

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31/APRIL 1, 2007 MEETING
OF THE PWDCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The fourth meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for the year 2007 was held March 31 through April 1, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Karen Arends at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 31st.

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 February 20, 2007 Board meeting are posted on the PWDCA website and will be published in the next issue of The Courier.

Minutes of e-mail votes. The following votes were recorded by the Recording Secretary from February 22, 2007 through March 25, 2007:

1. MOTION on Feb. 22, 2007, to approve the Portuguese Water Dog Club Mid Gulf Coast's application for a supported entry at the Macon Kennel Club Show to be held on May 12, 2007, with financial assistance of \$100 - Suzanne Bohan - 2nd Stu Freeman. APPROVED unanimously Feb. 27, 2007.
2. MOTION on Feb. 23, 2007, to approve Mr. Larry Libeu as the 2007 National Specialty Junior Showmanship judge - Karen Arends - 2nd Jean Hassebroek. Voting in favor: Rita Araujo, Karen Arends, Susan Becker, Suzanne Bohan, Stuart Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Kathy Monroe, Cindy O'Connor, Phyllis Zusman. Not voting: Janis Watts. APPROVED Feb. 27, 2007.
3. MOTION on Feb. 28, 2007, to appoint Sandy Pond to fill the Member Relations Position on the Membership Committee - Suzanne Bohan - 2nd Karen Arends. 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 March 5, 2007.
4. MOTION on March 2, 2007, to approve Brytt Hasslinger as Chair of the newly formed Breeder Development Committee - Karen Arends - 2nd Jean Hassebroek. Voting in favor: Rita Araujo, Karen Arends, Suzanne Bohan, Stuart Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Cindy O'Connor, Janis Watts, Phyllis Zusman. Voting against: Susan Becker, Kathy Monroe. APPROVED March 6, 2007.
5. MOTION on March 2, 2007, to approve a supported entry for the Keystone PWD Club with Chester Valley Kennel Club on May 12, 2007 - Karen Arends - 2nd Rita Araujo. 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 March 6, 2007.

6. MOTION to approve the application of the Portuguese Waterdog Club of the Twin Cities (PWDCTC) to hold a Regional Specialty in conjunction with the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club shows on August 23 and 24, 2007 - Suzanne Bohan - 2nd Karen Arends. APPROVED unanimously March 11, 2007.

7. MOTION on March 6, 2007, to approve a supported entry for the PWD Club of Greater Chicagoland with Little Fort Kennel Club of Waukegan on June 15, 2007 and to provide financial assistance of \$100.00 for this event - Suzanne Bohan - 2nd Karen Arends. Voting in favor: Karen Arends, Susan Becker, Suzanne Bohan, Stuart Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Kathy Monroe, Cindy O'Connor, Janis Watts, Phyllis Zusman. Not voting: Rita Araujo. APPROVED March 11, 2007.

8. MOTION on March 15, 2007, for the PWDCA Breeders Development Committee to arrange a Breeders Conference at the 2007 National Specialty consisting of the Judges Education Committee's program - approved by Susan Cucura, 2007 Specialty Chair, and Betty Trainor, Judges Education Committee Chair - as well as providing light refreshments and distributing the written information the Judges Ed Committee provides with their seminar - along with approval for professionally video taping this conference to begin a PWDCA Breeders Development Committee library of educational programs, with the entire budget being approved by this Board - Kathy Monroe - 2nd Susan Becker. APPROVED unanimously March 19, 2007.

9. MOTION on March 17, 2007, to approve the recommended catalog ad rates and sales prices for catalogs as presented by the 2007 National Specialty Committee on 3/17/07 - Karen Arends - 2nd Cindy O'Connor. APPROVED unanimously March 24, 2007.

10. MOTION on March 20, 2007, to approve the regional specialty being held by the PWD Club of Northern California on October 20, 2007 in conjunction with the Del Valle Kennel Club at Pleasanton, CA - Karen Arends - 2nd Kathy Monroe. APPROVED unanimously March 25, 2007.

