

PWDCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8 December 2009 Meeting Minutes

The tenth and final meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America for the year 2009 was held on Tuesday, 8 December 2009 via teleconference. The meeting was called to order by President, Stu Freeman at 7:01 p.m. eastern standard time and incoming Board Members Leslie McCracken, Marilu Novy and Elaine Suter were welcomed to the meeting.

PRESENT - Karen Arends, Joan Bendure, Robin Burmeister, Mary Eadie, Stu Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Marti Martin, Paula Stevens, Chuck Teasley and Janis Watts.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - The minutes of the 27 October 2009 PWDCA Board Meeting are being reviewed and upon approval will be published on the PWDCA website and in *The Courier*.

RECORD OF E-MAIL VOTES - The following e-mail votes were recorded from 21 October to 8 December 2009:

1. Received 10/29/09 - MOTION from Stu Freeman, second Jean Hassebroek to renew the annual survey tool subscription in the amount of \$200 and have Janet Boyd inform committee chairs of it's availability. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY on 30 October 2009.**
2. Received 11/21/09. MOTION by Karen Arends, SECOND Chuck Teasley that the PWDCA fund PWDCA Rescue Inc. from the PWDCA Restricted Rescue Fund based on the following schedule: Now - \$15,000; May 2010 - \$15,000; May 2011 - \$15,000 or the balance of the segregated fund. And, that major PWD Rescue expenses (such as, but not limited to: Filing Fees, Legal Fees, Insurance) be paid out of the PWDCA Restricted Rescue Fund until such time that the Rescue segregated funds have been exhausted or through May 2011, whichever is earliest. IN FAVOR Karen Arends, Joan Bendure, Robin Burmeister, Mary Eadie, Stu Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Paula Stevens, Chuck Teasley, Janis Watts; NO VOTE Marti Martin. **APPROVED on 22 November 2009.**
3. Received 11/26/09 - Motion by Chuck Teasley, SECOND Joan Bendure to approve an application received from the Keystone PWDC requesting permission to hold a Supported Entry in conjunction with the Chester Valley Kennel Club on 15 May, 2010 at the Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds in Ludwig's Corner, PA. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY on 3 December 2009.**

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT - Nothing to report.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT - Nothing to report.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY - Nothing to report.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Nothing to report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - Financial statements for the months of October and November 2009 were forwarded to the Board.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE

AKC Board of Directors Class of 2014 - Presentations will be given to Delegates at the December meeting by the following candidates, which will be voted on in March 2010.

Dr. Carmen Battaglia (German Shepherd Dog Club of America)
Dr. J. Charles Garvin (Marion Ohio Kennel Club)
Steven D. Gladstone (Reno Kennel Club)
Dr. William R. Newman (Mastiff Club of America)
Patricia C. Scully (Obedience Training Club of Hawaii)

Grand Championship: At the December Delegate Meeting there will be a vote that could allow for awarding Grand Championship Points to Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch toward a new title of Grand Champion. This award is being designed to provide incentives for exhibitors to continue showing their dogs beyond earning a Championship title.

Group Realignment: As recommended by the Realignment Committee, the Board voted that when the Group Realignment proposal is brought back the Delegates for a vote in March 2010, it will recommend that it be postponed indefinitely.

Working Sport: After a three year trial period, the Working Dog Sport has been discontinued – however AKC will record Working Dog titles recommended by Parent Clubs and approved by AKC Board approval.

Use of Fresh Extended Semen: Artificial insemination using fresh extended semen no longer requires extraction by a veterinarian to qualify for AKC registration.

ASSOCIATE TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS - The following Associate Members' applications for Active Membership were sent to Board Members via e-mail prior to this meeting. They are being published here and on the PWDCAL e-mail list in order for PWDCAL Members to have an opportunity to submit any comments to the Recording Secretary prior to voting at the next Board Meeting. All comments received will be made available to the prospective candidate.

