

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2005 BOARD MEETING
OF THE PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA**

The tenth and final meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for the year 2005 was held December 19, 2005 at 5:14 PM PST via teleconference.

PRESENT

President Barbara Niemann, Vice President Janet Boyd-Kristensen, Recording Secretary Leslie Arner, Corresponding Secretary Cathy Kalb, Treasurer Pat Qvigstad, Directors Steven Dostie, Kristen Cofield, Charles Teasley, Lisa Baird and Barbara Paul. Incoming 2006 Board members Susan Becker, Suzanne Bohan, Katherine Monroe, Cynthia O'Conner and Phyllis Zusman listened in.

MINUTES—Previously approved as corrected and published.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT—Barbara Niemann welcomed the incoming Board members and thanked the outgoing members for their service and support during her presidency.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT—No report

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

11/10/05 PWDCA Election Results—Results of the election for the 2006 Board of Director candidates are as follows:

1. Cynthia O'Connor 442 votes
 2. Katherine Monroe 430 votes
 3. Susan Becker 415 votes
 4. Phyllis Zusman 413 votes
 5. Suzanne Bohan 406 votes
- Jean Hassebroek 83 votes
Julie Parker 76 votes
Brytt Hasslinger 70 votes
Barbara Lachney 57 votes
Andrew Kalmanash 52 votes

The top five vote getters will join the returning Board members:

Steven Dostie
Janet Boyd-Kristensen
Barbara Paul
Pat Qvigstad
Charles Teasley

A total of 2,494 votes were cast, of which 2,444 were considered valid. 50 votes were considered invalid for the following reasons: -The voter was not listed on the Member List -The voter did not include their name on the ballot -The ballot was postmarked after the accepted date. The ballots were counted by Fox Accounting (Cert#49667E) in Valley Center, CA.

11/10/05 Approved: \$1,000 (estimated) to register PWDCA logos at the Copyright Office.

11/11/05 Approved: Revised Futurity dates.

The rule for nominating a litter is:

Must be after the breeding, but before puppies are whelped. Litter nominations for the 2006 specialty will be accepted until April 17, 2006. Both sets of rules will apply for 2006 only (web site and P&P manual). For 2007 forward there will be one consistent set of rules published.

11/14/05 Approved: That the PWDCA, Inc. make application to the IRS to become a c(4) Tax Status Non-Profit Corporation. This change will give us several advantages and will take place back to the beginning of the PWDCA's inception and carried forward to the present. Cost to change to c(4) will be minimal and offset by refunds we would receive from taxes paid in prior years.

11/22/05 Accepted for inclusion in P&P Manual: Final version of new Rally Committee proposal submitted by Karen Kelly.

Name of Committee: Rally Committee.

Mission and scope: The mission of this committee is to:

1. Support and encourage Rally competitors.
2. Educate PWD owners on the sport of Rally and its utility as a learning and training tool to develop a closer bond with our PWDs.
3. Maintain a database to record PWD AKC Rally titles each year.
4. Publish new Rally titles awarded for the PWDCA.
5. Help develop guidelines for the possible acceptance of Rally into the PWDCA ROM award program.
6. Assist regional clubs with AKC Rally trials at National Specialties.

Size and composition of the committee: The committee's recommended size is three persons (one chair and two committee members) who have an interest and have competed in Rally.

Method of selection: Using the criteria listed above, committee members will be selected from a pool of volunteers.

Funding: Funding needs for the committee include:

1. Reimbursements for telephone conference calls.
2. Printing and postage costs for programs developed.
3. A subscription to the AKC Awards magazine to track earned titles.
4. Costs of any certificates or awards for programs that may be developed.
5. Any other necessary expenses incurred by the committee.

Special authority needed: None.

First quarterly report and report schedule: First report to the Board at their final meeting of the year and then quarterly.

11/29/05 Approved: Reinstatement of Melinda Harvey as Full member of PWDCA.

12/3/05 Approved: AKC-CHF Pending Grant No 589: Identifying genes regulating Addison's disease in the PWD. Principal Investigators: Elaine Ostrander and K. Gordon Lark. \$12,000 over 2 years (\$6,000 per year) Recommended by: Karen Miller and Jane Harding (Addison's Committee); Erin Mayfield (CHF Liaison)

12/3/05 Approved: AKC-CHF Pending Grant No. 615: Heritable and Sporadic Genetic Lesions in Canine Lymphoma. Principal Investigators: Jaime Modiano and Matthew Breen. \$5,000 over 2 years (\$2,500 per year) Recommended by: Caren Murray (Cancer Chair); and Erin Mayfield (CHF Liaison)

12/5/05 Received thank you letters (2) from LSU for the \$2,000.00 donation made for the Hurricane Relief to their veterinary school.