MOTION to approve above E-votes – Stuart Freeman – 2nd Cindy O'Connor. APPROVED unanimously.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Karen Arends welcomed the Board and looked forward to a productive meeting. She thanked Cindy O'Connor and Susan Becker for arranging logistics for the meeting.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

None.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

Suzanne Bohan led a discussion regarding potential changes to the Policy & Procedures Manual (PPM) that would reflect existing delegations of Recording Secretary duties and facilitate the future delegation of certain duties. Suzanne agreed to draft language for the PPM that provides for the delegation of officer duties as needed. Suzanne will present this to the Board at the next Board meeting.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Cindy O'Connor reported on the following:

AKC Correspondence Received

- 1) AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day 9/15/2007 in Madison Square Park, NY and Raleigh, NC. Cindy will contact regional clubs in the area to seek participation from them.
AKC contact information: Communications@akc.org 212-696-8360
Lisa Peterson, Director of Club Communications
- 2) Notification to apply for applications to Crufts Dog show. Contact information: Neil Singer, 212-696-8235 nxs@akc.org with eligibility cards available to BOB, BBE, BOS and Award of Merit Winners at the National Specialty.
- 3) AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference 10/19/2007-10/21/2007 Adam's Mark Hotel St. Louis, Missouri. Register by June 15, 2007.
- 4) AKC Permission granted for the PWDCA to hold on 8/19/07 Olympic Kennel Club, Inc. Sweepstakes Event judged by Julia Rylander.
- 5) AKC Permission granted for the PWDCA to hold on 7/15/07 Green Mountain Dog Club Sweepstakes Event judged by Ms. Lee Whittier.
- 6) AKC Permission granted for the PWDCA to hold on 5/12/07 Chester Valley Kennel Club a sweepstakes event judged by Julie Parker.

Communications

- 7) Juvenile Diabetes Auction Letter

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

- Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2007
- Profit and Loss as of February 28, 2007
- Restricted Equity Fund Distribution as of February 28, 2007

Phyllis Zusman led a discussion regarding Treasurer duties and improving coordination with the Bookkeeper regarding financial transactions. Action item options include establishing policies to ensure that all payments from PWDCA involve the Treasurer and modifying the job descriptions for Treasurer and Bookkeeper. Phyllis, Kathy Monroe, Stuart Freeman will work with Pat Qvigstadt on improving the

system. Phyllis and Kathy will present recommendations to the Board at the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE

The Board received the AKC Delegate report prepared by Karen Arends. (See PWDCA website for full report)

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The Board agreed to review membership of all committees to confirm continued interest in serving on the committees. The Board will ask committee members to update their volunteer applications and the Board will send a request to the membership to submit volunteer applications for club committees.

Addison's – The Board discussed the March 2007 report from Karen Miller (See PWDCA website for full report). Cindy O'Connor will contact Karen Miller regarding writing an article on Addison's – incorporating some of the information from the committee report - in The Courier. Karen Arends has contacted Karen Miller to offer assistance regarding establishing an Addison's chat group.

Allergy, Hairloss, Dermatology – The Board reviewed the March 21, 2007 report from Ginnie Santoli (See PWDCA website for full report). The Board agreed to ask the committee to address improper coat issues.

Breeder Development Committee – The Board reviewed the March 20, 2007 committee report submitted by Brytt Hasslinger and noted that the committee has done a tremendous job in the short time it has been established (See PWDCA website for full report). The Board discussed the proposed Committee Members Selection Process. It is understood that the listed qualifications are recommended qualifications. With this understanding, the Board decided that no changes to the process were warranted. Janis Watts wanted to ensure that the committee puts significant emphasis on ethical breeding practices. The Board suggested adding "ethical breeding practices" to the list of educational resources to be developed in the committee's proposed educational plan outline. The Board agreed that seminar fees and travel expenses of committee members should be reviewed and submitted for approval to the Board on a case-by-case basis. Karen Arends will follow-up with Brytt Hasslinger on suggested changes from the Board to the committee's suggested PPM language.

Cancer – The Board discussed the March 19, 2007 committee report and noted that the report was thorough and informative (See PWDCA website for full report). Regarding the committee's suggestion that committees should be involved in approving research and receiving research updates, the following vote was held:

MOTION to add language to the PPM to include a requirement that all proposals for research and studies be reviewed by the appropriate health committees and to request that researchers provide annual updates of PWDCA-supported research and studies. Voting in favor: Rita

Araujo, Karen Arends, Susan Becker, Suzanne Bohan, Stuart Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Cindy O'Connor, Janis Watts. Voting against: Kathy Monroe, Phyllis Zusman.

