

**MINUTES OF THE TENTH REGULAR MEETING OF
THE 2010 PWDCA, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The tenth regular meeting of the 2010 PWDCA, Inc. Board of Directors was called to order by President Stuart Freeman at 7:03 p.m., EST, on December 28, 2010, via teleconference.

Present: Stuart Freeman, Charles Teasley, Robin Burmeister, Jean Hassebroek, Leslie McCracken, Janis Watts, Karen Arends, Elaine Suter, Marilu Novy, and Janet Boyd. Listeners: Kathy Maguire, Deb Zorn, Kris Cofeill, and Virginia Santoli. Cindy O'Connor joined the meeting at the midway point.

Minutes of 11/16/10 Meeting: The minutes of the November 16, 2010, PWDCA, Inc. Board meeting were approved and have been, or will be, published on both the PWDCA's website and in *The Courier*.

Record of e-mail votes: The following votes were recorded from November 17, 2010, to December 28, 2010:

1. RECEIVED 11/18/10: A motion by Robin Burmeister and seconded by Charles Teasley to accept the resignation of Beverly Ironside from the Cancer Committee and appoint Leslie McCracken the interim chair. A call will be made to the membership for volunteers. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 11/29/10.**
2. RECEIVED 11/20/10: A motion by Jean Hassebroek and seconded by Elaine Suter to approve the following Associate members as Active Members: LEON, NANCY; VARNER, BILL and KELLI; STRAUCH, LINDA H.; and O'NEILL, KIM. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 11/29/10.**
3. RECEIVED 11/24/10: A motion by Janis Watts and seconded by Marilu Novy to approve the 11/16/10 board minutes. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 11/29/10.**
4. RECEIVED 11/29/10—A motion by Robin Burmeister and seconded by Jean Hassebroek to approve the Active Member application for Chris Duplantis. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 11/30/10.**
5. RECEIVED 11/30/10: A motion by Stuart Freeman and seconded by Karen Arends to approve the ballot and marked-up Bylaws to the members to vote on. YES: Robin Burmeister, Stuart Freeman, Karen Arends, Charles Teasley, Leslie McCracken, Marilu Novy, and Janis Watts. NO: Elaine Suter, Janet Boyd, and Jean Hassebroek. **PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE 12/06/10.**

6. RECEIVED 12/01/10: A motion by Janet Boyd and seconded by Karen Arends that the rewrite of the ROM program be tabled and input about the rewrite be solicited from the membership. YES: Elaine Suter, Charles Teasley, Janet Boyd, Jean Hassebroek, and Karen Arends. NO: Stuart Freeman, Leslie McCracken, Robin Burmeister, Marilu Novy, and Janis Watts. **MOTION FAILED 12/08/10.**
7. RECEIVED 12/08/10: A motion by Leslie McCracken and seconded by Stuart Freeman to approve the ROM revisions submitted by the Awards Committee. YES: Robin Burmeister, Stuart Freeman, Leslie McCracken, Charles Teasley, Karen Arends, Jean Hassebroek, and Marilu Novy. NO: Janis Watts, Janet Boyd, and Elaine Suter. **PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE 12/15/10.**
8. RECEIVED 12/15/10: A motion by Robin Burmeister and seconded by Stuart Freeman that DataPrep shall receive and process Active Member's votes for the revised Bylaws. YES: Robin Burmeister, Stuart Freeman, Leslie McCracken, Charles Teasley, Karen Arends, Janis Watts, Janet Boyd, Elaine Suter and Marilu Novy. NO: Jean Hassebroek. **PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE 12/17/10.**
9. RECEIVED 12/17/10: RECEIVED 12/17/10: A motion by Robin Burmeister and seconded by Stuart Freeman to postpone the start date of the DNA recording requirement in the PWDCA Health Policy to April 1, 2011 to allow participants and the AKC time to get the tests processed and the results returned to members. **YES:** Robin Burmeister, Stuart Freeman, Leslie McCracken, Charles Teasley, Karen Arends, Janis Watts, Janet Boyd, Elaine Suter and Marilu Novy. **NO:** Jean Hassebroek. **PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE 12/28/10.**

President's Report: President Freeman addressed the combined Boards and requested that personal desires of Board members be put aside and that the Board consider the welfare of the dogs first. In addition, he suggested that Board members treat each other with civility, something lacking at times with the 2010 Board. He wished the new Board well and hopes it keeps the high standards that the 2010 Board demonstrated in the Bylaws

Vice President's Report: None.

Recording Secretary's Report: Robin Burmeister reported that five committee chairs responded that club information on their personal computers was safely backed up. One volunteer form was received.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: The 11/30/10 month end reports were provided to the Board.

