

**Pacific Northwest Portuguese Water Dog Club
Board of Directors Meeting
by Conference Call – January 6, 2010**

Roll Call: Janet Boyd, Val Tangen, Cynthia Kongorski, Sandy Overton, Dave Sliger, Cathi Jzyk, Suzanne Malick, Amanda Ford, and Pam Coffeen.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President, Sandy Overton.

The November 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report, by Sandy Overton

- Sandy mentioned that she had nothing to report at this time.

PNWPWD Club By-Laws, by Dave Sliger

- Dave mentioned that he'd sent out the latest revision to the Club's by-laws on 1/4/2009. Sandy Overton and Janet Boyd mentioned that perhaps it was a previous version as some of the edits hadn't changed. There were a few questions that Dave mentioned with respect to the draft by-laws:
 - Membership Eligibility: Dave requested feedback on were the wording changes for membership eligibility. After discussion that included what is deemed an "active" member, local member and/or association member, the consensus of the board was to use Northern California's wording for this section.
 - Elections: Dave requested additional comments regarding Article 2 and 3, the sections that pertained to elections. Sandy Overton's commented that if no additional nominations are made, the nominated slate should be considered elected.
 - Amanda Ford inquired about the elections that occur at the December general meeting. If there isn't a contested election, would a new President take office Oct. 31 or Dec. 1? Janet Boyd confirmed that the officers would take over Dec. 1. Sandy Overton and Janet Boyd confirmed that if there are officer changes, the incoming board would be able to get together in advance of the December general meeting.
 - Amanda Ford inquired that would elections be held for all nominated candidates or just for those opposed candidates. The consensus was that elections would be held only for opposed candidates.
 - Dave asked if the Club's by-laws would need to be reviewed by the PWDCA. Sandy mentioned that the Club sends our by-laws to the PWDCA every year.
 - It was decided that the Board should return comments on the draft by-laws to Dave on Monday, Jan. 11, 2010.

Recording Secretary Report, by Cynthia Kongorski

- Cynthia mentioned that the general meeting was e-mailed to the membership on 12/28/2009 and there wasn't anything further to report.

Corresponding Secretary Report, by Suzanne Malick

- Suzanne mentioned that an update about the membership dues was sent to the membership on 1/5/2010, the result of the e-mail question about missing membership lists and perhaps missing membership dues letters.

Newsletter Status, by Suzanne Malick

- Suzanne sent e-mail to Robin Illchuk but doesn't have an update and only received one reply from Robin. Suzanne mentioned that she doesn't have the bandwidth to take on the newsletter.
 - Amanda Ford mentioned that she would be willing to put something together in the next couple of months.
 - Janet Boyd asked how much of a newsletter is needed or could we use the PNWPWDC web site to communicate to members? Suzanne Malick asked what the cost was for Belinda Harvey to update the web site. Janet surmised that the cost was equal to about 2 newsletters per year. Sandy Overton mentioned that we should request that each event chair not only provide the event details, but also write-up event summary to publish to the web site.
 - Cathi Jzyk asked about whether the Club could do something like Facebook for the members. This would allow members to share stories, post brags, photos, etc. Suzanne mentioned that Martha Ford started a Facebook page, but not sure whether it's still up. Suzanne mentioned that she could invite members to Facebook when they submit their membership dues. She also mentioned that an e-mail could be sent to the membership about the Facebook opportunity.
 - Cathi Jzyk asked about the update schedule for the Club's web site. Janet Boyd suggested that we make the due date the end of the month. This would allow Janet to compile the information to be sent to Belinda Harvey. Cathi noted that the Newsletter Editor link name needs to be changed. Sandy Overton suggested Web Site Submissions as the link name.
 - Sandy Overton and Suzanne mentioned that we need to communicate out to the members that they need to check the web site for updated information. Janet Boyd mentioned that it's a matter of training people to use the web site for information.
- The consensus was that the web site would be the electronic newsletter for the Club at this time.

Treasurer Report, by Cathi Jzyk

- Nothing to report at this time.

Water Workshop and Trials

Horseshoe Lake, by Suzanne Malick

- Suzanne mentioned that she didn't have any further update than the e-mail that she forwarded from the City of Woodland on 12/29/2009.
 - [E-mail summary provided: *Your request to use Horseshoe Lake and lawn on July 16-18 has been forwarded to the appropriate parties. It will be placed on the Park Board agenda and if and when it is approved it will move on to the City Council agenda. I will let you know the steps as it moves along the process as soon as I am made aware of them. This time of year the boards can be very busy with budget preparation and holidays potentially interrupting meeting dates as the Park Board only meeting monthly. Your patience is appreciated.*]
- Suzanne mentioned that the date chosen was July 16 – 18, 2010. Amanda Ford mentioned that as back-up the Water Workshop and Trial could be held at Deep Lake. Amanda mentioned that she would contact the Ranger at Deep Lake by the end of January if we hadn't heard back from the City of Woodland.