Regarding the committee's request for on-line submittal of questionnaire forms, Jean Hassebroek will explore the feasibility of this request with PWDCA's webmaster. The Board discussed the development of an integrated questionnaire form that can be used by various committees.

The Board approved the number of committee members (4).

Epilepsy/Seizures – The Board reviewed the report submitted by Elaine Suter (See PWDCA website for full report). The former seizure committee's role was to support members rather than to collect data and no committee records were kept. The Board acknowledged the importance of ensuring that committee records are passed on to subsequent committees.

The Board discussed confidentiality of information handled by committees. The Board will review the draft confidentiality agreement that the 2006 Board worked on.

Eye - The Board reviewed the report submitted by Joan Bendure (See PWDCA website for full report). The Board noted that the committee's recommendation regarding CERFs for puppies is included in the PWDCA puppy packet on the PWDCA website and in the Breeder Referral Agreement.

Heart – The Board reviewed the March 30, 2007 committee report (See PWDCA website for full report).

Illustrated Breed Standard (ad hoc) – The Board discussed the committee report submitted by Steve Dostie (See PWDCA website for full report). The committee should plan to present its final drawings at the in-person Board meeting at the 2007 National Specialty. The Board discussed that the primary audience for the IBS will be breeders and judges.

Judges Selection – The PWDCA membership voted for Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna to be the 2008 National Specialty conformation judge. The Committee has indicated that the 2009 Judges Selection process will begin as soon as a contract is completed with the 2008 National Specialty Judge.

Junior Membership – The Board reviewed the report submitted by Cindy O'Connor (See PWDCA website for full report). The Board discussed opportunities for juniors to get together at future National Specialties.

Health & Litter Database – The Board discussed the report submitted by Joe Shoenfelder (See PWDCA website for full report). The Board appreciates the effort the committee has made recently to address missing information. The Board discussed recommendations for optimizing the HLD in the short term and long term.

Information Technology (ad hoc) – The Board reviewed the committee report submitted on March 23, 2007, and noted the report was very helpful (See PWDCA website for full report).

The Board discussed improvements to tracking and accessing data, confidentiality issues and the administration of the database.

The Board agreed that it was important to modernize and expand the Club's information technology. The Board agreed that the next step would be to explore hiring an IT consultant with expertise in integrated breed club databases to assist the Club. Stuart Freeman agreed to be the Board's point of contact for this effort. Additional information is needed about the costs and work of implementing some of the functions the IT Committee and others have recommended. The Board will provide additional direction after receiving a report on the upcoming discussions with the database consultant. The Board agreed that the ad hoc IT committee had served its purpose and therefore can be disbanded with our thanks. Pending the fact finding report from Stu, the Board will consider forming a standing committee if needed to proceed with IT development and plans to ensure the involvement of members with historical expertise.

Legislative – The Board reviewed the March 21, 2007 committee report submitted by Jody Van Loan (See PWDCa website for full report). The Board would like the committee to consider working with AKC on sending out legislative alerts rather than establishing a phone tree to accomplish this task.

Membership – The Board reviewed the March 26, 2007 e-mail regarding the 2007 Membership Directory submitted by Pat Qvigstadt. MOTION to appoint Leslie Arner to membership committee- Rita Araujo, 2nd Cindy O'Connor. APPROVED unanimously. Kathy Monroe will discuss with Pat modify the PPM to expand the description of committee composition.

Obedience / Tracking – The committee did not submit a report. The Board noted that the committee chair publishes monthly titling updates on the PWDCa e-list.

Orthopedic – The Board reviewed the March 6, 2007 report submitted by Angela Harding (See PWDCa website for full report). The Board would like to see the committee develop additional information on elbows, current research updates, and information related to recent queries on the PWD e-list regarding spinal issues.

Producer of Merit (ad hoc) - The Board reviewed the March 5, 2007 committee report submitted by Letty Afong (See PWDCa website for full report). The committee should resubmit the entire POM guidelines proposal for review at the next Board meeting, after including clarifying language responsive to the Board's questions.