JANICE BUTLER - sponsored by Mary-Kay Schroeder, Chuck Bubert
DOROTHY HANKINSON - sponsored by Mary Salvary, Benita Bottom-Svitschan

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS @ October 2009

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Country</u>
Ames	Barb	Traverse City	MI	
Bach	Barbara O.	Scotch Plains	NJ	
Baker	Heather M.	McLean	VA	
Blake	Kathy	Ottawa	ONT	Canada
Boedecker	Glen	Woodbury	MN	
Bradley	Nicola A	Havant	Hants	UK
Brelis	Morgan Baker	Cambridge	MA	
Bullis	Jenna	El Sobrante	CA	
Burton	Margaret N.	Mount Airy	MD	
Burton, II	Fredric C.	Mount Airy	MD	

Capodanno	James	Jupiter	FL
Clarke	Jolene	Gurnee	IL
Dodd	Linda	Wirtz	VA
Drake	Dyanne	Minneapolis	MN
Fitzgerald	Elizabeth M.	Savannah	GA
Fitzgerald	Laura Kevin	Savannah	GA
Fitzgerald, Jr.	John J.	Savannah	GA
Garvey	Sharon	Germantown	MD
Genet	Karen H.	Gig Harbor	WA
Genet	Richard P.	Gig Harbor	WA
Harkness	Nicolle	Dumas	AR
Jacobs	Steven	Bethesda	MD
Johnston	Charles	Minneapolis	MN
Kelly	Michael	Ramsey	NJ
Kelly	Nancy	Ramsey	NJ
Kenney	Kaitlin Elizabeth	Savannah	GA
Lupo	Lisa	Grapevine	TX
McGarry	Jane M.	Old Lyme	CT
Mercorio	Sarah	Summit	NJ
Moore	Bruce	Rehoboth Beach	DE
Moore	Peggy	Brookeville	MD
Nadell	Cary	East Hampton	NY
Nadell	Karen H.	East Hampton	NY
Olivas	Mary A.	Colorado Springs	CO
Olivas	Raymond B.	Colorado Springs	CO
Piotrowski	A.R. Sage	Ozona	FL
Rausch	Kurt M.	Alexandria	VA
Shane	Kelly	Corning	CA
Sher	Marty	New York	NY
Spon	David	New London	CT
Torett	Eleanore M.	The Sea Ranch	CA
Urkowitz	Ronda R.	Vorhees	NJ
Votolato	Jason	Greenville	RI
Walls	Tammy	Georgetown	DE
Walters	Kendal	Kapolei	HI
Wittenberg	Craig	Mercer Island	WA
Wittenberg	Gretchen	Mercer Island	WA
Zuanich	Sue	Park City	UT

JUNIOR AFFILIATES @ October 2009

Rausch (JA)	William A.	Alexandria	VA
Walls (JA)	Tori	Georgetown	DE
Wittenberg (JA)	Aditiya	Mercer Island	WA

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Bearman	Nicole	West Bend	WI	
Brennan	Jane	Westport	CT	
Foster	Robyn	Londonderry	NSW	Australia
Graham	Jenny	Asheville	NC	
Ochs	Agnes	Traverse City	MI	
Parks	Mark	West Bend	WI	
Rayfield	Arlyn	Randolph	NJ	
Ward	Joanna	Duluth	GA	
Weinberg	Kerstin	Seattle	WA	

COMITTEE REPORTS

PWDCA Rescue Inc. - Karen Arends, PWDCA Rescue Inc. President, reported that Rescue is moving forward with organization and makes the following requests to assist in this development.

1. Have the PWDCA's Regional Committee Chair be one of the PWDCA's appointed Rescue Board members each year. This would help smooth out any issues that might arise with the regional clubs' Rescue "volunteers" and their duties.

Following discussion, it was decided that there should be no restrictions on Club Board Members being assigned to the Rescue Board.

2. PWDCA Rescue Inc. be allowed to arrange for 2 auction items to be designated for Rescue at the PWDCA National Specialty live auction and/or be allowed a fundraising event (raffle, sale of Rescue items, etc.) at the PWDCA National Specialty. It was decided that SEAT should be contacted with this request.

3. Allow a ¼ page "ad" in each Courier issue for PWDCA Rescue Inc. which would list what to do if someone comes across a possible Rescue dog – with the exception that the Rescue issue would still contain whatever Rescue input the Courier Editor requests.

MOTION BY Chuck Teasley, SECOND Jean Hassebroek to allow a ¼ page "ad" in each Courier issue for PWDCA Rescue Inc. which would list what to do if someone comes across a possible Rescue dog – with the exception that the Rescue issue would still contain whatever Rescue input the Courier Editor requests. IN FAVOR Karen Arends, Joan Bendure, Robin Burmeister, Mary Eadie, Stu Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Paula Stevens, Chuck Teasley; AGAINST Janis Watts; ABSTAIN Marti Martin.

APPROVED. Stu Freeman suggested that a more detailed article be written first and then followed by the ads.

