

PWDCA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

16 September 2009

Rend Lake Resort, Whittington, IL

CALL TO ORDER - The 2009 PWDCA Annual Meeting was called to order by Stu Freeman, President, at 4:37 p.m. central standard time.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - Stu Freeman welcomed everyone to the PWDCA Annual Meeting and was pleased to introduce the current Board Members: Chuck Teasley (Vice President), Mary Eadie (Recording Secretary), Jean Hassebroek (Corresponding Secretary), Marti Martin (Treasurer) and Directors Karen Arends, Joan Bendure, Robin Burmeister, Paula Stevens and Janis Watts.

Stu Freeman thanked outgoing Board Members Joan Bendure, Mary Eadie, Marti Martin and Paula Stevens and introduced the 2010 Board: Karen Arends (TX), Janet Boyd (WA), Robin Burmeister (MI), Stu Freeman (CT), Jean Hassebroek (IA), Marilu Novy (GA), Leslie McCracken (TX), Elaine Suter (MI), Chuck Teasley (CA) and Janis Watts (AZ).

DECLARATION OF QUORUM - Stu Freeman announced that a quorum was present and this meeting will proceed.

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING - The minutes of the 2008 PWDCA Annual Meeting held on 18 September 2008 has been published on the website and also in the November/December 2008 issue of *the Courier*. . With no objection, the reading of the minutes was dispensed. **MOTION** by Jane Freeman, **SECOND** Barb Stanek to approve the 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes. **APPROVED.**

STANDING RULES - The Standing Rules for the Annual Meeting were read by the Recording Secretary. **MOTION** by Steve Dostie, **SECOND** Gary Martin to approve the Standing Rules for the Annual Meeting. **APPROVED.**

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT - Stu Freeman reported that this year was a productive one for the PWDCA. There are many noteworthy items to mention, among them:

- The formation of PWDCA Rescue Inc. Rescue has its own Board and officers and intends to become a 501 (c) 3 corporation able to receive tax deductible contributions.
- An update of the Policy & Procedures manual by Robin Burmeister, a truly Herculean (and almost thankless) task. Final changes and an overall review will take place shortly by the Board.
- *The Courier* again won several awards presented by the Dog Writers Association of America, including winning Best National Club Magazine for the fifth time! We greatly appreciate the contributions of Terry Cardillino, our editor extraordinaire.
- Progress continues to be made on the Health & Litter Database with an anticipated update/reorganization completed by end of the year.

- The SEAT committee is tackling National Specialty profitability by suggesting a number of changes that the Board passed.
- The Board will form a new Bylaws Committee to review the existing Bylaws and consider changing those items that were the subject of the extensive discussions on the PWDCA List.
- A revised Breeder Referral/Puppy List Agreement was created by the Breeders' Committee and passed by the Board.

Please read the committee reports included in the annual report to get the full flavor and breadth of the concerns of The PWDCA.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT - Nothing to report.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY - No eligible write-in nominee's have been received, therefore, pursuant to the bylaws, Janet Boyd, Leslie McCracken, Marylu Novy, Elaine Suter and Chuck Teasley are hereby declared elected by acclamation to the 2010 PWDCA Board and no election ballot will be mailed to the membership.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Nothing to report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - Marti Martin noted that the PWDCA has taken steps to reduce financial expenditures to compensate for the economy downturn.

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT - Karen Arends reported that the proposal to split the current conformation 7 groups into 10 groups has been returned to the AKC Board for review, to be returned to the delegates for voting by March 2010.

AKC SPORTSMAN AWARD - Karen Arends was delighted to perform her favorite Delegate role - presenting the AKC Sportsmanship Award to a PWDCA member, saying "This year's recipient has been involved with PWDs since the beginning of their AKC acceptance. She has been active in building a successful regional club - assisting PWD families participating in conformation, obedience, and water work, setting up training events in all areas, as well as understanding the value many people gain from their dogs as loving pets and companions. In spite of numerous health issues over the past several years, this unstoppable woman was always available to any dog owner in any way possible, including supporting and encouraging novice owners with any issue they might bring to her. Always ready with a smile and a helpful hand, *Helen Berg* was the essence of the PWD Club of the Twin Cities and a major asset to the PWDCA - and now that she is gone, her absence will always be present among her countless friends and supporters. This award, presented posthumously, will be sent to Gail Troll to be kept with Helen's things."

NEW BUSINESS

Expulsion of Linda Hinkle - The next item of business was the consideration of the expulsion from the PWDCA of Linda Hinkle. Mary Eadie read the procedure for expulsion according to our bylaws. Stu Freeman read aloud the Hearing Committee's findings supporting the charges of conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the PWDCA or of the breed and their recommendation that Linda Hinkle be expelled from the PWDCA. Secret ballots were distributed to the membership with the results tabulated

under the supervision of Chris Dickey, Parliamentarian. Out of 112 votes cast, 105 were in favor; 6 were against, 1 was illegal. **APPROVED.**

Active Membership Application of Robert Klump - MOTION by Janet Lankester, SECOND Cheryl Hoofnagle that the active membership of Robert Klump be approved. According to our bylaws, "An Active Membership application which has received a negative vote by the Board may be presented by one of the applicant's sponsors at the next PWDCA Annual Meeting, and the Active Members may elect such applicant by secret ballot and a favorable vote of 75 percent of the active Members present." After statements of support from Janet Lankester and Cheryl Hoofnagle and discussion from the floor, secret ballots were distributed to the membership with the results tabulated under the supervision of Chris Dickey, Parliamentarian. Out of 85 votes cast, 39 were in favor; 52 were against. **FAILED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stu Freeman reminded attendees to pick up a copy of the 2009 PWDCA Annual Report available at the door. Members not in attendance can obtain a copy by contacting the recording secretary.

The next Annual Meeting will be held during the 19th PWDCA National Specialty in San Luis Obispo, CA sometime the week of 2 October 2010. The Specialty is being hosted by the PWD Club of Northern California and under the able direction of show chair Sherry Hanen.

ADJOURNMENT - A MOTION was made by Steve Dostie, SECOND Chuck Bubert to adjourn the meeting. **APPROVED.** The meeting was officially adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Eadie
PWDCA Recording Secretary