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November 23, 2005

Jacquelyn P. Constantine-Qvigstad
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.
111 Foxtail Circle
Golden, CO 80403

Dear Ms. Constantine-Qvigstad:

Thank you for your donation of \$2000.00 to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine to benefit the Spirit of Veterinary Medicine Hurricane Relief Fund.

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine is extremely grateful for your support in our time of need. Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita have devastated southern Louisiana.

The School continues to do everything we can to care for the animals displaced by the hurricanes. More than 2,000 animals were sheltered at the LSU John M. Parker Coliseum and thousands more, including horses in the care of LSU equine veterinarians were housed at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, Louisiana. As of October 15, all of these animals have been returned to their owners or placed in foster homes or shelters.

Many of the animals affected by the hurricanes required medical treatment in the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Clinics. In fact, during September the small animal Intensive Care Unit tripled its case load, and some of these animals are still receiving round-the-clock care in our facility.

We have received tremendous volunteer support and supplies from all over the country, for which we are so appreciative. Our expenses for the care of the displaced animals continue to grow, so your donation means so much to us!

The compassion and prayers from all of our friends during this time gives us perseverance and strength. We encourage you to visit our website at www.vetmed.lsu.edu for more information.

Thank you,

Pat Edwards, Director
Institutional Advancement

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our efforts to care for the hurricane-affected animals!

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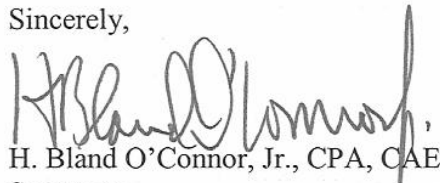
Dear Members of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America:

The Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation and the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association gratefully acknowledge your contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00. The generosity of Americans in this time of trouble, as in all times, has been a model for all peoples to emulate. Your generosity for this gift to assist in our disaster relief efforts is greatly appreciated.

The Hurricanes Katrina and Rita disasters created the need for what has become the largest pet rescue effort in the history of the United States. Statewide, over 8,000 pets, including 490 horses and mules, 15 goats and two potbellied pigs, were cared for in the twelve temporary shelters sponsored by or affiliated with our Foundation and the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association.

The Foundation is a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and the Foundation's Federal Tax ID number is 72-1507753. Your gift is fully tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The Foundation provided neither goods nor services in return for your gift. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,



H. Bland O'Connor, Jr., CPA, CAE
Secretary

HBO:mps

12/6/05 Approved: Jane Freeman resigned as Regional Club Area Rep for Rhode Island since she no longer resides in that state. The Nutmeg Board unanimously recommended Susan Rosenstein of Tiverton, Rhode Island as new rep and requested her approval.

12/10/05 Approved: Draft series of exercises for new title after CWDX to be published in the Jan/Feb 2006 Courier, pending article review by Board prior to publication, as presented by Lauren McDermott, Chair..

“For several years the PWDCA Water Trial committee (WTC) has heard from members wanting new challenges for themselves and their PWDs. The WTC has looked at the pros and cons of developing and supporting another titling level and would now like to move ahead with a plan to eventually add another test level that is more challenging than the Courier Water Dog test. We would like to proceed with the following plan:

1. Publish a draft of a series of exercises in the next Water issue of The Courier that outlines the exercises developed with the input from water enthusiasts over the last 16 months. Include in the article an explanation that the exercises published are in draft form and are to be tested during 2006 for the purposes of modifying them to suit different test sites. The publishing of these draft exercises follows a procedure used by the AKC, most recently with the agility Jumpers with Weaves titling class, and the Rally tests, to get member feedback before the tests are offered as a titling event.

2. Regional Club WTC liaisons will be contacted to encourage participation and to formalize feedback opportunities to the WTC.

3. The WTC will ask for feedback from clubs and individuals throughout 2006 and plans to assemble a complete proposal for a new title level for Board approval during the Winter 06/07.”

12/12/05 Approved: The following volunteers to serve on the Specialty Event Advisory Team:

Janet Boyd-Kristensen - Specialty Advisor and Committee Chair

Pat Qvigstad - National Specialty Treasurer

Jane Freeman - Trophy Chair

Marge Jackson - Webmaster

Barb Niemann - Storekeeper

12/16/05 Approved: MVPWDC Supported entry application for Nebraska KC show, Omaha Nebraska. July 22, 2006, Judge Mr. W. Everett Dean. July 23, 2006, Judge Mr. James Frederiksen.

12/17/05 Approved: \$200 support for Movers and Shakers club water trial in July 2006.

12/18/05 Approved: \$500 to purchase the latest version of Acrobat Professional software for PWDCA Webmaster (Belinda Harvey).

