



Portuguese Water Dog Club of Greater Chicagoland

BOARD MEETING

January 29, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President David Parker at 7:07 PM.

Members in attendance were as follows:

David Parker, Wendy Anderson, Jim Cowhey, Gary Novak, Michele Wolford, Susan Becker, Theresa Hosking, Cindra Delgado, Carol Holzer - David welcomed new board members, Theresa, Jim, and Michele

Accept minutes of 10/22/2022

Corrections - Water Committee Cindy Petry spelled wrong. Spelling has been corrected. Michele will send the minutes by the 10th of the month for Board review and corrections. On odd months, Michele will submit meeting notes to Barb Crowther for Shorlines and Giene Keyes for our website, however this cannot be done until Board has approved. If necessary, we will have to hold a special Board meeting to approve the minutes in order to submit them to Barb and Giene in a timely manner. Gary asked if we also want to approve the Treasurer's report and send separately. Agreement was to put the Treasurer's report in the minutes. Jim moved to accept the minutes and Gary seconded.

Treasurer Report- Gary Novak

Currently in the black and \$3300 - \$3500 in membership dues and about \$2,000 from the Renaissance Show is coming.

June 1, 2022 - January 25, 2023 Treasurer's Report				
June 1, 2022 Balance			\$15,033.53	
ACCOUNT	INCOME	EXPENSE		
ANNUAL MEETING		\$320.50		Food and site rental
Club Expense		\$4,792.97		
DONATIONS	\$200.00	\$500.00		
INSURANCE		\$567.00		
MEMBERSHIP	\$1,700.00			1 Single renewal
MERCHANDISE	\$20.00			Cutting board sales at annual meeting
Picnic		\$272.35		
POND MAINTENACE		\$1,025.00		
PWDCA		\$300.00		
REFUNDS	\$949.00			
REGIONAL SPECIALTY		\$1,254.80		
SHORELINES	\$20.00	\$1.74		
STORAGE		\$843.00		Renewed 1 year lease of storage locker
SUNSHINE		\$58.26		
SUPPORTED ENTRY		\$356.21		
TROPHY	\$840.00	\$90.43		
TROPHY EXPENSE		\$2,162.52		Purchased 5 years of ribbons
WATER TRIAL	\$3,203.50	\$3,841.46		
WEBSITE		\$361.90		Renewed domain and website use
Totals	\$6,932.50	\$16,748.14		
January 25, 2023 Balance			\$5,217.89	

Current outstanding expenses are listed below.

1. The Rosette bill for the Specialty still needs to be paid. Gary already paid for Class prizes. David explained that going forward, post February, we need to do inventory but should have Rosettes remaining but we need to purchase new title and class ribbons.
2. David has to submit for reimbursement the cost of his Zoom Account which is about \$149.
3. Still to be paid is the bill for primary judges at the Specialty which will be deducted from our proceeds. David will confirm that process. David is gifting the BOB, BOS, Select, AOM and Winners trophies/prizes. Nigel is ordering prizes for Class Dogs and Bitches.
4. Nigel found someone who can customize apparel for certain clusters/events with our image that we can sell through pre-orders. We need a merchandise volunteer/committee to 1) design the logos/apparel, get them promoted for sale in the premium, and manage the distribution of purchased items at the show. The earliest we could do this is Cudahy and the Water Trial. David will follow up to understand what profit we might make, but conceptually we'd need to sell to a broader segment of our membership to make it worthwhile.

Insurance

Gary reported that there is a new insurance that could cover up to 200 training sessions for a price and asked if we need more coverage. Currently we need insurance for the PWDCA, Rex Plex, Fosters, and one for the Washington County Fair Grounds event (July 1, 2023). PWD National also has a request for insurance (specifically for Water Trials) for specified dates. David will put Gary in contact with the correct person regarding this issue at Nationals.

Wendy said Jane Harding from the National Club sent an email that we need the insurance renewal be done between Nov 1 and Jan 31 which may require us to prorate our insurance. Gary to review.

