

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2007 MEETING OF THE PWDCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The third meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for the year 2007 was held February 20, 2007 by teleconference at 7:10 PM EST.

PRESENT

President - Karen Arends, Vice President – Rita Araujo, Recording Secretary - Suzanne Bohan, Corresponding Secretary - Cynthia O'Connor, Treasurer – Phyllis Zusman, Directors - Susan Becker, Stuart Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Kathryn Monroe, and Janis Watts.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 9, 2007 Board meeting are posted on the PWDCA website and will be published in next issue of Courier.

The following Board e-mail votes were recorded between November 22 and December 31, 2006:

1. Motion by Monroe, seconded by Boyd-Kristensen, that the Board approve preparation of a Courier insert in a clear Q & A format and designate a recipient of the responses to prepare a summary for the Board and Ethics Committee. Approved November 29. Not voting – Teasley and Paul.
2. Motion by Boyd-Kristensen, seconded by Dostie, the PWDCA join the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program to support canine health research through their contributions to the Canine Health Foundation. Approved December 6. Not voting – Paul.
3. Motion by Dostie, seconded by Boyd-Kristensen, to approve Sarah Leatherman as an Active Member. Approved December 6.
4. Motion by Monroe, seconded by Boyd-Kristensen, to approve the following as members of the Therapy Committee with Laurie Hardman as Chair: Mary & Richard Lowy, Elizabeth Shannon, and Nancy Schlemmer. Approved December 7. Not voting – Paul.
5. Accepted Cathy Kalb's resignation as Joint Chiefs Ad Hoc committee Chair on December 4.
6. Motion by Zusman, seconded by Qvigstad, to accept the following members for the Ad Hoc IT and database exploratory committee will consist of Heather Shilo, Phyllis Zusman, Elsa Sell, and Karen Berggren. Approved December 16. Not voting – Paul
7. Motion by Dostie, seconded by Teasley, to approve David & Lynn Saturno as Active Members. Approved December 27.
8. Motion by Monroe, seconded by Zusman, to accept the following changes to the Internet Services section of the PPM. Approved December 30. Not voting –Paul.

INTERNET SERVICES

Letters sent/addressed to the Recording Secretary (or any other officer) by club members may be accepted as official business for the club records and agenda(s) if sent by e-mail.

The PWDCA Internet list is a tool for discussion of club business among PWDCA members subscribed to the list. However, because all PWDCA members do not have access to the list, the procedures in place within the club's Bylaws for bringing business officially before the Board for discussion and action is the only policy that shall be followed by the Board, and no Board member is under any obligation to

respond to Internet list queries from members regarding business that should come officially before the Board.

Notwithstanding the formal process to bring business before the Board, the Board may, on occasion, "informally" query members on the list for input and suggestions for projects that the Board may be working on.

PWDCA members who join the PWDCA Internet list must list their personal name(s) so that all other list members may know who is a member of the list as well as who is posting messages to the list. The caption (No Name Available) for a list subscriber shall not be acceptable.

Discussion on the list shall provide an open forum for civil and courteous debate of topics, not of persons. Debate and disagreement based on the merits of the comments are welcome. Inflammatory or derogatory personal comments, insulting language or name calling, and comments regarded the supposed motives of another list member are not allowed. The list owner and/or his designees may use both or either public and private warning to any member of the list who violates these guidelines. List members may initiate a complaint under these guidelines to the list owner and/or his designees by requesting a review of the message.

Discussion on the PWDCA list will not be used as an excuse to abuse anyone, whether that abuse is done in public or not. Off list messages sent to other list members in response to list discussions may likewise subject the sender to disciplinary action. If the recipient feels that a private post regarding a list thread would violate the guidelines if it were posted to the list, and if the recipient feels it is worth reporting, s/he can report it to the list management by forwarding the message in its entirety with subject line and originating information and a request for review. If the list management feels that the post violates list policies, they may invoke one of the formal warning/suspension steps.

Attacking or defaming another member of the PWDCA list is not allowed, and shall result in the following action:

1. In the first offense, the list management shall send a letter/e-mail message to the violator with a warning that if s/he posts a second personal attacking message s/he will lose list-publishing privileges for 45 days, with a copy of the warning to the designated PWDCA Board member.
2. If the violator posts a second attacking message publicly or privately, then the list management shall notify the violator that list access has been restricted and s/he cannot post to the PWDCA list for 60 days although s/he may receive list mail, with a copy of the restriction notice sent to the designated PWDCA Board member.
3. If the violator posts a third attacking message publicly or privately, then the list owner shall send the complaint to the PWDCA Board with a recommendation for permanent removal from the list. The Board may approve this expulsion from the PWDCA list by majority vote of the Board.

The designated Board member shall turn over the log of complaints to his or her successor upon completion of his/her term of service on the Board.