SEAT Committee - The Committee has reported contact updates to the Board as requested.

2009 - Looks promising to have final financials at this year end.

2010 - Onofrio has been signed as the show superintendent for conformation, sweepstakes, and futurity events. The judging panel has been submitted to AKC for approval. The following judges have accepted assignments and contracts are in hand:

Tracking: Barbara Adcock, Anne Hershey
 Obedience/Rally: Curt Cunningham, Lora Cox
 Sweeps: Lou Guthrie
 Futurity: Brytt Hasslinger
 Water: Pam Marshall, Judy Murray
 Agility: Mark Upshaw
 Junior Showmanship: Karen Arends

2011- Nothing to report at this time.

2012 - Chicagoland club has expressed a renewed interest in bidding for the 2012 specialty. Supporting documents have been provided and they are researching sites.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Chuck Teasley, SECOND Karen Arends to approve the following entry fees for the 2010 PWDC National Specialty. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

<u>Event</u>	<u>1st Entry</u>	<u>2nd Entry</u>	<u>3rd Entry</u>
Conformation	\$30	\$20	
Obedience	\$30	\$20	
Rally	\$30	\$20	
Agility	\$30	\$20	\$15
Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran)	\$20		
Futurity	\$10		
Stud Dog & Brood Bitch	\$30		
Conformation Brace (as an unit)	\$20		
Obedience Brace (as an unit)	\$20		
Obedience Team (as an unit)	\$30		
Rally Team (as an unit)	\$30		
Jr. Showmanship	Free		
Superdog	\$15		
Parade of Seniors	\$20		
Water	\$40		
Tracking	\$150		

OLD BUSINESS

Associate To Active Membership Form - Mary Eadie is still working on the form.

Coat Committee (New) - Jean Hassebroek has contacted Ginnie Santoli about developing the description and purpose of the proposed committee and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Courier Advisory Committee - Stu Freeman will contact Terry Cardillino on the feasibility of adding additional members to the committee.

Heart Committee - The following was submitted by Carol Mattingly in response to questions posed by the Board:

1. *How many PWDs have been tested for JDCM?* **934.**
2. *Can you tell us the percentage of carriers and normals?* **Normal – 89% Carriers – 11% .**
3. *Is it still the researcher's goal to identify the mutation gene for JDCM?* **Yes.**
4. *Do they have any updates on their research that the PWDCA could share with our members?* **Dr. Paula Henthorn has agreed to write an article explaining where the research stands and what plans are for the future. It will be published in The Courier, the only tool available for dissemination of information to the membership.**
5. *Do they need additional funding?* **As the research continues, we're certain they'll need more funding. Dr. Henthorn's article may address this issue and the PWDCA Board will be notified when a request has been officially presented.**
6. *Can the PWDCA have an accounting of how much money the committee has made placing the normal pups and how much the committee has spent taking care of these pups? If there is/was a profit, was this money given to the U of P to help defray the costs of the research?* **All of the income and the expense went through the PWDCA accounts, so Pat Qvigstad should be able to furnish the exact amounts to you. PWDCA I believe used some of the money to cover grant money to Penn.**
7. *Are the researchers or PWD owners still producing pups for research? If so is the committee still placing the normal pups?* **No, PWD pups are not being produced for research thus no placements are necessary.**
8. *How many PWD or PWD mixed breed dogs live in the research facility? Are these dogs used for research other than Cardio? If so, what kind of research are they being used for?* **No purebred PWD's live in the research facility. There are mixed breed dogs living there but only a few could have an insignificant amount of PWD genetic material thus they're not considered PWD's, Peagles, nor anything close. These dogs are owned completely by the U of PA thus we have no idea how many dogs are there, what breeds or mixes they are, nor what research projects they are being used for. Research into PWD JDCM continues with blood which has been stored in the past. It is not necessary any longer to produce PWD JDCM affected puppies.**
9. *Will these dogs be released at some point so they can be placed in homes, or is the plan to have PWDs/PWD mixes permanently living in a research facility?* **See above response. The PWDCA does not own nor have any control over the dogs in the U of PA research facility.**
10. *Are the normal pups that have been placed continuing to be micro chipped and if so who is listed as the contact?* **All puppies who went through the U of PA research facility were micro chipped. Carolyn Iraggi of the PWDCA Heart Committee and Dr. Paula Henthorn were listed as contacts. There have been no litters nor normal pups going through the facility that we are aware of or over a year. Remember we do not own them, so are not obligated to be told if Penn has a litter.**

Online Survey Tool Available to PWDCA Committees - The PWDCA holds an annual professional subscription to an online survey tool. The initial purpose of service was to gather information from the membership/fanciers on their national specialty attendance. Any committee has the option to utilize this tool as a part of the Club's subscription. Contact Janet Boyd at jlbpwd@yahoo.com for more information or help in setting up your committee's online survey.