12/18/05 Approved: Rate increase for Memorial Plaque from \$15 to \$25 due to the increased costs for plate engraving.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY 28 people have completed the AKC Acknowledgment and Certification forms and are receiving the electronic studbook monthly until October 2006.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Previously submitted:

Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2005

Profit and Loss as of November 30, 2005

Restricted Equity Fund Distribution as of November 30, 2005

Futurity Operating Fund Reserve as of November 30, 2005

Wells Fargo Bank Reconciliation as of November 30, 2005

- Checking Account

- Money Market Account

Wells Fargo Bank Statements as of November 30, 2005

- Checking Account

- Money Market Account

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE-Karen Arends

The fourth quarter Delegates Meeting for 2005 is being held following the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Shows January 16-17, 2006 in Tampa, Florida. I am very pleased to have the PWDCA represented at the National Championship's Meet the Breeds, with Meg DeFore organizing what I'm sure will be a fun and fabulous booth manned by PWDCA members and their dogs. This is always a wonderful opportunity to educate the public about our special dogs.

PAWS: Presently the PAWS legislation which has caused a quite a stir among the majority of dog organizations is on hold and will probably be presented again with some major adjustments. The new exemptions will include those who sell less than 25 dogs a year, sell dogs from six or less litters a year, or comply with kennel inspection standards if their sales exceed the threshold numbers annually. Until that time, I feel the PWDCA should continue to listen for new issues on this legislation and wait to see what is presented before making any major decisions.

DNA & THE AKC: Beginning March 1, 2006, any imported dog or bitch registered with the AKC will be required to have an AKC DNA profile prior to registering their first litter whelped in the United States.

The AKC Delegates' Canine Health Committee and Parent Club Committee are working together in an effort to encourage an increase in the use of DNA for parentage identification of all breeding stock. These committees believe all breeding stock should be AKC DNA profiled for parentage verification. The committees are asking Parent Clubs to be role models in their efforts to increase the use of DNA by requiring DNA profiles for Parent Club membership, awards based on breeding programs, entry at National Specialties and other Parent Club events, inclusion in breeder referral lists, and any other methods Parent Clubs feel worthy.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Area Rep Program—Chuck Teasley

Paula Stevens, Coordinator, will be asked to develop new wording for the P&P Manual indicating the role of coordinator as liaison to the Board for all program business. A list of non-responsive area reps will be forwarded to the Board for action.

Courier Advisory Committee—Terry Cardillino

Courier Editor Search- Status Report

Five inquiries have been received to date for the Courier Editor position, but no applications have been submitted.

H&L Database—Joe Schoenfelder

Operations

- Things continue to go along without major issues. Not much else to add as at this juncture.

Staffing

- We still need to pursue help for Stan.
- Of the 11 people who expressed interest in the Database Coordinator role, 6 made the first cut. We have been speaking with the 6 and hope to narrow it down very shortly. Discussions with Ginnie and me have been done with 4 so far and should be complete this weekend.
- At the suggestion of Barbara Niemann, Connie Szeflinski will work with the team on improving instructions and database information. We are currently awaiting her first review and feedback.

User Support

- Users continue to pose questions to Rita, Ginnie and me.
- Any data problems that have been presented continue to reaffirm that the database is solid. The data has proven to be incorrect in every case so far.
- Ginnie's segment for the Courier was published in the Sept/Oct edition.
- We still find people are not reading and following instructions.
- Improving instructions and providing other means of guidance will be considered through the evaluation by Connie. Will keep the Board in the loop as this unfolds.

Database Activity

- Total accesses are up 10%.
- Total Users grew by 76 this month
- Participating Users were up by 33.
- Non Participating Users established 42.
- 1 more non health committee member joined.
- However, of the total Health Committee members I have identified - 22 - 5 have still not signed on. (Names sent to Barbara—12/16 follow-up from BN: 3 out of 5 have signed on)

The Board would like to thank Joe and his committee for their ongoing work and regular, timely reports.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Additional	City	State
Adams	Lynn		Norfolk	VA
Almeida	Helder		Riverbank	CA
Axelrod	Joan		Upper Montclair	NJ
Blanchette	Roger		Marion	MA
Cohn	Jean	Erin Cohn (JrMem)	South Windsor	CT
Cooper	Richard & Sharon		Alexandria	VA
Eisenstein	Steve		Highland Park	IL
Falter	Chuck		Osprey	FL
Fitz	Christy Christopher &		Prospect	KY
Gocke	Erin		Mukilteo	WA
Henneberry	Peter		San Jose	CA
Hughes	Nancy		Wenham	MA