9. Motion by Qvigstad, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Michelle Hemenway's application for active membership. Approved December 30.
10. Motion by Monroe, seconded by Teasley to reinstate Active membership for Diane Mazzagatti. Approved December 30. Not voting – Paul.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Boyd-Kristensen
PWDCA 2006 Recording Secretary

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Karen Arends indicated that she would like to receive all information for agenda packets for future meetings at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

REPORT OF THE VICE RESIDENT – None.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

Suzanne Bohan led a discussion regarding the duties of the PWDCA Recording Secretary as set forth in the Club's Bylaws and the Policy & Procedures Manual. The Board is supportive of delegating certain tasks to Club volunteers, to be overseen by the Recording Secretary. Suzanne will take the lead on locating interested volunteers, and will explore whether a committee should be formed to formalize this effort.

The following e-mail votes were recorded from January 24, 2007 through February 6, 2007:

1. MOTION on Jan. 24, 2007, to appoint Mary Harkins as Chair of the 2007 Nominating Committee - Phyllis Zusman – 2nd Rita Araujo. APPROVED unanimously Jan. 29, 2007.
2. MOTION on Jan. 24, 2007, that the Board make a request via the PWDCA-L, PWD-L for participation in the Georgie Project Improper Coat Study, with information on PWDs that have produced Improper Coats and also place an announcement in The Courier about the study – Jean Hassebroek – 2nd Karen Arends. APPROVED unanimously Jan. 29, 2007.
3. MOTION on Jan. 26, 2007, to approve Nutmeg PWDC for a June 9, 2007 Regional Specialty with Greenwich Kennel Club - Karen Arends – 2nd Rita Araujo. APPROVED unanimously Jan. 31, 2007.
4. MOTION on Jan. 30, 2007, to approve the Portuguese Water Dog Club of the Pacific Northwest's application for a supported entry at the Olympic Kennel Club Show to be held on August 19, 2007, with financial assistance of \$100 - Jean Hassebroek – 2nd Cindy O'Connor. Voting in favor: Rita Araujo, Karen Arends, Susan Becker, Suzanne Bohan, Stuart Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Kathy Monroe, Janis Watts, Phyllis Zusman. Not voting: Cindy O'Connor. APPROVED Feb. 4, 2007.
5. MOTION on Jan. 31, 2007, that PWDCA confer an Honorary Membership on Scott Marshall in recognition of his special services to PWDCA by provision of the PWDCA e-list - Kathy Monroe – 2nd Jean Hassebroek. Voting in favor: Rita Araujo, Karen Arends, Susan Becker, Suzanne Bohan, Stuart Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Kathy Monroe, Janis Watts, Phyllis Zusman. Not voting: Cindy O'Connor. APPROVED Feb. 5, 2007.

6. MOTION on Feb. 1, 2007, to approve the Great Lakes Portuguese Water Dog Club's application for a supported entry at the Grand Traverse Kennel Club Show to be held on June 17, 2007, with financial assistance of \$100 - Suzanne Bohan – 2nd Karen Arends APPROVED unanimously Feb. 6, 2007.
7. MOTION on Feb. 15, 2007, that approval be given to the 2007 National Specialty Committee for their 2007 Trophy Proposal, 35th Anniversary Reception Proposal, and Updated 2007 Specialty Schedule, which were presented to the PWDCA Board on Feb. 15, 2007 – Karen Arends – 2nd Jean Hassebroek. Voting in favor: Rita Araujo, Karen Arends, Susan Becker, Suzanne Bohan, Stuart Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Cindy O'Connor, Janis Watts, Phyllis Zusman. Abstaining: Kathy Monroe. APPROVED Feb. 19, 2007.

The following volunteer applications were received since January 9, 2007:

Meg DeFore – Regional Sanctioned Club Committee and Breeder Development
Jane Harding – Breeder Development
Mary Harkins – Nominating Committee
Jean Hassebroek – Breeder Development
Brytt Hasslinger – Breeder Development
Kathy Monroe – Policy & Procedures Manual
Donna Sack – Regional Sanctioned Club Committee
Martha Stern – Breeder Development
Marilyn Rimmer – Breeder Development

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Cindy O'Connor reported on the following activities:

A) AKC Correspondence

- 1) AKC Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominees asked for in 3 categories (Conformation, Companion Events, Performance) Deadline for nominations: 5/11/07
- 2) AKC Parent Club Delegate Meeting 7/20/07-7/22/07 in Georgia: PWDCA is sending 2 representatives: Karen Arends and Phyllis Zusman
- 3) Updated PWDCA contact information with AKC
- 4) Piedmont Kennel Club Supported Entry Approved for 4/8/07 with Jane Harding judging Sweepstakes.

B) AKC Stud Book

- 1) Two new subscriptions were requested to receive the AKC Stud Book via monthly e-mail installments. Current subscriptions total 29.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance sheet as of January 31, 2007.

Restricted Equity Fund Distribution as of January 31, 2007.

If any member is interested in receiving copies of these documents, please contact PWDCA Treasurer, Phyllis Zusman.