The tool offers a robust variety of question types and methods of delivering surveys. You may choose to open the survey up to a web link or email it to a core group. Delivery method would be determined by the focus of your survey and the target audience.

To learn more about the survey company and service you may choose to review their website at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/>. For more detailed information on how their system works you may review their help center at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/HelpCenter/HelpCenter.aspx>.

Policy & Procedures Manual - Robin Burmeister sent the draft P&PM out for committee review and reported that several did not bother responding. MOTION by Chuck Teasley, SECOND Janis Watts to approve the P&PM as presented. IN FAVOR Karen Arends, Robin Burmeister, Mary Eadie, Stu Freeman, Jean Hassebroek, Marti Martin, Paula Stevens, Chuck Teasley, Janis Watts; ABSTAIN Joan Bendure. **APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Allergy, Hair Loss, Dermatology Survey - The Board discussed Ginnie Santoli's request to conduct an allergy, hair loss, dermatology specific survey where dog's and their pedigrees would be identified to the Committee who would keep that info confidential. The Board approved the concept, that [surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com) be utilized and requests that survey questions be reviewed by the Board before release.

Courier Revenue - The current issue of the Courier, Nov/Dec 2009, in spite of the economy, has been the highest revenue producing issue in the past ten years at a 10-year-high of \$19,307.50. Nov/Dec is the National Specialty issue, and from 1999 through 2008, it's revenue has run between \$7,726.40 to \$14,841.20. The current issue has a record number of ads, most of which are color. Please keep in mind that a large number of color ads does not always mean the most profitable issue, as the color pages are more expensive to produce and we try to keep our advertising rates low for the membership. But it does show continued advertiser support for the PWDCA and the magazine.

Deyanne Miller Scholarship Fund 2009 Fundraiser - Jean Hassebroek reported that Paula Stevens came up with the idea of commissioning an original art piece for the fundraising efforts with the work divided between Jean and Paula. A total of \$2,055.13 was raised for the DMSF.

HLD Extension - MOTION by Janis Watts, SECOND Jean Hassebroek to extend the server contract to keep the current database running for another year while the new database is still under development. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

National Specialty Signage - Nigel Clark suggested that a Signage Chair be appointed to the Specialty Committee, responsible for ensuring appropriate directions to events are provided and also be responsible for designing and ordering signs. Nigel provided a proposed write-up for the P&PM and a detailed list of signage guidelines. After discussion, it was decided that this issue would be referred to SEAT.

PWDCA Health Testing Requirements - Karen Arends reported that she was asked to check into combining the health testing requirements for all PWDCA activities into one document. It was agreed that the Board would discuss this further via e-mail.

Rally Titles - The Board discussed Jean Butterfield's request that new Rally titles be published in the Courier. Robin Burmeister will contact Geri Zuckerman to discuss the feasibility of forming a new committee as Rally is not counted towards AOMs and also contact AKC concerning report costs.

Top 20 Committee - The new Committee will consist of Janis Watts (Chair), Janet Boyd, Kathy Bumiller, Robin Burmeister, Cheryl Smith and Chuck Teasley. Janis Watts presented a brief outline and proposed description of the program with entry fees projected to cost between \$75 to \$100. Janis will provide a draft for Board review within the next 10 days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. and returned to the regular portion of the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

ELECTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS - The following Associate Members' applications for Active Membership were presented to the Board for review at the previous Board meeting and are now eligible for approval. MOTION by Karen Arends, SECOND Jean Hassebroek to approve the applicants listed below for full active membership. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

J. MICHAEL & PATRICIA A. MCLELLAND - sponsored by Mary Salvary, Lisa McClish

AMY EWALD - sponsored by Sherry Rady, Shelley Plucker

PAGE JENSEN - sponsored by Jane Harding, Robin Valiant

ADJOURNMENT. The next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1 January 2010 via teleconference for the sole purpose of electing the PWDCA Officers for 2010. Stu Freeman thanked the outgoing Board members for their service and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Eadie

PWDCA Recording Secretary