AKC Delegate's Report: Janis Watts reported some superintendents had been charging juniors additional fees if they changed dogs for junior showmanship classes, and that the fees are to be discontinued. Several AKC trial programs (4-6 month puppy classes, reserve best in show, etc.) were scheduled for 2011 around the country. The number of delegate meetings may be reduced to three, and a day added to each of those three meetings. The AKC is continuing to discuss adding conformation classes for spayed/neutered dogs.

Committee Reports:

1. **PPM:** Robin Burmeister reported that the PPM has been updated through the 11/16/10 meeting.
2. **Breeder Referral Program Committee:** Robin Burmeister and Jan Shirreffs tendered their resignations as chair and members of the BRP, effective 1/1/11. The Board accepted the resignations and, upon a **motion** made by Janet Boyd and seconded by Jean Hassebroek, it was **unanimously approved** to table further action to replace the two committee members until after 1/1/11.
3. **Top-20 Committee:** Our committee selection is almost complete -- but one person has not responded yet and one person is waiting to find out the exact date of the event before she commits. We (Kathy Bumiller and Milarie Rude) have a detailed time line but cannot begin judge selection until we have the exact date of the event. We also have a projected budget written that hopefully will encompass all of our expenses. We are basing this on expenditures we incurred at the 2006 PWDCA National Specialty. The tentative committee positions that we envision:
 - Breed Standard
 - Catalog & Printing – will be done by Kathy Bumiller, who has expertise in this field as well as a working relationship with the company that was used in 2006
 - Chief Ring Steward
 - Decorations
 - Eligibility & Invitations – Milarie Rude
 - Fund Raising
 - Hospitality
 - Judges' Hospitality
 - Master of Ceremonies
 - People's Choice
 - Treasurer
 - Awards & Rosettes – Kathy & Milarie – have contacts with companies that were used in 2006

Janis Watts reported that Cindy Bersano has been selected as the Chief Ring Steward. Also, Janis provided the score sheet breakdown of:

General Appearance: 10
Size Proportion and Substance: 15
Head: 15
Neck, Topline, Body, Tail: 15
Forequarters: 10
Hindquarters: 10
Coat: 5
Gait: 10
Temperament: 10

The Board discussed the committee's report, and upon a **motion** made by Charles Teasley and seconded by Janis Watts, it was **unanimously approved** to accept the committee's report, outline, and score sheet.

4. **SEAT Report:**

2010-
Final financials not yet processed.

2011-
Attached is the updated budget for the 2011 specialty. Roy reports some unanswered questions remain but this one is pretty close. He is working out the final superintendent analysis and should be hearing from Onofrio in the coming days. *Budget for board review, no action required.*

All judges' contracts have been sent out and they are awaiting the return of their signed contracts.

There is an interest in holding a tracking test and they are working with Callaway to determine if there is adequate land available.

The website update is in progress and should be available soon.

Hotel reservations open for our block on January 12, 2011 and 1PM EST.

2012 –

No report at this time.

2013 –

PNWPWDC is in the process of researching adequate facilities to host 2013. At present, they have yet to find an appropriate water site.

The Board discussed that other PWD clubs in the western third of the country are still eligible to be invited to submit bids to host the specialty in 2013.

5. **HLD Report:** email from Gary: The submission processing for a new litter is complete and online. This includes all parts of a litter submission including breeder, main litter info and each pup in the litter. I would appreciate someone submitting a new litter via the form and then going through and processing the submitted information. This will give you a good understanding of the process involved.
6. **Courier Report:** It was announced in December by the Dog Writers Association of America that The Courier was nominated for the 11th year in a row for Best National Breed Club Magazine in 2010. Rev. Kate Bryant's article, "A Different Kind of Collar" was also nominated for Best Feature Article in a Club Magazine in 2010.

New Associate Member Applications Received:

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS @ November 2010

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
Camper	Sandra	Ft. Lauderdale	FL
Carroll	Brendan	Conifer	CO
Carroll	Nastase	Conifer	CO
Hogeland	Deanna	Palm Harbor	FL
Jeffries	Peg	Chino Valley	AZ
Moyer	Lynn	Green Bay	WI
Perkins	Dan	Counce	TN
Perkins	Lisa	Counce	TN
Raby	Glenn	Palm Harbor	FL
Stahl	Mark	Kansas	MO

		City	
Vallee	Don	Oro Valley	AZ
Vallee	Kathy	Oro Valley	AZ
		Kansas	
Zaslavsky	Danny	City	MO

**NEW JUNIOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIPS @
November 2010**

Moyer (JA)	Chelsea	Green Bay	WI
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Associate to Active Membership Applications: The following Associate Members' applications for Active Membership were provided to the Board via e-mail prior to this meeting. The applicants' names are being published here and on the PWDCA-L e-mail list in order for PWDCA members to have an opportunity to submit any comments to the Recording Secretary prior to the Board voting on the applications at its next regular meeting. All comments received will be made available to the prospective applicant upon request by the applicant.

