



Portuguese Water Dog Club of Greater Chicagoland

ANNUAL MEETING

October 23rd, 2021

Foster's Training Center

1080 White Rd.

Antioch, IL 60002

The meeting was called to order by President David Parker at 11:48 am.

Members in attendance were as follows:

David Parker, Bob Zak, Alice Zak, Nigel Clark, Cindy Petrey, Gary Novak, Barb Novak, Mary Goodman, Wendy Anderson, Susan Becker, Carolyn Shere, Theresa Hosking, Brandi Schaal, Irene Miller, Robert Miller, Debra Valenta, Debra Gressle

President's Report:

President David Parker thanked all for attending today's meeting. He stated that he hoped that a new enthusiastic club agenda can be put forth this year after this past year's pandemic curtailed many of the club events that members are normally able to enjoy. He noted that one of the items that will be revisited this year are the redrafting/updating of the club by-laws. Making these changes has been a long arduous process and we will be looking to try and finalize this task by forming a new By-Laws committee. The new committee will also be asked to investigate possibly adopting the PWDCA by-laws to use as our own as well.

David Parker said that our club should try to coordinate our event dates so as not to coincide with other clubs so we can get the maximum attendance possible at our offerings. He also noted that this year there is a limited time frame opportunity to hold our water trial so overlapping some other clubs' event may not be able to be avoided.

David would like to move forward now and establish an events calendar for the entire year and would like to add a Pet Committee so that PWD pet owners can contribute to club events as well.

David will be organizing a Packwalk somewhere in the Chicagoland area for anyone interested as an opportunity for club members getting together in a fun setting.

David Parker noted that Nigel Clark is stepping away from the PWDCGC Board and thanked her for her many years of service and dedication to the club and the many wonderful contributions she has contributed to the betterment of the club.

David Parker accepted Giene Keyes resignation from the board with thanks for her service to the board and her continuing service with club website and Facebook page.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Bob Zak read the meeting minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting.

David Parker moved to accept the meeting minutes as read and Wendy Anderson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Gary Novak presented the past year's treasurers report:

PWDCGC Treasurer Report		
<u>10/23/2021</u> (For year starting November 1,2020)		
Description	Income	Expense
Annual Meeting		
Badger Show		
Bank Service Charges		
Charity Donation		
Donations (Tropies/Awards)	\$394.80	\$728.24
Dryland Workshop	\$440.00	
Health Clinic		
Insurance		\$875.00
Membership	\$1,537.66	
Merchandise		
Miscellaneous Club Expenses		\$2,206.20
Not-for-Profit Renewal (State of Illinois)		\$16.00
PayPal	\$57.66	\$60.00
Picnic		
Pond Puppy		\$600.00
PWDCA		\$500.00
PWDCA Rescue Inc.		\$1,500.00
Raffle	\$205.00	

Regional Specialty	\$80.00	\$441.95
Shorelines (Miscellaneous Checking)	\$47.35	
Storage Facility		\$770.00
Sunshine Gifts		
Water Trial		\$550.38
Water Workshop		
Website Fee		\$312.00
Zoom Fee		\$149.90

Primary Checking Account Balance	\$17,108.76
Miscellaneous Checking Account Balance	\$100.88
Total Funds Available	\$17,209.64

Committee Reports

Water Committee:

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TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

2021

The 2021 Water Program had a very successful year.

Our Dry Land Workshop had 13 teams registered. Three were returning teams working at a more advanced level.

The Pond Puppy season was very well attended this year, with an approximately 10-12 teams practicing each week. Things ran smoothly, thanks to the willing volunteers who learned to row and steward for the various exercises. Over the course of the summer, we saw marked progress with our beginner dogs.

Our Water Trial, held at the end of August, was also well attended, with 56 total entries. There were a total of 19 qualifiers: 4 Junior, 3 Apprentice, and 12 Working. Judge Janice Reilly commended the efforts of all participants and complimented everyone on the willingness and efforts of the teams.

Due to Covid restrictions, there was no group dinner this year, but everyone had time to socialize over boxed lunches.

This year, the Board purchased new boats for the club, in time to be used at the water trial.

Looking Ahead to 2022

We plan to continue holding our Dry Land Workshop, but have not yet set the dates.

Our Pond Puppy program will be undergoing some changes next year. As Tim O'Neill's property is being put on the market, the Casa Lago Pond will no longer be available. We are looking for alternative venues

and welcome any member ideas/suggested locations. For a number of years, we have been extremely fortunate to have access to the pond on a weekly basis throughout the summer. We are indebted to Tim O'Neill and the late Rae Kweder for opening their home to us over the years. They have been an integral part of the success of our water program.

We have submitted a request to RecPlex to hold next year's trial at Lake Andrea on July 30-31, with a back-up date in mid-September. Anyone wishing to help with behind the scenes water trial organization should please contact the committee chair.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Gressle, Chair
Susan Becker
Midge Ihrig
Cindy Petry
Bob Zak

Debra Gressle and Cindy Petrey reported that they are exploring dates with the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie, WI that the venue is available to schedule the PWDCGC 2022 Water Trial.

Membership Committee:

Gary Novak reported that there are 98 Breeder referral memberships, 33 associate memberships, 34 single memberships and 33 family memberships totaling 197 memberships.

