet the Breeds during the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. [The PWDCA was well represented by a fabulous committee led by Meg DeFore. Visitors to the show were able to see various styles of PWDs, wonderful pictures provided by Terry Cardillino and some of the equipment water dogs work with, as well as having people available to answer the multitude of questions presented by the enthusiastic audience.]

The AKC Community Service Award was given to the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs - accepted by Diane Albers, who organized the rescue and re-homing of thousands of animals during the devastating hurricanes in Florida. The work of this group - along with the tremendous support given by other dog organizations and individuals - is just now wrapping up. Diane made a plea for every state to have an organization in place that would be able to step up in the event of disasters or legislative threats.

The AKC is expanding their advertising program, beginning with an "advertorial" in the New York Times' magazine section in the near future.

The proposed amendment to Provision III, H. of the Delegate Standing Rules on Committees, which would change name of the Strategic Planning Committee to Delegate Advocacy and Advancement committee was approved.

A proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 1-7 of AKC's Charter and Bylaws, which empowers the Delegates to elect the Nominating Committee rather than to have it appointed by the Board was read. This proposal actually has three parts - one for the appointment of the Nominating Committee, one for the date the Nominating Committee would serve, and one for when delegates would have to self-nominate. A request was made by a delegate to divide this proposal into three proposals, giving delegates a chance to approve or not approve certain portions. It is my recommendation that if this is left as one document that the PWDCA vote "No" - but if it is presented in three portions, that the PWDCA vote "No" on the Delegate Body appointing the Nominating Committee and "Yes" on the time line which would move the committee service and self-nominations earlier, giving clubs more time to review candidates' credentials.

A proposed amendment to Article XX, Section 5 of AKC's Charter and Bylaws, which facilitates calling for a roll call vote or signed ballot, if ordered by 25% of those Delegates present at the meeting where the vote is

to be taken was read. It is my recommendation that the PWDCA vote "Yes" on this proposal.

A proposed amendment to Chapter 14, new Section 28 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds, which would create a National Amateur Championship Stake for English Setters was read. It is my recommendation that the PWDCA vote "Yes" on this proposal.

Miscellaneous

The AKC has launched a licensing program and you will be seeing AKC licensed products - including dog toys, training treats, apparel, plush toys, gift items and other items - in various stores, as well as the FAO Schwarz catalogs and stores. The hope is that this brand recognition program will enhance AKC's positive image with their core constituency and the dog-owning public.

The AKC has enhanced their Canine Good Citizen Evaluator Program. It is designed to increase the experience, training and knowledge of CGC evaluators and requires that all current and new evaluators meet specific criteria and complete an approval process in order to administer CGC tests.

The Board approved all recommendations made by the delegate in this report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Awards Committee – Leslie Arner

The Awards Committee is beginning the design of a Rally-O pin to add to the incentive pin program. Verne Foster will create the design and get an estimate of production costs. At this point, we do NOT have plans to add Rally titles to the list of accepted titles to qualify for Register of Merit awards.

Pin Report CY 2004 – Verne Foster

Total pins distributed -408; Total pins sold-13 @5.50 = 71.50; Pins awarded free- 395; Postage costs for year- 177.11

By Events: Breed-202, Obedience- 50, Agility-61, Tracking-6, Water-77, Service- 12

Total distribution By Month: Jan-41, Feb-20, Mar-28, Apr-28, May-20, June-22, July-48, Ag- 29, Sept-51, Oct-45, Nov-35, Dec- 41

Specialty Advisory Committee – Janet Boyd-Kristensen

The following changes were approved by the Board members present:

Current Structure:

3 Past Specialty Chairs (4-year term with year served as current chair)

Current Chair (4-year term)

Supplementary position (undefined origin/term)

PWDCA BOD Designee and Chair of SAC (2 to 4 years depending on board term, etc.)

New Approved Structure:

2 Past Specialty Chairs or their designee (4-year term with year served as current/future chair)

Current and Future Chair (or their designee) for any specialty for which there is an approved bid.

Supplementary position being a key member from the just completed specialty mutually agreed upon by the Specialty Chair and SAC Chair.

PWDCA BOD Designee and Chair of SAC (2 to 4 years depending on board term, etc.)

Heart Committee, Penn Pup Procedures- Maryanne Murray

The following guidelines outline the Care and Socialization procedures to be followed and the responsibilities of the PWDCA, the PWDCA Heart Committee, and the University of Pennsylvania researchers with regard to puppies sent to or whelped at the University for the Juvenile Dilated Cardiomyopathy research project. The Board approved the following:

CARE and SOCIALIZATION The U of PA will house, feed, and provide medical care for puppies produced for JDCM research in a manner consistent with IACUC – Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee - approved protocol.

The PWDCA will provide ongoing socialization for such puppies from the time they are 5 weeks old until they are released from the U of PA. An individual(s) chosen by Dr. Meg Sleeper and/or Dr. Paula Henthorn and/or the PWDCA Heart Committee will be paid \$10.00 per hour by the PWDCA to interact with the puppies, both individually and in groups, for a minimum of 5 hours but not more than 15 hours per week for the length of time the puppies are housed at the U of PA. The individual(s) who socialize the puppies will provide a brief, monthly report and bill to the PWDCA Heart Committee for the time spent with the puppies.

