

Pacific Northwest Portuguese Water Dog Club

Board Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2020

Attendance: Jonathan B., Sarah K., Annie H., Robin H., Darlene B., and Katrina J. ; Judy J. and Rachel C. were absent

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Jonathan at 7:04 pm.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting was made and seconded. The minutes were accepted as printed.

3. President's Report – Discussion for Zoom meeting and email voting for the general membership.

4. Secretary's Report – By electronic vote the board agreed to contribute \$100 to the Kitty Braund Memorial toward either the ad page in the Courier or contributed to the PWD Foundation. Contribution beyond the cost of the ad were preset to go to the foundation. 5 board members voted yes, one abstained. It was agreed that Peg Jeffries probably did not need the board's permission to take on the project of putting the memorial together with the help of Susan Myrick. The board however accepted her volunteering to take the task on.

5. Treasurer's Report – discussed new member and members applying to move from associate to regular membership. Treasurer's report was submitted.

6. Electronic Votes-The board voted to cancel the September water trial -- the scheduled venue was unable to allow our type of group event due to Covid.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Tracking: the tracking test is schedule for January with special accommodations to follow AKC and state guidance for masking, distancing, and sanitizing, etc. One other club will host a tracking event at the same venue in November and the PWNPWDC will be able to review their procedures before our test. Tracking Report was submitted
- b. Agility: With limited known members continuing in AKC agility events, no event is planned in the future. The General Meeting Agenda Sept 19, will include discussion on membership interest to pursue or discontinue AKC agility trials in the near future.
- c. Regional Specialty: Planned for May 22, a Saturday, to include obedience and rally in the morning, breed judging late in the day after group, by Joanne Buehler, who comes highly recommend by Linda Fowler. Fowler has mentored Joanne and describes her as person who absolutely loves the breed, has attended multiple water trials, and is not expected to be political. Fortunately for us Buehler was already on the NW Cluster Panel

and has experience judging many breeds and specialties. When a judge is already on the panel, travel and most of the per diem costs are absorbed by the hosting club. Remy Smith Lewis has been rescheduled to judge sweeps as he is working on his judge requirements. Trick dog is currently scheduled as a fund raiser and will be held near the obedience and rally rings open to all breeds and PNWPWDC is partnering with a local dog training club Chuckanut Dog Training Association to put on the event.

- d. Water: See #6 above.
 - e. Membership engagement: Newsletter interest and volunteer to be on the next general meeting agenda.
 - f. Holiday party: Currently still on the schedule and deposit is still held by the venue.
8. Old Business. An extensive consultation with the national club, review of AKC materials, and discussion with Northern California club was conducted by Katrina and break out group consisting of Jonathan, Judy, and Katrina formulated a plan to present to the PNWPWDC board. The national club suggested we use northern California club as a resource since the club is engaged in Zoom meetings and use email electronic ballots for any votes that require secret ballot. The AKC announcement on the Zoom meeting matter during Covid states that as long as “in person” meetings are not specifically worded as required and as in our case the wording is more general, no change to the club’s bylaws is required. Motion was made by Jonathan and seconded to purchase a Zoom subscription for the fee of approximately \$149.90 per year which allows for 100 members per meeting. Because we have more than 100 members, we will send out an RSVP to assure that all members who wish to attend will be included. The board anticipates less than 100 responses. Zoom meeting date was set for Sunday 9/20/2020 at 4 pm.
9. New Business – What can the club provide the members? Mostly the club provides events.

Meeting Adjourned 8:11 pm