Obedience Committee:

No Report

Sunshine Committee:

No Report

By-Laws Committee:

No report

Nominating Committee:

Jennifer Hirsch reported:

A search was performed to find people for the open positions on the board and the nominees are being presented at this annual meeting PWDCGC 2021. I'd like to thank all the people who were willing to donate their time to enhance the PWD breed. Thank you for all your volunteerism, without your involvement we wouldn't be such a great club.

The committee presents the following members and offices for approval:

President, David Parker

Vice President, Wendy Anderson

Secretary, Aimee Pratt

Director, Theresa Hosking

Director, Cindra Delgado

Nigel Clark made a motion to vote on the above members for approval, motion seconded by Gary Novak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary Novak passed out voting ballots to all in attendance.

The votes were tabulated by Secretary Bob Zak and all nominees were unanimously approved.

All the nominees were welcomed to the board! David Parker stated that he looks forward to the new members input and new ideas.

A motion by Bob Zak to break for lunch was made and seconded by Cindy Petrey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Break for Lunch

David Parker brought the meeting back to order at 1:10 pm.

Pet Committee:

No Report

Health Committee:

Nigel Clark reported that in 2020 and 2021 veterinarians were not allowed to do clinics due to COVID concerns. Nigel will check into the possibility of holding a clinic for 2022. Clinics are usually held in March. To set this up she will need confirmation from vet by 12/1.

Rescue Committee:

No Report

Hospitality Report:

No Report

Awards Committee:

No Report

Merchandise Committee:

No Report

Board Approval of New Members:

Bob Zak read the following new members names for board approval:

Bill and Allison Pearson

Marsha Rosenson

Cindy Petrey made a motion to approve these new members. Wendy Anderson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Welcome to new club members Bill, Allison and Marsha.

Unfinished Business:

David Parker responded to a question by Debra Gressle regarding how many members formed the nominating committee. The by-laws call for 3 members on that committee but due to numerous declinations, there were only 2 on the committee. The dates spelled out in the by-laws were met but there should have been on more person on the committee. All of the by-law regulations for the Nominating Committee will be revisited before the next election cycle

David Parker stated that we need to try to find out how the membership views resuming indoor, in person activities. Gary Novak stated that the new club application forms have a spot on them for the applicant to express their interests in working with their dogs and this will help in determining what people may want the club to do. Maybe someone that is not involved in show events might want to chair the Pet Committee.

David Parker stated that upcoming Board Meetings will be posted to the website calendar and regular members encouraged to join the meetings.

David Parker made a motion have Theresa Hoskings be the person to contact Giene Keyes with info for the Facebook and website accounts.

Wendy Anderson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary Novak stated that the Zoom account for meeting is up for renewal. Does the club want to keep this account? Cindy Petrey made a motion to keep this account. Nigel Clark seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committees that need to meet online can use GooDge Meeting to facilitate that meeting.

David Parker stated that the PWDCGC Annual Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 26th, 2022 at Ingraham Dog Park in Pleasant Prairie, WI.

Cindy Petrey mentioned that Patty Johnson talked with a groomer that might be interested in doing a seminar, Nick Waters. They could check to see his availability. It was also mentioned that Melissa Engleking could be a potential groomer that we could bring in to do a seminar too. Also, it would be good to see who is interested in a grooming seminar and whether they are interested in pet grooming or show grooming.

New Business:

David Parker nominated Susan Becker to fill the position on the board as a director created by the resignation of Giene Keyes. Nigel Clark made a motion to have Susan Becker join the board. Gary Noval seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Welcome Susan!

David Parker stated that he would like to get an updated copy of all the committee chairs. In addition to that, he would like to recruit chairpersons for any of the open positions for the various committees.

David Parker would like to see the PWD Supported entry for 2022 held in DeKalb and would like to see the PWD Regional Specialty held in West Bend. Wendy Anderson needs help to arrange this and needs somebody to chair the shows. Kim Loemann may be a possibility. Wendy will check and see if there can be two shows in one day on Friday. Wendy will need volunteers to be: Hospitality Chair, Trophy Chair, Volunteer Chair and Raffle Chair.

Wendy Anderson stated that trophy awards will be offered and that mugs that were previously purchased will be used for class prizes. Nigel Clark volunteered to do the trophies/awards. Some ideas could be bait pouch with club logo for obedience and aprons for confirmation.

Nigel Clark stated that there may some resources on the AKC website that offers guidelines for club by-laws that the new By-Law committee can use as a reference.

Debra Gressle questioned the use of new artwork recently purchased that has been used on some announcements for the club stating that she didn't think it should be used on official club communications. David Parker stated that this new artwork has not replaced the current club logo and that it has been used on some flyer information but that the official logo is used on formal announcements.

David Parker asked Gary Novak if he could provide a breakdown of the donations that came into the club.

Gary Novak noted that we must implement ways to generate more income for the club. Nigel Clark stated that an independent Regional Specialty is a way to bring in more revenue. The club would take in all the fees and maybe the show could be set up on a Friday. Nigel stated that hosting the National Specialty would net the club the most income. 2025 would be the next opportunity to make a bid to host the National Specialty. David Parker asked Nigel if she could put together an estimate of how much money could be brought in by hosting this event.

Wendy Anderson suggested that the club invest in new merchandise for members to purchase for the club to make some income on. Also holding a grooming seminar may be an opportunity to bring in more funds as well.

Debbie Gressle suggested putting together baskets for raffles at different club events.

David Parker stated that a raffle was held at this past years club picnic.

David Parker thanked everyone for attending this years meeting.

Coindy Petrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Novak seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.