<u>Last Name/First Name(s)</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
WEIS, DIANE	Rolli Grayson and Irene Miller
KURKJIAN, NANCY	Robert Hollander and Robin Valliant
CRAIG, CARL and SUSAN	Sherry Hanen and Peggy Ann Perkins
TENG, KATHRYN and BING	Sandra Overton and Anne Heberholz

It was the general consensus of the Board to have the 2011 recording secretary post the names to the PWDCA-L in January 2011 so that any comments about the applicants would go directly to the new Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Website Committee:** Jean Hassebroek reported that work is continuing.

2. **Health & Litter Database Host Renewal:** The host renewal for the current database expires February 1, 2011. After discussion, upon a **motion** made by Jean Hasebroek and seconded by Robin Burmeister, it was **unanimously approved** to renew the current website database host agreement for one year.
3. **Blasts/Forum:** Janet Boyd reported that she and Gail Browne-McDonald are continuing work on the project.
4. **AKC Email List:** Jean Hasebroek volunteered join the email list organized by the AKC Delegate's Obedience Committee that is designed to help clubs find ways of making their companion events more profitable and more successful. They would like groups and clubs to appoint at least one member to join this list and they encourage everybody who puts on companion events to have somebody in their club who's interested in companion events to get on this list to share ideas and continue to make the events successful.
5. **Code of Ethics:** The Board acknowledged that the Code needs updating, and further discussion was tabled until 2011.
6. **Cancer Committee Volunteers:** Leslie McCracken reported that she is going to contact a few club members about serving on the committee.
7. **Backup of Databases from Committee Chair Computers:** Robin Burmeister will provide the names to the 2011 recording secretary of which chairs have responded that their computers are backed up.
8. **Courier Incomplete Ads:** Elaine Suter and Leslie McCracken reported that they both spoke to Terry Cardillino about the continual submission of Courier ads that lack proper health information. Terry Cardillino has asked that further discussion be tabled until 2011, which the Board agreed with.
9. **Board Nomination Document Development:** Janet Boyd reported that she and Jean Hasebroek are in the process of developing a packet of documents for inclusion with PPM. A final package will be submitted to the Board for review in 2011.
10. **Autoimmune Disease Committee:** The Board discussed that no reports have been received from the committee since it was approved. It was the general consensus of the Board to table any action on the committee until 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Tally Committee:** The Board discussed and approved, by general consensus, the appointment of Bea Jennings, Joanne Cook, and Colette Auclair to the Tally Committee for the 2013 ballots. The Board then discussed the ballot choices created by chair Sandy Myers, and upon a **motion** made by Jean Hassebroek and seconded by Charles Teasley, it was **unanimously approved** by the Board to use the new ballot for member voting use.
2. **DNA Profile/Georgie Project:** The Board discussed correspondence with Dr. Lark/Georgie Project about having a DNA test available for use to determine if rescue dogs are pure PWDs. The Board discussed the pros/cons of using DNA testing for PWDs found in shelters and the hardships which could arise while waiting for test results. It was the general consensus of the Board not to DNA test shelter dogs at this time.
3. **CHF Report/Survey:** Dr. Erin Mayfield submitted the annual CHF Parent Club Health Concerns Poll. The CHF knows our priorities from previous years, and these have remained consistent- cancer, hip dysplasia, bowel disease, heart disease, and aggression. Dr. Mayfield also commented that there have been no new fundings approved by the PWDCA recently.
4. **Member Inquiries:** Robin Burmeister reported that she had received some questions from club members about club information backup on member computers (addressed earlier in these minutes); planned action for unresponsive committees (tabled until 2011); plans to update the Code of Ethics (tabled until 2011); if the new AKC Grand Champion title is included in OBAA and ROM qualifying titles (the information is available from the committee chairs); and whether only AKC events will count towards ROM awards.
5. **Renal Dysplasia DNA Test:** The Board discussed the recent article in a Purina newsletter about a gene test being available for renal dysplasia. The information will be provided to the membership about the test. The test is available at www.dogenes.com
6. **Water Trial Judges' Letter:** The Board reviewed a letter from Water Trial Judges about the proposed Master Level exercises. However, since the Master Level has not been proposed for use at this time, further discussion by the Board was unnecessary.
7. **2011 Specialty Budget:** The Board reviewed the 2011 National Specialty budget available to date.
8. **Water Trial Committee:** The Board reviewed the proposed Water Trial Manual changes, and the recommendation (that Tammy Etscheidt of Newhall, Iowa, be approved as a Water Trial Judge. After discussion, upon a **motion** made by Karen Arends and seconded

by Janis Watts, it was **unanimously approved** to accept the changes to the Manual and approve Tammy Etscheidt as a water trial judge.