Knisley	James F.		Perkiomenville	PA
Maltz	Randall		Austin	TX
McGill	Annik		Hudson	NH
Misset-Barnes	Geertje A.		Hardyville	VA
Morris	Dianne		Johnstown	CO
Pirulli	Nicholas		Kensington	MD
Resetar	Nancy	Sue Holtz	Royal Oaks	CA
Stugen	Jerry		Truckee	CA
Thibault	Jane	Joanne Thibault (JrMem)	Union	CT
Turner	John & Janice		Chaddsford	PA
Volker	Deana		San Diego	CA

Associate Members approved for Active Membership in Executive Session:

Stephen & Karen Begin, Mary Jo Burgess, Jean Bergsohn, Marianne Beesley, Aleen (Ali) Vorhies, Amanda Ford, Hallie Howe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2006 National Specialty—Janet Boyd-Kristensen

1. Budgets- coming in from chairs and due to be completed by year end.
2. Trophies- sample received, something never used before. The full report will be available for the first full January Board meeting.
3. Roadmap is in hand with target dates for the year.
4. Considering adding the new AKC Special Attraction Class - Breeders Class.
5. Contracts signed for 2 agility judges.
6. Site visit planned for March.
7. Tracking chair met with Park Rangers and permits requested for tracking sites. Fourth judge has committed rounding out tracking judging panel.
8. Menu pricing under review.
9. The committee would like to have Pat Trotter as their second seminar - she apparently has a new program. Janet Boyd-Kristensen will ask for information on the content of Pat's new program and report back to the board.

2007 National Specialty—Janet Boyd-Kristensen

1. Hotel contract negotiations underway. Deadline for contract signing 3-1-2006.
2. Negotiations with Reef Restaurant just beginning. This facility will be used for some evening events and parking.
3. Additional hotel property will begin construction next door and will likely be completed by our event. This will provide additional rooms close by.
4. Plan to set up checking account after the first of the year. Will need to approve their seed money at that time.
5. Long Beach VCB requesting references and is ready to assist in planning efforts.

PWDCA Health Testing Requirements—Steve Dostie and Barb Niemann

A detailed table was presented containing information on all aspects of health testing recommendations/requirements, except breeder referral. Chuck Teasley made a motion to approve proposal with the exception of the breeder referral section. After lengthy discussion, he rescinded his motion. The topic was tabled for the next Board to review in the future.

Futurity Program -Steve Dostie

Program rules previously sent to Board. Topic tabled for next Board to review.

Breeder Referral Program – Topics tabled for next Board to review.

Puppy Packet—Lisa Baird

The information submitted will be proofread by the Board by December 26, 2005 and comments forwarded to Lisa Baird.

Top 10 Program (Discussion)—Steve Dostie

After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Chuck Teasley will develop further ideas and present at the next Board meeting.

Ad Hoc Producer of Merit Award Committee approved- Letty Afong was approved as Chair, pending her agreement, to select others to serve on this committee and investigate the feasibility and necessity to develop a new POM program. Ms. Afong was contacted after the meeting and accepted the appointment.

Website Re-Design Project Update—Search for a web design firm is ongoing. More information will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Kennel Registry Ad Hoc Committee— The Board selected Renee Reiherzer to Chair this ad hoc committee and she has agreed. Renee will select two or more members to serve with her on the committee to determine: a) if a standing committee is recommended

and if so, why; b) Standing Committee scope and definition as outlined in the PWDCA Policies and Procedures Manual on Committee formation. A report on these findings will be submitted to the Board by January 31, 2006.

Ethics Standing Committee—Stuart Freeman was approved by the Board to Chair this committee. Mr. Freeman was contacted after the meeting and accepted the appointment.

H&L Database Administrative Coordinators- The Board approved the recommendation of the committee for Mary Eadie, Jane McEwen and Anne Paige to be added to the team. The Board would like to thank all the qualified volunteers who offered their services to this project. Their applications will be considered for other positions in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Meet the Breeds—Meg DeFore

January 14 & 15 2006
Tampa Convention Center
333 S. Franklin St.
Tampa, FL 33602

Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The booth will be set up in a similar manner as last year. Volunteers from the USSPWD club of FL have been recruited to work the booth. Three dogs (two adults and one puppy over the age of 6 mo.) are requested to be at the booth. A schedule will be made for volunteers. The booth display is designed to educate the public about the Portuguese Water Dog. Our booth will be professional rather than using a gimmick.

Breeders Education Committee- Angela Kalmanash was removed as Chair from the BEC in Executive Session.

Next Board meeting, to elect 2006 PWDCA Officers, will be Sunday, January 1, 2006. Time TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM PST.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Arner
PWDCA, Inc. Recording Secretary