Pat Qvigstad, PWDCA Interim Bookkeeper, reported the following:

The 2006 Specialty Income is still in the process of finalization. There are 2 outstanding checks that need to clear before we can close the 2006 Peoples State Bank account and I am awaiting information on the PWD Foundation Merchandise. I have everything complete as of January 31, 2007 except for these two items. The finals for the PWDCA, Inc. and LLC cannot be finished until these are completed.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE

Karen Arends, PWDCA's AKC Delegate, informed the Board about the candidates for the AKC Board of Directors and sought input on these candidates. The AKC Board Candidates will provide additional information on their positions and platforms to the AKC Delegates in mid-March.

The Board accepted the AKC Delegate Report from December 2006 and approved the recommendations of the Delegate contained therein.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

HEALTH AND LITTER REGISTRY

The Board is gathering additional information regarding whether technical improvements to the Health and Litter Database may be warranted. The Board will discuss this further at the next Board meeting.

Highlights of the Health & Litter Registry Report submitted by Joseph Schoenfelder:

Operations - The database was re-hosted this month, moved to a new service provider.

Database Activity - Overall, January 2007 was one of the largest volume months to date, even with 4 days off line. The database increased by 414 dogs in January. Current count is 16,084.

REGIONAL SANCTIONED CLUB COMMITTEE

Janis Watts, Committee Chair, reported that the committee had received all necessary sanctioning paperwork from a proposed new PWD club in Indiana, the Overboard Portuguese Water Dog Club.

MOTION to approve the Overboard Portuguese Water Dog Club as a new regional sanctioned PWDCA club – Janis Watts - 2nd Susan Becker. APPROVED unanimously.

The Board approved 2 new committee members -Donna Sack and Meg DeFore. Since Meg DeFore's application identified two committees in which she was interested in serving on, she will be contacted to determine whether she has a preference.

The committee has received and is reviewing the application of the Canadian PWD club.

PRODUCER OF MERIT (AD HOC)

The Producer of Merit (POM) Committee submitted draft POM Award guidelines for the Board's review. The Producer of Merit Award recognizes members who are striving to produce outstanding get. The POM dogs reflect the AKC Standard of the Portuguese Water Dog which includes type, desirable temperament and intelligence, the working ability to perform in the water plus other performance venues, and in addition to have all pertinent recommended health credentials for the parents.

The draft guidelines state that a member may nominate a total of two litters by the Producer to qualify for the Award. To qualify for nomination, each nominated Get MUST have a PWDCA Water Title (JWC does not qualify) OR AKC performance title, including Obedience, Tracking, and Agility (Rally does not qualify). In addition, seventy-five percent (75%) of nominated get MUST also have an AKC Championship of Record. Each individual get counts as only one Titled Get, regardless of the number of titles. To qualify for nomination, a PWD must have produced a minimum of six titled get and be in compliance as stated.

After discussing the draft POM guidelines, the Board asked Karen Arends to contact the POM committee to share Board's questions and comments, and ask the committee to resubmit the guidelines after addressing the issues raised by the Board.

AGILITY

Jane Freeman, Agility Committee Chair, submitted a report on Agility Committee activities. Highlights of the report include the following items:

Currently, the PWDCA offers a HIT Agility award at the National Specialty. A perpetual trophy is already in existence; however, a consistent formula for calculating HIT had not been adopted. Since several different methods have been used in the past, the Agility Committee felt it prudent to come up with an equitable formula for use at the National Specialty to ensure continuity of calculation of HIT from year to year. The following formula is proposed for use at future National Specialties to calculate HIT Agility and can be used at regional events and trials whenever a HIT Agility for PWDs is offered.

The Agility Committee thinks it important to recognize consistency in our agility dogs, which is why we are asking for consideration first to those who double Q (QQ). Note that the approved formula will be applied to the Standard class only, the QQ allows you to be considered. If there are no QQs HIT will come from the qualifying scores in the Standard Classes. Run offs are the typical way tie scores are broken at regular trials and can actually be quite exciting. Because of the additional time allowances for the Performance Division and because of the possibility of misuse of entry into this class Performance classes are not to be considered for HIT. The FAST class will not be considered for HIT.

There will be only one HIT offered at the National Specialty.

- When two days of Agility are held at the National, HIT will be determined from the classes held on the second day.
- QQs will be considered first for HIT with the PWDCA approved formula applied to the Standard class. In the event of a tie a runoff will be held.

- If there are no QQs, only scores from the Standard Class will be considered. In the event of a tie a runoff will be held.
- No scores from the Performance classes will be considered for HIT.
- No scores from a FAST class, if offered, will be considered for HIT.

Portuguese Water Dog Club of America
New Agility High In Trial Formula

The HIT formula is based on the results of the American Kennel Club Standard agility run only. Since dogs can compete in Standard at one class level and Jumpers at another class level, it was determined to be too complicated to consider other than the standard runs. If/when we can determine a fair formula to include Jumpers with Weaves and multiple levels, we will make another proposal. Only those runs with qualifying scores are eligible and those with the higher scores are considered first.

