

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2006 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB OF AMERICA

The Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for the year 2006 was held October 17, 2006 at Rend Lake Resort in Whittington, IL. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM CDT. A quorum of over 97 Active Members was reached. In attendance were 157 Active members.

Members of the Board present: President Steven Dostie, Vice President Barbara Paul, Corresponding Secretary Cynthia O'Connor, Recording Secretary Janet Boyd-Kristensen, Directors Susan Becker, Suzanne Bohan, Kathryn Monroe, and Phyllis Zusman.
Absent: Treasurer Pat Qvigstad, Director Chuck Teasley.

President Steven Dostie welcomed everyone to the 15th Annual PWDCA National Specialty, and thanked them for coming to the meeting. President made a motion to move vote to expel Linda Campbell forward to allow any member interested in assisting in the search for the lost dog to leave the meeting. There were no objections from the membership to proceed with the expulsion vote.

The Recording Secretary read Article VI, Section 4 from the Club bylaws. The President read the charges against Linda Campbell. These charges were also listed on the expulsion ballot provided to each Active member prior to the commencement of the meeting. The President called for Linda Campbell to speak. Ms Campbell was not present and did not speak. The President called for discussion. There was no discussion. The President instructed the membership to vote regarding Ms Campbell's expulsion. Tellers (Letty Afong, Betty Trainor, Connie Wavrin, and Caren Murray collected the folded ballots. Voting completed at 4:33PM CDT. Tellers recessed to the Board Room to count the votes.

Canine Health Foundation Liaison

Erin Mayfield (PWDCA CHF Liaison) introduced Dana Mosher of the NIH, who spoke to the membership regarding purpose of blood draw to be conducted at the Specialty and discussed NIH's ongoing research into Addisons, hip dysplasia and hemangiosarcoma.

Health Survey

Heather Shilo (PWDCA Health Survey Chair) encouraged everyone to attend the presentation by Dr. Margaret Slater later this week detailing the results of the PWDCA Health Survey. She thanked those who participated resulting in an admirable 77% overall participation rate. The survey results will be available on the Club website Friday morning October 20, 2006.

Junior Membership Committee

Cynthia O'Connor, chair of the newly formed Junior Membership Committee, introduced the committee, discussed its goals, and mentioned the upcoming call for volunteers.

Deyanne Miller Scholarship Fund Committee

Cynthia O'Connor reported the committee is pleased to announce the awarding of \$1000 to Miss Kaitlynn Candies. Kaitlynn is a PWDCA member, a former Jr. Handler, a recipient of an AKC scholarship and a sophomore pre-veterinary student at Louisiana State University. The Deyanne Miller scholarship fund was established in 1988 in memory of Mrs. Miller and her commitment to Portuguese Water Dogs to support our members pursuing higher education.

Tellers returned with the results of the Linda Campbell expulsion vote. The President read the results – 153 voted “yes” and 3 voted “no”. The President made a motion to destroy the ballots and there were no objections.

MINUTES

The minutes from the September 20, 2005 Annual Meeting were approved as published in the 2005 November-December issue of the Courier.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Steven Dostie recognized members who had attended all 15 PWDCA National Specialties and those who were attending their first National Specialty. He thanked Kathy Bumiller and Milarie Rude, chairs of the 2006 National Specialty, and their committee for all their hard work and planning over the past months.

Items discussed in the President's message:

The 2008 National Specialty bid had been awarded to Keystone, PWDs Northeast, and Nutmeg and will be held in Warwick, Rhode Island.

This year the Outstanding Breeder Achievement Award was established. Kathryn Monroe announced that 40 Breeders met the qualifications for the award this year. The first recipient of this award will be announced in the Specialty issue of The Courier.

PWDCA logo copyright application process was completed this year. An application for the alternative logo (for Specialty use) and The Courier is in process and near completion.

The PWDCA is participating in an ad campaign beginning with an ad in Dog Fancy magazine targeted at internet sales of puppies and focusing on choosing a responsible breeder.

The PWDCA Water Committee has begun to formulate exercises for a master level program.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT – no report.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY— no report.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – no report.

REPORT OF TREASURER – see Annual Report.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE

Karen Arends thanked the Board for their expeditious response to the AKC Petland agreement. She noted the Board's letter opposing the agreement was used as a model by other breed clubs and resulted in AKC rescinding their agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Specialty Event Advisory Team

Janet Boyd-Kristensen gave a presentation on the newly formed SEAT committee introducing committee members and outlining accomplishments and future goals. Questions and comments were solicited from the membership. One commented suggested that feedback forms be readily available at future specialties. Another member requested clarification about the philosophy regarding the expected profit from a specialty. The Specialty Manual recommends budgetary planning is directed towards a modest profit if \$8,000 for the host clubs after the division of profits.

Motion to adjourn the meeting from Suzanne Bohan and was seconded by Barbara Paul.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12PM CDT

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Boyd-Kristensen
Recording Secretary