Regional Clubs - Janis Watts reported that the committee received all required resanctioning paperwork from the Canadian PWD Club and the Southern California PWD Club. The committee recommends that the Board approve resanctioning of both clubs. MOTION to approve resanctioning of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Canada and the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club - Janis Watts, 2nd Phyllis Zusman. APPROVED unanimously.

MOTION to change the policy regarding submission of resanctioning applications to require a deadline of June 30th for all clubs submitting annual applications for resanctioning. Delinquent clubs will be put on probation – Janis Watts, 2nd Susan Becker. APPROVED unanimously.

The Board discussed possible amendments to the PPM regarding definition of geographic region of clubs. The Board asked the Committee to request that regional club bylaws include a provision requiring that members of the regional club be in good standing with the PWDCA. New clubs applying for PWDCA sanctioning must include this language in their bylaws. The Board discussed and supported the idea of encouraging ringside mentoring at supported entries.

Breeder Referral Report – The Board reviewed the report submitted by Sandy Overton (See PWDCA website for full report). The Board will discuss committee guidelines in conjunction with the discussion of the Code of Ethics. Jean Hassebroek is continuing to work on updates to the puppy packet.

Rescue – The Board reviewed the report submitted by Mary Harkins (See PWDCA website for full report). The Board will discuss the committee’s proposed changes to the breeder referral program in conjunction with the discussion of the Code of Ethics.

OLD BUSINESS

Code of Ethics – The Board discussed the issue of revising the COE. Stuart Freeman gave a detailed summary of the written feedback and e-mail submissions from members and a history of the Ethics Committee’s work on the draft COE. A significant amount of comments dealt with whether mandatory practices, breeding requirements, breeder discretion and enforcement should be included in the COE. There was no clear direction from the membership on revisions to the COE, nor was there consensus from Ethics Committee members. The Board discussed the process for addressing complaints from non-members or associate members and the importance of promoting PWDCA’s breeder referral list to puppy buyers.

The Board concluded that two codes should be established. The first code to be drafted will be a voluntary and desirable Breeder’s Code. PWDCA will promote breeders that sign this Breeder’s Code and offer perks to these “gold standard” breeders. The Breeder’s Code will eventually replace the existing Breeder Referral Agreement. Breeding practices identified in the current COE and the revised draft COE will be considered for inclusion in the Breeder’s Code. A written commitment to abide by the Breeder’s Code will be a condition of participation in the Breeder Referral List. The second code to be drafted will be an updated Code of Ethics for the Club. The Board decided that this Code of Ethics should not include mandates and should generally be in line with PWDCA’s existing COE.

The Board agreed to defer the Ethics Committee’s term limits since the COE is not yet completed but should be relatively soon. The Board will ask current Ethics Committee members, with input from other PWDCA volunteers, to work on the Breeder’s Code and revised COE, implementing the direction provided by the Board.

SEAT (Specialty Event Advisory Team) - The Board reviewed the SEAT committee report submitted by Janet Boyd (See PWDCA website for full report).

MOTION to approve the recommendation of SEAT that administrative costs related to the LLC (merchant accounts, liability insurance and certificates, Connecticut business taxes, etc.) that an estimated expense for these administrative costs (currently estimated between \$2,000 and \$2,500) for each specialty be deducted from the profits being disbursed to the host club(s) and PWDCAs- Kathy Monroe, 2nd Rita Araujo. APPROVED unanimously.

MOTION to approve the recommendation of SEAT that sweepstakes age restrictions be changed to mirror Futurity, allowing for “15 and older” class division to accept those puppies that were unable to enter the year prior due to the date of the national specialty with the addition of a requirement that a dog can only be shown in the first sweepstakes for which it is eligible – Cindy O’Connor, 2nd Stuart Freeman. Voting in favor: Rita Araujo, Karen Arends, Susan Becker, Suzanne Bohan, Stuart Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Kathy Monroe, Cindy O’Connor, Phyllis Zusman. Voting against: Janis Watts.

MOTION to approve SEAT’s recommendation to increase National Specialty seed monies available upon approval of a bid to host the specialty to a total of \$5,000 – Janis Watts, 2nd Jean Hassebroek. APPROVED unanimously.

MOTION to require a Breeder Development event at National Specialties- Jean Hassebroek, 2nd Cindy O’Connor. APPROVED unanimously.