For each class level there are handicap points. Excellent level dogs get 30 points, Open level dogs get 20 points and Novice level dogs get 10 points. This is to acknowledge the difference in skills difficulty required at the higher levels and to “level the playing field”.

Once the standard run results are in, all PWDs in all of the classes (Ex A & B, Open, Novice A & B) in all jump heights (generally 16”, 20” and 24”) who have a qualifying score are selected. A record is made of that dog’s name and number, their score, the Standard Course time for their course and the dog’s course time. Standard course times vary from each class level and each jump height. Next, calculate the difference of the dog’s actual course time under standard course time (rounded). For example, if the SCT is 63 seconds and the dog runs the course in 58.3, then the difference is 5. Next, add the dog’s score (100, 95, whatever) to the difference in time (in this case 5) and add the handicap, (30 for Excellent, 20 for Open, 10 for Novice). If this were an Excellent level dog, the calculation would look like this:

Dog’s score + 5 + 30 = dog’s total points. See accompanying worksheet.

To determine HIT first look at only dog’s with scores of 100. If there are no dogs with a perfect score of 100, you then move down to the next highest score and calculate the other qualifying dog’s scores.

MOTION to approve the Agility Committee’s proposed changes and clarifications to the Agility High in Trial Formula –Janis Watts-2nd Phyllis Zusman. APPROVED unanimously.

ALLERGY, HAIRLOSS, DERMATOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Board received a report on February 7, 2007, from committee chair, Ginnie Santoli. Highlights of that report include the following items:

1. Two dogs have been confirmed with Sebaceous Adenitis with secondary Follicular Dysplasia. Both have released disclosure to the PWD H&L Database. SA had not been reported as diagnosed in the breed before these 2 dogs. There are 2 confirmed cases of Follicular Dysplasia in pups from a curly to a wavy breeding listed in the PWD H&L Database.
2. Goals of the Committee include a) surveying the membership on existing skin, hairloss and allergy issues; b) gathering source information library or resource bibliography on diagnostic

methods and holistic and traditional medical treatments and the “success” rates of improving the condition of the affected dogs; and c) scanning all committee records onto disc for safe keeping.

3. The Committee needs 3 to 4 additional committee members. Ginnie is the sole committee member.
4. Ginnie would like to put an Allergy Hairloss Dermatology Reporting Form on the PWDCA website and update the website.

MOTION to expand the Allergy, Hairloss, Dermatology Committee to 3 or 4 additional members – Jean Hassebroek - 2nd Cindy O’Connor. APPROVED unanimously.

Suzanne Bohan will forward to Ginnie Santoli the names of volunteers who have expressed an interest in serving on this committee.

The Board expressed support for the idea of posting monthly announcements for volunteer opportunities to the PWDCA e-mail list and website.

The Board discussed opportunities available for the coordination of the efforts of the various PWDCA health committees with regard to volunteers, forms, reporting and gathering of information. Karen Arends will discuss this with Ginnie and other health committee chairs.

ADDISON’S

Karen Miller, Chair of the Addison’s Committee, sent an e-mail to the Board requesting assistance in starting a chat list for owners of Addisonian dogs. It would not be available to anyone else to encourage frank discussion. Karen Miller noted that many of these owners need support and that she and fellow-Committee member, Jane Harding, spend hours each week in this role.

The Board supports the idea of an Addison’s chat list, and encourages the Addison’s Committee to move forward on this without further Board involvement.

DEYANNE MILLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Board received a letter from Kristen Cofield, Deyenne Miller Scholarship Fund (DMS) Chair, expressing disappointment in the Board’s decision in 2006 to award a different scholarship amount than the one recommended by the DMS committee and the Board’s failure to discuss this decision with the committee or apprise the committee of the Board’s decision regarding the scholarship amount. Kris further noted that the Board had not informed the committee of the Board’s decision, made at the October 2006 Board meeting, to ask the committee to put together a fund raising plan by January 1st, 2007.

The Board agreed that there has been poor communication from the Board to the Chair of this committee and that the Board did not effectively communicate its intention to assist in vitalizing the committee. The Board will invite Kris Cofield to participate by phone at the May Board meeting to share the committee’s ideas on ways to grow and support this committee.

AWARDS

Leslie Arner, Awards Committee chair, submitted a report on the Awards Committee's activities.

The Awards Committee is working on standardizing the Super Dog rules to provide consistency from year to year at the National Specialty.

The Awards Committee worked with the Agility Committee to develop the standardized guidelines for determining the Agility High in Trial at the National Specialty.

The Awards Committee is working on updating Register of Merit requirements to address some of the new AKC venues (Agility FAST, JWW; Rally, etc.).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (AD HOC)

The Board received a detailed report from Information Technology (IT) Committee members Heather Shilo, Phyllis Zusman and Else Sell.

The purpose of the IT Committee is to identify what information the Club collects, what information PWDCA's committees need or expect to need in the foreseeable future, and make a recommendation about how to proceed to use this information more effectively and securely. The Committee's report inventoried the extensive data-related needs of PWDCA's health committees, performance committees and breeding-related programs. The report also discussed the policies established in the PWDCA Policy and Procedure manual regarding what is to be done with the data collected by volunteers.