Gary asked about the number of trial practices for 2023 for insurance purposes. Susan said they would like to have trainings sessions for Water Trials beginning in June through the Water Trials, so estimating about 20 training sessions.

Michele will hold the Title for the Water Trial boat/trailer in the Club's paperwork files.

Susan moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Wendy seconded the motion.

Reports of Committees

Water Trial

Susan Becker confirmed Water Trial Dates are August 19 & 20 and we have secured and the judge is secured. David would like to find someone who can design event shirts. Cindy Petry, Midge Ihrig or Nigel Clark might be able to help.

Membership

Gary provided the update.

29 Breeder referrals

32 Associate memberships

37 Single memberships

31 Family memberships

Total 160 members

Gary suggested an idea to help reach quorum which involves taking role at the Annual Meeting. If a member doesn't attend, they would be downgraded to Associate member for a day which would increase our voting membership percentage. Michele asked if we could meet via Zoom for an annual meeting since so many people live a good distance from each other. Currently meeting in person is in the bi-laws. Dave wants to re-energize the Bi-Laws committee to review and improve them with a focus on getting a section done at a time.

Jim Cowhey volunteered to be the Board liaison on the Bi-Laws committee which Mary Goodman chairs, however the committee was ready to present some time ago, until there was push back on specific areas, and then the work basically stopped. David will contact Mary and connect her with Jim. Dave asked that the committee maintain a correlation in our bi-laws with National's bi-laws for consistency.

February 24-25, 2023 Show

David needs approval for gift cards for stewards, sweeps and junior judges. Wendy approved gift cards - \$50 for Stewards, \$25 for sweeps and \$10 gift cards for junior judges. Cindra seconded the motion

July 1, 2023 Show

This show is pended with AKC. Submitting \$75 for reimbursement. Rosettes are on the current order but we may need to order placement ribbons and new title rosettes. Nigel ordered the prizes. We need a hospitality committee and a volunteer coordinator for these events. Wendy will be in charge of the raffles. - Patti McKnight might be interested in providing a basket.

Wendy recommended a Sweeps judge named Michelle Bigelow (breeder/owner/handler). To keep things fair she recommended we avoid a judge with a lot of PWD friends. Michelle knows the breed but is not currently a judge. She is a reasonable dog person with owner, handler and breeder experience. Dave has a juniors judge.

Cudahy August 2023

This likely will be our fourth and final conformation show of the year. Awaiting date and directive. The event will be August 12 and 13. FCAT will be offered along with a Scent Work Trial. It will be held in Union Grove, WI. Wendy has secured 10 - 15 PWD entries for Scent Work.

West Bend will have Performance Events and Cudahy will have Scent Work. Madison does not have those opportunities but they say they will work on it for next year. We need to continue to work on getting more performance events included in specialty shows, even though Illinois is a challenge. Dave's goal is to have performance events at all the Specialty events next year. We may want to look at the International Kennel Club Shows – Schaumburg and McCormick Place to see if they will offer performance.

Calendar and club events

BOAT TRIP

We need a date and location. Wedella Chicago, Lake Genva, and Fox Riverboat in St. Charles are river boat options. Barb Novak is researching this. Potential dates are late May, Saturday September 9th or September 16th were offered.

PICNIC

A picnic date of June 24th was recommended. The date should correlate when memberships are due. Wendy made the motion for Saturday June 24th and Cindy seconded the motion. Dave will get started on the permit and Gary will add the picnic for insurance purposes.

OPEN FORUM / OTHER BUSINESS

- Wendy said there was a good turnout at the Cudahy Obedience Trial recently.
- Last October there was a discussion on how to attract new members and increase their participation. Michele will connect with Lisa Cowhey and Marsha Rosenson and get this work started.
- Gary asked how long we want our storage locker. He has paid another year. Susan said we still need the storage locker. Susan will discuss with the Water Trial committee.
- Michele will also need to send out the new Board Members list to Jane Harding for PWDCA, Giene Keyes for the Website, Barb Crowther for the Shorlines mailing.

Adjournment – Gary moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM and Wendy seconded it.