MOTION to approve the 2007 National Specialty host committee’s recommendation to move the date of Junior Showmanship to Tuesday per AKC’s request to conform to AKC requirements of contiguous events within one show – Cindy O’Connor, 2nd Jean Hassebroek. APPROVED unanimously.

MOTION to approve the 2008 National Specialty host committee’s recommendation of Helen Mc Nelly and Beth Laukka as Agility Co-Chairs; and Celeste Chapman as Obedience Chair – Janis Watts, 2nd Jean Hassebroek. APPROVED unanimously.

MOTION to approve the 2008 National Specialty host committee’s recommendation that Debbie Gross-Saunders present a seminar on structure, prevention and treatment of performance related injuries in dogs – Stuart Freeman, 2nd Suzanne Bohan. APPROVED unanimously.

2009 National – Board would like SEAT to start considering host for 2009 National Specialty.

Meeting temporarily adjourned at 6:35 pm. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 am on Sunday, April 1st.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 am on April 1st.

COMMITTEE COMPLIANCE WITH HLD

The Board agreed that after committee membership are updated, the Board will contact committee chairs to ask that committee members update dog info in the Health and Litter Database.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP @ February 2007

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Country</u>
Abadie	Sylvie	St. Augustin de Desmaures	QUE	Canada
Almodovar	Diane J.	Orlando	FL	
Andritsch	Anne M.	Port Townsend	WA	
Cooper	Debra S.	Cleveland	GA	
DiVico	Kristin	Mohegan Lake	NY	
DiVico (JrMem)	Janna	Mohegan Lake	NY	
DiVico (JrMem)	Kailee	Mohegan Lake	NY	
DiVico (JrMem)	Madison	Mohegan Lake	NY	
Enos	Coralee	Jamestown	RI	
Gluck	Andrew	Philadelphia	PA	
Gluck	Denise	Philadelphia	PA	
Holton	Rebecca L.	Northport	MI	
March	Darla M.	Miami	FL	
Steele	Kathleen M.	N. Redington Beach	FL	
Steele	Philip S.	N. Redington Beach	FL	
Wagstrom	Chris	Los Altos	CA	
Wagstrom (JrMem)	Sam	Los Altos	CA	
Waugh	Kathryn Page (Page)	Bozman	MD	
Westendorf	Carolyn	San Clemente	CA	
Westendorf	David	San Clemente	CA	
Wilkins	William B.	Dunnellon	FL	

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATE TO 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:

Brenda F. BARNETTE & Mary Alice DAVIS
 Moe FLAHERTY
 Linda & William GRUBESSI

The following Associate Members' applications for Active Membership were presented at the February 20, 2007 Board Meeting for review:

Denise L. & Michael BROWN
 Amy FARABAUGH

Marietta FRANZESE
Candace WEISS-RIGGS
Cristi Fogus & Bruce Alan WETHERHOLT

MOTION to approve the applications of Denise L. & Michael Brown, Amy Farabaugh, Marietta Franzese, Candace Weiss-Riggs, Cristi Fogus & Bruce Alan Wetherholt - Rita Araujo, 2nd Cindy O'Connor. APPROVED unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Bookkeeper Position

An application from Pat Qvigstadt has been received for this position.

Policy & Procedures Manual

MOTION to approve the following language for inclusion in the PPM:

All committee reports sent to the PWDCA Board will be posted on the PWDCA website after the reports are discussed at Board meetings. Committee reports will be briefly summarized in Board meeting minutes and the minutes will include reference to the website where the complete reports can be viewed. If a committee needs to share information of a sensitive or confidential nature with the Board, the committee should provide that information to the Board in separate correspondence from the committee report - Stuart Freeman, 2nd Cindy O'Connor. APPROVED unanimously.

Nominating Committee for 2008

MOTION to approve the following volunteers suggested by Mary Harkins, nominating committee chair, for the 2007 Nominating Committee: Mary Harkins (Pennsylvania); Caren Murray (Ohio); Debbie Gressle (Wisconsin); Linda Kelly (California); Rita Araujo (Massachusetts) and to add Kit Murphy (Massachusetts) as an alternate. Cindy O'Connor, 2nd Janis Watts. APPROVED unanimously.

PWDCA Website

The website committee is considering including human interest stories highlighting unique dogs on the PWDCA website.

