

Pacific Northwest Portuguese Water Dog Club Board Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2020

Attendance: Jonathan B., Darlene B., Sarah K., Judy J., Annie H., Rachel C. & Katrina J.—

Robin H. joined at 7:31 pm

1. Call to Order--Meeting called to order by Jonathan at 7:05 pm.
2. Approval of the Minutes--The motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting was made and seconded. The minutes were accepted as printed.
3. President's Report – Acknowledgement that the forced working from home by Covid-19 decree is technically a struggle for himself, the club, and all.
4. Secretary's Report – Summarized and directed board members to review Policy and Procedures manual for board e-voting procedures.
5. Treasurer's Report –Discussed membership; named members applying to move up to full membership; discussed agility cancellation costs and treasurer's recommendations made.
6. Electronic Votes- March Agility Trial (13-16) was cancelled by electronic vote of majority on 3/10/2020. Motion was made by Jonathan, seconded by Sarah. Cancellation was approved. The March 14 General Meeting was also cancelled by electronic vote of majority on 3/10/2020. Motion was made by Jonathan, seconded by Sarah. Cancellation was approved. The PNWPWDC Regional Specialty May 16, 2020 was cancelled by electronic vote of majority on 3/29/2020. Motion was made by Katrina, seconded by Rachel. Cancellation was approved. Subsequently this action effectively cancelled the May General Meeting planned at same location and as per same reason of governor's decree for social distancing.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Tracking-Judy reports judges planned for the TD and TDX January test. Activity is dependent upon the corona virus situation. Anticipating we will have a test; many volunteers will need to be engaged.
 - b. Sarah reference the agility report for details. Agility AKC to roll over fees to future 2022 with 2021 already paid in advance; fairgrounds agreed to return all but \$200 of the deposit; possible hotel room hold cost for one judge pending. Motion was made, seconded, and vote was taken and passed to return the entry fees in full. Motion was made, seconded, and vote was taken and passed for the agility secretary to be paid up to \$800 for her preliminary trial work and post cancellation refund work upon presentation of an invoice from Lori Sage for our records.
 - c. Regional – No entries received, so refund of entry fees not an issue. Vote was taken and passed that Katrina, the regional specialty chair ask the trophy sponsors if they would want a refund or prefer to have the sponsorship roll over into 2021.
Next Regional Specialty May 22, 2021

d. Water – nothing to report

e. Membership – Rachel will engage membership participation via video submittal to share trick dog and other dog training fitting social distancing in response to our state decree to stay home and stay safe during the pandemic.

f. Holiday party – Nothing to report

8. Old Business

9. New Business

Zoom or Go to Meeting option introduced for electronic meeting. A challenge to hold a General Meeting poses an issue with bringing associate members desiring to move up to full membership. Bylaws...

“At the club meeting, the applicant will be voted upon (by secret ballot), and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present. Within 15-days the Membership Chair will inform each applicant in writing of the results of the membership vote.”

The board notes that the General Meetings scheduled for March and May were cancelled due to the pandemic. July 20 is the next scheduled general meeting. The discussion was opened to start thinking about how to conduct alternate general meeting satisfaction, including membership voting, if the social distancing decree persists into July 20.

With an influx of new members board recognized an under-utilized volunteer pool. Annie will put together a new member data base from the information provided on the applications. This data base is expected to help committee and/or event organizers engage new members in their reported interests.

Meeting adjourned 8:22 pm