The IT Committee surveyed committee chairs and found various inconsistencies and issues related to data (data collection systems run the gamut of handwritten notes to Word, and Excel documents; none recall using, or seeing a "confidentiality" form from the Club, so many have made up their own; boxes of hard copy paper documents that have been stored from pre-HLDB days). Committee chairs expressed an interest in improved tracking, better access to data, improved resources for record keeping, a reduction in redundancy/ improved coordination, and clarification of confidentiality issues.

The report noted that many breed clubs have programs that coordinate all of their information which allows for easy retrieval of information. It explained that the program being used by a number of other breeds databases is available to us and can be customized to meet our needs, and discussed the benefits of having a unified information management system that is in line with the recent technology advances.

The Board needed additional time to review the IT Committee report before discussing it. Some Board Members expressed an interest in posing follow-up questions to the IT Committee. Questions will be circulated to the Board e-mail and then forwarded to the IT Committee for response. The report will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

ILLUSTRATED BREED STANDARD (AD HOC)

The report from this committee will be submitted for the March Board meeting.

WATER TRIAL COMMITTEE

Sue Augat, Water Committee co-chair, requested approval from the Board of 15 clarifications to the Water Trial Manual. Sue noted that the committee solicited input on the Water Trial Manual from participants and judges to try to clear up some things. The proposed clarifications are as follows:

Water Trial Manual Changes, 2007

(Underlined portions contain revisions and additions.)

#1. Underwater retrieve. Starting Position: SHORE

The handler and dog enter the water to a depth of water that will allow the dog to complete the task as required. The dog must be at the handler's side (either side), facing the same direction as the handler. Dog and handler will be parallel to shore. The area from the dog's head to the dog's shoulder shall be approximately in line with the handler's hip. On the judge's signal, etc...

Rationale: This change is to insure that all dog and handler teams perform the exercise in the same manner.

Location: Page 12

#2 The PWDCA shall be empowered to certify as a Junior Water Dog, or award the title of Apprentice Water Dog, Working Water Dog, Courier Water Dog or Courier Water Dog Excellent, or award the Versatility Award to any purebred Portuguese Water Dog individually registered with the AKC or individually registered with a foreign registry organization recognized by the AKC, or Portuguese Water Dogs with AKC ILP (Indefinite Listing Privilege) numbers, who passes the relevant test exercises set forth in this Water Trial Manual.

Location: Page 25

PWDCA sanctioned water trials shall be open only to purebred Portuguese Water Dogs individually registered with the AKC or individually registered with a foreign registry organization recognized by the AKC, or Portuguese Water Dogs with AKC ILP (Indefinite Listing Privilege) numbers who are at least six months of age on the day of the trial. All dogs must be in good health and in proper condition for the test level in which they are entered.

Location: Page 33

Rationale: To help regional clubs and entrants understand the meaning of the term "purebred" and prevent misunderstandings

#3 All deliveries are from the dog's mouth to the handler's hand except at the Junior Water Dog level and the Courier Pouch Exchange exercise where the pouch may be attached to the harness. The object being delivered must be released into the handler's hand and out of the dog's mouth prior to the handler touching the dog or its harness or the dog boarding the boat.

Rationale: For clarification of delivery of an object.

Location: Page 7 (General rule 33)

#4 Close proximity means within 6 feet of the handler.

Rationale: Further defines the required distance between dog and handler during the junior and apprentice swims.

Location: Pages 11 and 14 (under the swim descriptions for junior and apprentice)

#5 Only the equipment necessary to complete the task(s) associated with the exercise being tested may be present and visible to the dog being tested. No other equipment may be on the platform of either boat or in the handler's or steward's immediate possession during the exercise."

Rationale: To make clear that extraneous equipment is not appropriate while completing an exercise.

Location: Page 6, # 27 (Under Test Procedures)

6 Working gear bag

Procedure: On the judge's signal the steward will, in full view of the handler, quietly place the gear bag on land 25' feet away from the team, and move out of the immediate area. On the judge's signal, the handler will send the dog to retrieve the gear bag. (The rest of the language remains the same)

Rationale: To make it clear when the exercise begins.

Location: Page 15 (At the beginning of Procedure)

#7 By 2008 all host clubs will provide upon request by the handler a step to be used by the handler to aid the dog in boarding the boat. The step will be designed so that the bottom support for the dog to step on can be raised and held out of the way except when the dog is boarding the boat and only the handler can operate the step. The step must be held in the raised position at all times except when the dog is boarding the boat.

Rationale: To provide assistance in boarding a dog by the handler for those who need or want it.

Location: Page 24

#8

Deleted

#9. New Versatility Packages.