The PWDCA Heart Committee will provide a report and bill to the PWDCA Treasurer/Board on a monthly basis requesting payment for such individual(s).

Periods of interaction and types of activities performed by the individual(s) hired will be determined by the doctors, the PWDCA Heart Committee, and when possible, the University of Pennsylvania's Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society. The PWDCA will provide toys and other appropriate materials to be used to help socialize the puppies.

Policy and Procedures Manual – Wendy Spradlin

The Board approved the changes made updating the Policy and Procedure manual, and extends their thanks to Wendy Spradlin for doing a superb and timely job on this project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Associate Members

Baker	Amy A.	Murray	KY		lakerbaker@theedgepc.net
Balint	Peter & Christi	Saunderstown	RI		balintp@aol.com
Boxer	Lance & Deonne	Bedminster	NJ		lance.boxer@ipc.com
Brown	Gayle V.	Moretown	VT		brownie@madriver.com
Chard	Linda	Snady	UT		linda7@xmission.com
Christie	Paula	Washington	DC		pjchristie@email.com
Cole	Margaret	Pittsford	NY		
Cox	Bob & Kristine Thomas &	San Jose	CA		kristine_leecox@yahoo.com
Donlan	Pamela	Atlanta	GA		tpcam@bellsouth.com
Freeborn-Berube	Cynthia	Mississauga	ONT	Canada	cfbhygiene@sympatico.ca
Groath	Juli	Prior Lake	MN		juligroath@hotmail.com
Hart	Dan	Charlotte	NC		harthouse@mindspring.com
Libby	Myrna	Sutton	MA		mllibby@necc.org
Mack	Jeanne	Hanover	MN		
Moore	Kelly	Arnold	MD		mooresandfour@aol.com
Ongena	Theresa	East China	MI		terryongena@yahoo.com
O'Reilly	Dara	Oakland	CA		daramurphy@earthlink.net
		The Sea			
Vandegrift	Judy & Glen Hart	Ranch	CA		judyvand@infionline.net
Wahlberg	Betsy	Denver	CO		betsywahlberg@yahoo.com
Weatherby	Jill	Mississauga	ONT	Canada	jweathe@toronto.ca
Yates	Roland	Roseville	CA		ry@sacramentoprestigegunite.com
Zadak	Pamela	Lagrange Park	IL		bpzadak@cs.com

Associate to Active Membership approved in Executive Session:

Dale and Kathleen Jose, San Francisco, Ca.

Suzanne Stone Foisie, Kent, Wa.

2005 Specialty Report – Barbara Paul

- Proposed Schedule was returned to the committee for rework and was approved on 2/9/05.
- Proposed Fee Schedule – approved with waiver of fees for Junior Showmanship.
- Current Committee List - no action required.
- Judges' List – Deborah Thornton was approved as Sweepstakes Judge.
- Trophy Status Report - Kathy Bumiller has accepted the position of Trophy Chairperson and we are currently looking into an array of different trophies. Ingrid Johnson has submitted a catalogue of her work, which consists of engraved glass and stained glass. Kathy has requested pricing from Tina Evans and we have solicited local Maryland artists regarding the same.
- Merchandise: Shannon Stagg, Barbara Paul and Linda Motta will be traveling to Atlantic City in mid-March to attend the nation's largest imprinted sportswear tradeshow in order to shop for the latest & greatest that the sportswear world has to offer.

2006 Specialty Bid - Janet Boyd-Kristensen

The Board approved the specialty proposal from the PWDCGC, to be held October 14-20, 2006 at Rend Lake Resort and Conference Center and Wayne Fitzgerald State Park, Whittington, Illinois. The Board approved all of the PWDCGC proposed Chairpersons, including Specialty Co-Chairs Milarie Rude and Kathy Bumiller and Specialty Treasurer, John Bumiller.

Proposal for Top Twenty Competition 2006 – Janet Boyd-Kristensen

The proposal has been sent to the Awards Committee for comment and recommendation.

Policy for Health and Litter Database Access and Participation - Kris Cofield

The policy was approved as submitted by the committee.

AKC Registration of dogs entered in H&L Database – Kris Cofield

Terry Cardillino and Maryanne Murray agreed that encouraging advertisers to include a copy of their dogs AKC registration with Courier ads was a good idea, but making it mandatory would create more work than benefit. The Board agreed.

2005 Health Survey – Steve Dostie

Heather Shilo provided extensive information on potential survey institutions and health survey formats. The Board approved moving forward with the health survey project by allocating a maximum of \$7000 plus production and mailing expenses to Texas A&M researcher, Dr. Margaret Slater. The survey will be completed and presented at the 2006 specialty.

NEW BUSINESS

2005 Board Goals- Barbara Niemann presented a list compiled from the responses of Board members.

Top Ten Breeders- Steven Dostie

In order to reinforce responsible breeding practices, the Board approved eliminating the Top 10 Breeders and Top 10 Sires/Dams rankings from the Courier beginning in 2006. This move was supported by the Awards Committee and the Courier editor. This will not effect the publication of AKC Top Ten statistics for breed, and obedience..

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted,

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