Reimbursement of Travel Expenses Policy

The Board agreed to clarify the Board meeting reimbursement policy to limit reimbursement to one in-person meeting annually, other than the National Specialty. The Board also agreed that expenses for materials needed to conduct the meeting should be reimbursed by PWDCA.

MOTION that club members attending the Canine Health Foundation Conference, AKC Parent

Club Conference and AKC Delegate meetings shall be reimbursed in accordance with the policy adopted for in-person Board meeting travel expenses for such expenses not reimbursed by others. Club members seeking such reimbursement shall present to PWDCA a written report on the proceedings of the conference or meeting they attended. MOTION Kathy, 2nd Stuart Freeman. APPROVED unanimously.

The Board agreed that requests for reimbursement of committee travel expenses should be considered for approval by the Board on a case-by-base basis.

“Understanding Our Dogs”

Dr. Lore Haug, DVM, ACVB, is excited to assist PWDCA in developing and implementing the “Understanding Our Dogs” program. She will be responsible for writing articles for The Courier, assisting with developing resource lists, reviewing articles written by others, and leading 2 weeks of discussions on PWDCA-list.

Kathy Monroe reported that the 2006 Health Survey was done on a household basis. The median number of dogs in household was 4 dogs. Approximately 800 households (25% of total responding) had 1 dog. Kathy Monroe has spoken with Margaret Slater about compiling additional behavioral information from the health survey.

The Board discussed honorariums for Dr. Haug and Dr. Slater.

MOTION to approve an overall project budget of \$5000. Cindy O’Connor, 2nd Janis Watts. APPROVED unanimously.

Kathy is working with committee chairs to provide information for articles in The Courier.

PWDCA Logo Trademark

Stuart Freeman agreed to contact the attorney handling the PWDCA Logo trademark application to provide direction and get a status report.

Movers & Shakers Water Trial Funding Request

MOTION to approve the request of Movers & Shakers for \$200 for their 2007 water trials - Jean Hassebroek, 2nd Rita Araujo. APPROVED unanimously.

Outstanding Breeder Achievement Award

The OBAA calculations have been finalized for 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

AKC’s Eligibility Requirements to Hold Future Dogs Shows

The Board reviewed AKC's new eligibility requirements (attached). Janis Watts agreed to distribute these requirements to our Regional Clubs.

PWDCA Membership Pin.

The Board discussed whether to have a membership pin. MOTION to provide club pins and club decals with the PWDCA logo to all members - Janis Watts, 2nd Cindy O'Connor. APPROVED unanimously.

Health Committee Coordinator

The Board discussed the merits of having a health committee coordinator to work with health committees. MOTION to create a Health Information Coordinator position and to seek volunteers to serve as the coordinator - Rita Araujo, 2nd Janis Watts. APPROVED unanimously.

Regional Specialty Approvals

The Board discussed coordination between regional club specialties and National club specialties regarding the dates of these specialties. The Board would like SEAT to forecast possible dates for National Specialties for several years into the future, taking into account the existence of religious and national holidays and to identify established regional specialty dates. Karen Arends will ask SEAT to develop this information for consideration by potential National Specialty host clubs.

National Specialty Planning

The Board discussed the importance of encouraging regional clubs to host the National Specialty and ensuring that our policies support this effort. The Board discussed mentoring of newer clubs, distribution of specialty proceeds and encouraging volunteer participation.

AKC Archives

Karen Arends led a discussion about the revitalization of the AKC archives and the related archiving and preservation services available to Parent Clubs. The Board would like the PWDCA archivist, Janet Boyd, to look into filing some of PWDCA's archived information with AKC. Janis Watts will draft a letter suggesting that Regional Clubs submit archival information and materials regarding their club's history through the PWDCA for forwarding to the AKC archives.

Future Meeting Dates

The Board discussed rescheduling the Board meeting dates in May and August to avoid conflicts. Board members will review their schedules and provide their availability to Karen Arends.

MOTION to adjourn at 10:50 am. Suzanne Bohan, 2nd Rita Araujo. APPROVED unanimously.

MEETINGADJOURNED

The next Board Meeting will be held May 22, 2007 via teleconference. Agenda items are to be submitted to Karen Arends by May 15, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Bohan
PWDCA Recording Secretary