Package B

1. Underwater Retrieve (A)
2. Gear Bag (W)
3. Overboard Articles (W)
4. Retrieve Fishing Net (C)
5. Buoy Ball Placement (C)

Package D

1. Gear Bag (W)
2. Retrieve Float Line from shore (A)
3. Directed Double Retrieve From Boat (C)
4. Blind Retrieve of Float Line from Boat (W)
5. Buoy Ball Placement (C)

Rationale: To level the playing field of the versatility packages by including the buoy ball placement in all 4 packages.

Locations: Page22. Replace old packages B and D with new packages, as above:

#10 For two trials on the same weekend at the same location, a separate drawing will take place each day. The package that was drawn on Day 1 must be removed from the drawing for Day 2.

Rationale: To give the judge and handlers the opportunity to participate in more than one versatility package when at back-to-back trials.

Location: Page 21 (Versatility Award, third paragraph)

#11 “Leaving the Water” means the dog moves all four paws across the three foot line from the water toward land.”

Location: Page 6 (Will be new Rule #27 and rules following will be renumbered)

Add “Note 2” to the Working Water Dog Test Exercises – Overview:

If the dog “leaves the water” during the completion of any of the following exercises: #2 - Retrieve Dummy From Boat, #3 – Retrieve Overboard Articles, #4 – Retrieve Dummy Between Two Boats, or #5 – Blind Retrieve Of Floating Line From Boat, it shall fail that exercise.”

Location: Page 15

Add “Note 2” to the Courier Water Dog Test Exercises – Overview:

If the dog “leaves the water” during the completion of any of the following exercises: #1 – Courier Pouch Exchange, #3 – Directed Double Retrieve From Boat, #4 – Retrieve Fishing Net, or #5 – Buoy Ball Placement, it shall fail that exercise.

Location: Page 17

Rationale: To clarify the dog cannot leave the water during the specified exercises.

#12 If the dog fails to return to the handlers boat within the time allowed for an exercise more than once during exercises at the Working, Courier, or Versatility levels, the dog will be excused from further participation.

Location: Page 8 as new #40

Rationale: To keep trial activities moving and discourage continued non-performance.

#13. Deleted

#14 Pouch may also be attached to the harness but must be attached to the harness before the dog enters the water.

Rationale: Clarifies when harness must be attached.

Location: Page 18 (Under Procedure)

#15 Add: The handler or the steward may not, at any time, in any exercise, splash the water to draw attention to the handler or to an object or for any other reason.

Rationale: To clarify that the handler cannot splash the water in any exercise, not just in retrieving exercises.

Location: Page 6, #28 (# 27 would be renumbered)

#16 In all exercises at all levels: a steward/substitute steward is not allowed to communicate with a competing dog except as noted, and is inactive and silent unless a specific role or function is assigned in the exercise description or these "Rules and Regulations for Water Trial Participants". In any case, where not specifically allowed, the steward/substitute steward shall not respond to the handler beyond a brief nod.

Rationale: To clarify the role of the steward/substitute steward.

Location: Page 6 (Rule #24)

#17 The only time a handler or steward may leave the platform of the boat is at the completion of the exercise and the boat is at a depth in which the handler may safely disembark from the platform. When the boat is resting in two to three feet of water it is considered safe for the handler, steward and dog to disembark from the platform.

Any handler or handler's steward who leaves the platform of a boat, prior to the boat resting in two to three feet of water, will be disqualified immediately, forfeit the opportunity to continue with any other exercises within the specific test level and no title or certificate will be awarded.

The exception to this rule is when the participating dog is in perceived danger.

Rationale: To eliminate dangerous behavior occurring at some water trials.

Location: Page 8 (Boat Exercises, new #41)

MOTION to approve the Water Trial Committee's proposed clarifications to the Water Trial Manual - Kathy Monroe- 2nd Stuart Freeman. APPROVED unanimously.

Sue Augat indicated that the Water Trial Committee would like the Board to approve 4 conference calls per year for the Water Trial Committee, since there are more trials with more participants and more issues arising.

The Water Trial Committee has decided on leadership succession for the committee. Jan Reinert and Sue Augat were asked by the Board in 2006 to co-chair the Water Trial Committee. Jan and Sue agreed to do so for one year. Jan has been clear that she intended to stick to this time frame. Kathleen Jose, who came aboard as a new member, has indicated a willingness to chair the committee. Sue has agreed to co-chair the committee with Kathleen for one year to aid in the transition.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP @ January 31, 2007

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Arbuthnot	Carol L.	Mesa	AZ	85205-4060	
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Barbee	Mary Ann	Highlands Ranch	CO	80130-3738	
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Campbell	Nancy	Winston Salem	NC	27104-1912	
Colburn	Karen	Davidsonville	MD	21035-1145	
Colburn (JrMem)	Collin	Davidsonville	MD	21035-1145	
Colerick	Lezly	Annapolis	MD	21403-1619	
Costello	Sandy	Glenmoore	PA	19343-1036	
Donabed	Margaret	Westwood	MA	02090-2523	
Donabed (JrMem)	Isabel	Westwood	MA	02090-2523	
Eisenmenger	Jessica	Gainesville	FL	32608-6405	
Emets	Laurie	Birmingham	AL	35243-4810	
Emets (JrMem)	David	Birmingham	AL	35243-4810	
Fink	Carol	Raymond	ME	04071-5500	
French	Joy	Rutland	VT	05701-3711	