Water Trial Manual 2011 Changes (Changes in Blue)

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Test Procedures

5. Unless specifically permitted by an exercise description or these Rules and Regulations, the handler may not physically touch, guide or restrain the dog after an exercise has begun. An exercise is deemed to begin when the judge says (or signals) "You may begin". At the Junior and Apprentice levels, the handler may gently guide the dog by the collar or harness between exercises. At the Working, **Courier, and Versatility levels**, the handler must control the dog without physical guidance of any kind both during and between exercises. However, the handler may physically assist a dog in boarding a boat from water of swimming depth and may, in the interest of safety, momentarily steady a dog on a boat platform while it turns, shakes its coat or is in danger of falling. Upon completion of an exercise the handler may pet and praise the dog.

Reason: to clarify when a handler can physically guide the dog.

Procedure for Trials (draw, entry priority, # of entries in premium list) –

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re-word to PWDCA entry form. Change so that there is no number of entries mandated for the premium list.

Reason: the PWDCA has created a mandatory entry form that the club's must use. This language will make it consistent in the manual

Page 40 #4, one drawing may be held for EACH trial.

Reason: to clarify how entry drawings may be done at a trial.

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Description of Retrieving Dummy

Current Wording: A one-piece commercial retrieving dummy made of canvas, neoprene or plastic material that is a minimum of 2" x 8" and a maximum of 4" x 15". A line no longer than 18" may be attached to facilitate throwing.

Proposed New Wording:

A one-piece commercial retrieving dummy made of canvas, neoprene or plastic material that is **cylindrical and uniform in shape throughout its length, with a diameter of 2" to 4" and a length of 8" to 15"**. A line no longer than 18" may be attached to facilitate throwing.

Reason: there are more and more items that are showing up at water trials for consideration as commercial retrieving dummies. The consensus at the forum at the National and amongst the committee members is to tighten up this description and make it clear to the handlers and judges what is allowable equipment in a trial. Hopefully this will help expedite check in and have equipment that functions properly.

9. **Bylaws Ballot:** The Board discussed the ballot that was included with the proposed Bylaws revisions that had recently been sent to the Active Members for voting. After discussion, upon a **motion** made by Karen Arends and seconded by Elaine Suter, it was **approved by majority vote** that the ballot be withdrawn and a postcard sent to the Active Members to not vote on the Bylaws with the current ballot. **YES:** Robin Burmeister, Leslie McCracken, Charles Teasley, Karen Arends, Janis Watts, Janet Boyd, Elaine Suter, Jean Hasebroek, and Marilu Novy. **NO:** Stuart Freeman. Janet Boyd will post a notice (to be approved by the Board prior to posting) to that effect to the PWDCAL. Stuart Freeman will contact DataPrep and ask that they destroy any ballots that it may receive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered into executive session at 8:21 p.m. and returned to the regular portion of the meeting at 8:52 p.m., to discuss the Active Member applications and other matters.

Upon a **motion** received from Karen Arends and seconded by Jean Hasebroek, it was **unanimously approved** to suspend Rosie Baldwin, of Indiana, from the Breeder Referral Program until April 1 2013, for continued failure to comply with the multiple Breeder Referral Agreements that Ms. Baldwin signed for the past several years. Robin Burmeister will notify Rosie Baldwin, and Charles Teasley will notify Sandy Overton, of the Board's decision.

ELECTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS: The following Associate Members' applications for Active membership were presented to the Board for review at a previous regular board meeting and their names were published on the PWDCAL inviting member input. After discussion, upon a motion made by Jean Hasebroek and seconded by Leslie McCracken, it was **unanimously approved** to grant the following members Active Membership status:

Last/First Name(s)

Sponsors

IMPERIA, GIOVANNA	Judy Murray and Cathy Cates
COMBS, JEAN and BOB	Julie Rust and Judy Archambeau
CHANNICK, DEBRA	Geri Zuckerman and Susan Cucura
BROWN, ARNOLD and SANDRA	Jane Harding and Janet Danford-Comer
MOSS, MARTIN and GINA	Susan Cucura and Leslie Arner
VENCILL, NANCY	Jill Roudebush and Judy Leather
COLEMAN, DUSTIN and NORDAN, BRIAN	Nigel Clark and Tabitha Thompson
MOBLEY, MICHAEL and JENNIFER	Judith Murray and Carol Mattingley

NEXT REGULAR TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING: Scheduled for January 1, 2011, to appoint Directors/Officers.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, it was the general consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m., EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Burmeister
Recording Secretary