Dry-land Water Seminar, by Suzanne Malick

- Suzanne mentioned that she needs to sync with Val Tangen on the focus for the dry-land water seminar. No further update at this time.

Supported Entry, by Suzanne Malick

- Suzanne mentioned that she doesn't have an exact update. The AKC requires notification 6-months in advance to hold a sweeps. The plan is for a supported entry with no sweeps for Oregon, in the fall. Suzanne indicated that Kristle Marangon said she's talk with Angela Harding and work with the Mount Rainier Working Dog Club in August with no sweeps for Washington.

AKC Accreditation - Matches, by Janet Boyd

- Janet reported that once the by-laws are ready to be sent out for a vote, she will send a copy of the new by-laws to the AKC committee for review. This will allow for any changes that need to be made before the new by-laws are approved by the membership. Janet outlined a schedule, assuming it takes 1-2 weeks for the AKC committee to review and provide feedback; the vote by the membership is approximately 2-weeks, it would be optimistic to have the first Match in late April or early May. The next match would follow 6-months later, roughly in November. Worst case, the 2nd Match could happen in December at the General Meeting.
- Suzanne Malick mentioned that the dates of the two Matches are typically indoor weather months and we'd need to rent a building.
- Janet would like to have the first Match be very low key, as we don't want to have a lot of entries; we want to understand the process and paperwork that is required. The second Match could be a bit more advertised and have more entries. For Conformation Matches it is open to PWDs only. For Obedience and Rally, these Matches could be opened to other breeds. Amanda Ford mentioned that the local Corgi Club makes a lot of money on their open Matches; could be a good money making endeavor for the Club.
- Cathi Jzyk suggested that to get something going right away, but the first Match might be held on a Friday night to get participants.

New Business

Tracking Introduction Seminar

- Val Tangen mentioned that she likes Amanda Ford's idea for the seminar. Amanda mentioned that she bounced Suzanne's idea of a 1-day seminar with the trainer, but hasn't heard back. If there is demand later in the summer, perhaps have a 2nd day. Amanda mentioned that this activity should be self-supported and not a loss for the Club. The location that she targeted was nearer to Oregon so that more members from Oregon could attend and/or not have to drive as far.
- Sandy Overton expressed her concern about the labor that might go into this activity. Amanda mentioned that there isn't that much labor involved. Sandy asked about her idea to have Jim Smith and Sarah Kahn lead a ½ day intro-tracking seminar and use Janet Lankester's property.
- Cathi Jzyk mentioned that she thinks it makes sense to start out with an intro-seminar. If it's a huge success, then do a more advanced seminar next year.
- No conclusion was made; Amanda will wait to hear back from the seminar instructor on the type of class that could be offered and will follow-up with the board.

Club Picnic

- Val Tangen has agreed to host the Club picnic at her house. Sandy Overton asked Val to choose a date that works best and get back to the Board.

- **Grooming Seminar**

- Sandy Overton mentioned that Sarah Kahn is willing to organize a pet grooming seminar again. Perhaps have Jesse Peterson be the presenter. Suzanne Malick asked if the last grooming seminar was well attended. Sandy mentioned that last year's grooming seminar lead by Sarah Kahn and Katrina Jackson was full and made money for the club.
- Sandy mentioned that speaking from a breeder's point-of-view, having a pet grooming seminar would be helpful for the new puppy owners and may be of interest for the new person to the club.
- The Board agreed to support a Pet Grooming Seminar in 2010.

- **Agility Fun Day**

- Sandy Overton mentioned that she sent a separate e-mail to Dave Sliger about the Agility Fun Day as the event lost money last year. The event held in 2008 at Argus Ranch the year before made money. Dave mentioned that Argus Ranch donated the arena to use, the Club only paid for Jill's time. Cathi Jzyk mentioned that Sally has to rent the arena, so the cost would be higher.
- Dave mentioned that to break-even the Club would need to charge another \$5.00 for the event.
- Sandy Overton recommended that the date for the event be changed from Mother's Day to potentially attract more attendees.
- No decision was made on whether the Club would sponsor an Agility Fun Day.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 7:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Submitted by Cynthia Kongorski, Recording Secretary