Gaskell	Ann	Los Altos	CA	94022-1638	
Glascocock	Kelly	Coral Gables	FL	33143-6310	
Gushue	Trisha	Raymond	ME	04071-5500	
Hanley	Shannon D.	Anchorage	AK	99517-1127	
Haynes	Cheryl	Colorado Springs	CO	80907-6720	
Haynes (JrMem)	Lindsey	Colorado Springs	CO	80907-6720	
Heitmann	John	Medford Lakes	NJ	08055-1210	
Hollje-Schumacher	Silke	26209 Hatten			Germany
Klam	Joan	Calgary	AB	T3K 3Z8	Canada
Klein	Stan	Great Barrington	MA	01230-0300	
Klein	Teresa	Great Barrington	MA	01230-0300	
Kobylinski	Sherry	South Elgin	IL	60177-3710	
Langemeyer	Ryan	Ashland	OR	97520-0024	
Lehan	Irene E.	Redwood City	CA	94061-1545	
MacAvoy	Martha G.	Bethany	CT	06524-3123	
Mart	Shelley	Indianapolis	IN	46205-1502	
Orallo	Irene	Halfmoon Bay	BC	V0N 1Y1	Canada
Petrey	Cindy	Deerfield	IL	60015-4453	
Petrey (JrMem)	Megan	Deerfield	IL	60015-4453	
Picotte	Jon	Orlando	FL	32803-2705	
Picotte	Gretchen	Orlando	FL	32803-2705	
Rinehimer, VMD	Charles	Nazareth	PA	18064-9376	
Romagosa	Juan	Cape Coral	FL	33914-7830	
Saunders	Rhom	Colchester	CT	06415-5009	
Saunders	Debbie	Colchester	CT	06415-5009	
Schroeder	Thomas	Spanish Fork	UT	84660-1970	
Schroeder	Britta	Spanish Fork	UT	84660-1970	
Schroeder (JrMem)	Ella	Spanish Fork	UT	84660-1970	
Sedlak	Ursula	Northbrook	IL	60062-6010	
Smith	Linda	Destin	FL	32550-4196	
Smith	Angela	Matthews	NC	28104-7262	
Smith (JrMem)	Taylor	Matthews	NC	28104-7262	
Stevens	Kay Cruse	Pinehurst	NC	28374-8640	
Szymanski	Elizabeth	Neshanic Station	NJ	08853-4148	
Ustaszewski	Hallie	Reading	PA	19606-3805	
Welch	Janet M.	Marshfield	MA	02050-6244	
Wentworth	Patty	Seaford	VA	23696-2507	
Wentworth	Diane	Boilingbrook	IL	60440-9010	
West	Karen	Lancaster	PA	17601-4439	
Wilterding	Nisey	Sarasota	FL	34242-1347	

Cindy O'Connor volunteered to investigate PWDCA's policies and practices regarding publication of contact information, such as e-mail addresses, for new associate members.

ELECTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

The following Associate Members' applications for Active Membership have been sent to the Board. Board members will review these applications and will vote on the applications at the next Board meeting:

Denise L. & Michael BROWN
Cristi Fogus & Bruce Alan WETHERHOLT

Candace WEISS-RIGGS
Marietta FRANZESE
Amy FARABAUGH

OLD BUSINESS

BOOKKEEPER POSITION

Phyllis Zusman reported on the status of applications for the PWDCA bookkeeper position.

PWDCA WEBSITE

Jean Hassebroek reported that photos of PWDs will be solicited from members for use on the PWDCA website. The identity of the dogs will not be posted on the website.

SPECIALY EVENTS ADVISORY TEAM (SEAT)

SEAT will have an update for the Board at the next Board meeting.

The Board reviewed a request submitted by the 2007 Specialty Committee for \$4,000 in additional seed money for the 2007 National Specialty.

MOTION to approve \$4,000 in additional seed money for the 2007 National Specialty - Janis Watts- 2nd Cindy O'Connor. APPROVED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

E-MAIL VOTING

The Board agreed to continue addressing routine Board matters – e.g., requests for supported entries, water trials, regional club sanctioning, and regional specialties – though e-mail discussion and voting as appropriate.

TEMPERAMENT AND BEHAVIOR

Kathy Monroe led a discussion about “Understanding Our Dogs”, a coordinated program for the PWDCA for 2007-2008, developed in response to the PWD Health Survey results related to behavior and temperament concerns raised by PWD owners (summarized below).

