

2008 PWDCA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

18 SEPTEMBER 2008

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, WARWICK, RI

The 2008 PWDCA Annual Meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. EST by Karen Arends, President.

ROLL CALL – Karen Arends announced that a quorum of 10% had been reached for this meeting. Karen introduced the current Board: Karen Arends (President), Mary Eadie (Recording Secretary), Jean Hassebroek (Corresponding Secretary), Marti Martin (Treasurer), Rita Araujo (Director), Joan Bendure (Director), Stu Freeman (Director), Paula Stevens (Director), Janis Watts (Director). **ABSENT** - Chuck Teasley (Vice President). Jan Sherriffs was also introduced at this time as the newest elected member of the 2009 Board. No write-in nominee's were received, therefore, pursuant to the bylaws, the Nominating Committee's nominees: Karen Arends, Stu Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Jan Sherriffs and Janis Watts shall be declared elected by acclamation and no election ballot will be mailed to the membership.

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING – Karen Arends announced that the minutes of the 2007 PWDCA Annual Meeting held on 3 October 2007 were approved by the 2007 PWDCA Board and published in the November/December 2007 issue of the Courier.

The Standing Rules for the Annual Meeting were reviewed. A MOTION was made by Steve Dostie, SECOND Karen Miller to approve the Standing Rules for the Annual Meeting. **APPROVED.**

REPORT OF PRESIDENT – Karen Arends reminded attendees to pick up a copy of the 2008 PWDCA Annual Report available at the door. Members not in attendance can obtain a copy by contacting Mary Eadie.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT – None, not present.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY – None, see Annual Report.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – None.

REPORT OF TREASURER – None, see Annual Report.

AWARDS

Special Recognition – Karen Arends remarked that “There are a lot of PWDCA members who have belonged to the Club for a long time. People are proud to have been members for 10 to 20 years, and there are oohs and aaahs when someone has been in this breed for over 25 years. But the real “oldies but goodies” are a couple that have been around since the beginning. The PWDCA's incorporation was approved in August of 1972 – and Ed and Barbara Whitney have been members since January 1973. The Whitney's have always been active in the Club from obtaining the first AKC obedience title with a Portuguese Water Dog to Ed judging our Rally classes on Tuesday. With members like this, the

PWDCA was bound to be a success from the beginning. Please join me in thanking Ed and Barbara for their consistent support and assistance with the Club and anyone interested in PWDs.”

AKC Delegate’s Award - Karen Arends presented this year’s AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award to Deb Zorn. Karen remarked “I didn’t realize this program by The American Kennel Club to honor individuals who have made a difference in the world of purebred dogs with their cheery dispositions was going to be ongoing – but I’m glad it is and that I get the chance to present it. Every year we see so many instances of good sportsmanship in the PWDCA – and this week seems to bring out the best in everyone. At every National Specialty there’s a smiling face seen being walked by a gaggle of PWDs with wagging tails eager to greet people or perform in any of the many venues available throughout the week. It takes a very special person to deal with several dogs, visiting with everyone they see, and helping many people along their way. If we could clone this person, there would be a lot more cheerful people by the end of the Specialty Week. Here’s to one of the most patient, pleasant, hard working, persistent, and dog-loving people I know – always with a smile available for everyone – Deb Zorn.”

President’s Award – Karen Arends presented this year’s President’s Award to Janet Boyd. Karen stated that “This is my favorite part of the meeting! Where else can I recognize a PWDCA member who does so much for our club – and does it in front of so many people? Has this week appeared to be running smoothly to all of us? A lot of this is due to the talented National Specialty Committee for this year and all their excellent planning. But what we don’t see is the Club committee working all year long, for several years – the Specialty Event Advisory Team (SEAT). This group is led by a fabulously efficient, knowledgeable, and untiring lady – and they keep each National Specialty from having to start at Step 1. Not only did she help SEAT become an outstanding tool for the PWDCA, this woman spent two years as Recording Secretary, seems to be able to answer almost any question concerning the Club, and is always willing to help anyone with anything – I also understand the Malamute world referred to this person as the “Georgia Peach.” Please join me in acknowledging Janet Boyd.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deyanne Miller Scholarship Fund – It was announced that, as previously approved by the Board, Kaitlynn Candies and Kristin Canchola will be awarded scholarships from the fund in the amount of \$750 and \$500, respectively.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Certificate of Incorporation – Stu Freeman reported that the changes in the bylaws certificate of incorporation has been filed as amended. The State of Connecticut said that their rules have changed and therefore required technical corrections.

Trademark Copyright – Stu Freeman reported that questions have arisen concerning usage of the PWDCA trademark from members who had bought previous versions in the past. The copyright of the PWDCA trademark of two dogs “on a rock” and two dogs “not on a rock” are both now legally protected under copyright laws.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2008 Officers of the Board were introduced: President (Karen Arends), Vice President (Chuck Teasley - Absent), Recording Secretary (Mary Eadie), Corresponding Secretary (Jean Hassebroek) and Treasurer (Marti Martin).

Jane McEwen requested that anyone who has not had a chance to pick up their merchandise or registration bags should do so in the Hospitality suite. Ginnie Santoli reminded everyone that hotel checkout time is 11:00.

The next Annual Meeting will be held at the 18th PWDCA National Specialty at the Rend Lake Resort located in Whittington, IL sometime during the week of 12 – 17 September 2009. The Specialty is being hosted by the Overboard PWD Club under the direction of show co-chairs Mary-Kay Schroeder and Lisa Humke.

ADJOURNMENT – A MOTION was made by Karen Miller, SECOND Steve Dostie to adjourn the meeting. **APPROVED.** The meeting was officially adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Eadie
PWDCA Recording Secretary