1. Purpose

- A To explore better ways of expressing, understanding, and responding to the Portuguese Water Dog temperament and behavior
- B To respond to owner concerns expressed in the 2005 Health Survey

- C. To compile and disseminate educational resources, descriptions, and information about breeding and living with Portuguese Water Dogs of sound temperament

2. **Exploration of the origins of temperament and behavior**

Note: Not either/or; coordinated, interlocking influences throughout the life of the dog

A. Genetic components

Temperament and behavior are affected by a variety of genetic components, including species and breed, selective breeding for physical and mental traits and for behavior such as tracking ability, stamina, etc., metabolism/energy level, inherited health conditions, dam's modeling of behaviors, and size in early life relative to littermates. Developing a profile of how these factors in the PWD's history and in individual PWD's influence behavior will increase our understanding of our breed.

B. Environmental components of temperament and behavior

Environmental influences and nurturing have huge influence on how a dog behaves throughout its life. Topics can include early socialization; nutrition (protein levels, balance, and adequacy); levels of physical and mental exercise; the type, timing, continuity, and consistency of training; effects of medicines and vaccinations; and the quality and extent of dog-dog interactions and dog-human interactions. Knowledge of specific interfaces of the genetic and environmental influences in the PWD, such as higher than average energy levels and exercise, persistence and training techniques, etc., will inform owner-dog interactions.

C. Human perception components of temperament and behavior

Some issues identified in the 2005 Health Survey may indicate incompatibility between dog and owner arising from misperceptions about dogs in general or the PWD in particular rather than temperament problems. Breeders and owners can benefit from consideration of topics such as application of puppy aptitude evaluations—retesting, observations-over-time, the "P" level; better descriptions of the personality of the breed and examination of expectations of the breed; understanding desires and capabilities of prospective owners; placement decisions; appearance vs. breed traits, etc.

3. **Possible Program elements**

- A. Reports from committees on how various conditions or treatments affect behaviors
- B. Information articles
- C. Guest experts on PWDCA list as week long (?) discussion leaders/resources
- D. Seminar at 2008 Specialty—examples—behaviorist, training methods, drug treatments, other?

E Definitions. Case Studies

F Additions to website—puppy buyer info, breeder’s committee.

G Resource list: agg-behavior list, tips for selecting trainers and behaviorists, reference to the AVMA and CBCVB websites, reading lists, etc.

H Additional Health Survey analysis by Dr. Slater.

The Board expressed appreciation for Kathy Monroe’s work in formulating the framework for this program. The Board expressed a desire for member input and ideas to help develop the program further to best meet the Club’s needs.

MOTION to make the “Understanding Our Dogs” program a focus for PWDCA for 2007-2008, to commence this program with articles in the Health issue of *The Courier* (May/June 2007), and to providing funding for Dr. Slater’s additional analysis of the Health Survey data for *The Courier* article.- Jean Hassebroek- 2nd Janis Watts. APPROVED unanimously.

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

COORDINATOR POSITION

MOTION to approve Kathy Monroe as Policy & Procedure Manual Coordinator – Suzanne Bohan-2nd Phyllis Zusmann. APPROVED unanimously.

INPUT ON REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES POLICY

The Board discussed the current PWDCA policies regarding reimbursement of travel expenses for club volunteers, and determined that the policy regarding reimbursement for in-person Board meetings should be updated.

MOTION that PWDCA shall reimburse Board members for the following incurred travel expenses for attending in-person Board meetings once receipts are supplied to the PWDCA Treasurer: economy airfare, airport parking costs, reimbursable mileage (calculated in accordance with the current IRS reimbursement schedule) and ½ the cost of a double occupancy standard room. PWDCA shall fund the cost of meeting rooms for in-person Board meetings. Suzanne Bohan- 2nd-CindyO’Connor. APPROVED unanimously.

BREEDER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

The Board reviewed the Volunteer Forms submitted by PWDCA Members who would like to serve on the new Breeders Development Committee.

MOTION to approve the following individuals to serve on the Breeders Development Committee: Meg DeFore, Jane Harding, Jean Hassebroek, Brytt Hasslinger, Marilyn Rimmer,

and Martha Stern - Janis Watts- 2nd - Rita Araujo. Voting in favor: Rita Araujo, Susan Becker, Suzanne Bohan, Stuart Freeman, Kathy Monroe, Cindy O'Connor, Janis Watts and Phyllis Zusman. Abstaining: Jean Hassebroek.

The Board will ask the committee to recommend a chairperson.

AKC GAZETTE COLUMNIST BOARD LIAISON

Carole Prangley-McIvor, PWDCA's AKC Gazette columnist, sends her articles for review to the PWDCA President prior to submitting them to AKC for publication. The Board feels that this is a suitable way to continue.

PWDCA-L POINT PERSON FOR MARCH AND APRIL

Janis Watts volunteered to be the Board's "point person" for the PWDCA e-list for March and April. Thanks to Susan Becker for being the point person for January and February.

KENNEL REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Motion by Kathy Monroe - 2nd by Jean Hassebroek to dissolve the ad hoc Kennel Registration Committee. APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 PM EST.

The next Board Meeting will be held March 31st & April 1st, 2007 as an in-person meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Agenda items are to be submitted by March 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Bohan
Recording Secretary
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.