

RSPWDC **DRAFT** Meeting Minutes August 29, 2020

Meeting called to order (via Zoom) at 4:03 PM by Lauren McDermott

Roll Call:

Pam Barnett
Frank Baucom
Jim Beach
Kimberly Beach
Art Berglund
VeNona Berglund
Karmen Booth
Gail Gomez
Kathy Groschupf
Sherri Horstman
Shelley Huston
Amy Jones
Cindy Jones
Stace Jones
Lauren McDermott
John Murnane
Michele Murphy
Jan Shirreffs
Mary Sosnowski
Jan Watts
Judy Weinstein

Approval of the Minutes of the last RSPWDC meeting

The last meeting was the annual meeting (January 18, 2020). The draft minutes were sent to members on January 27 in the January newsletter. Lauren showed the draft minutes on the screen.

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes was made by Jan Shirreffs and seconded by Sherri Horstman. VOTE- All votes in favor. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Reports

- Lauren (**President**): We were not able to have the in-person meetings that we had scheduled for March and May. I'm glad we are getting together here today by Zoom, and that we have such a good turnout. I am hopeful that we can get back together in the future. Meanwhile we will need to adjust our rules to support meeting in this way.
- Sherri (**Vice-President**) nothing to report
- Gail (**Recording Secretary**) nothing to report
- Michele (**Corresponding Secretary**) nothing to report
- Lynn (**Treasurer**) no report

Reports of Committees

AKC Sanctioning- Lauren indicated that we will discuss AKC Sanctioning when we get to the Unfinished Business part of this meeting.

Membership- Lynn indicated in advance of this meeting that no new membership applications have been received.

Supported Entry- Lauren indicated that we will discuss Supported Entry when we get to the New Business part of this meeting.

Water Trial- Lauren reported that RSPWDC Water Trial Host Committee has been hard at work planning the water trials for October 31- November 1, 2020. Amanda Ford will judge. A budget will be submitted under new business at this meeting. Committee members: Lauren (Chair), John Murnane (Trial Secretary), Frank Baucom, Kathy Groschupf, Sherri Horstman, Judy Weinstein

Unfinished Business

AKC Sanctioning- at the last meeting Jim Beach asked that the discussion of AKC sanctioning continue under unfinished business at the next meeting. Jim gave a brief history of recent steps taken to complete the requirements. Janis Watts indicated that in the past there was interest in the club being AKC sanctioned. Kim Beach added that we were pretty close to completing the requirements, and we had a couple more things that needed to be done. A question was raised about the need to change our bylaws. Lauren indicated that perhaps the reason the bylaws needed to be changed was to address the AKC's quorum requirement. Shelley indicated that AKC sanctioning would be good for the club. Jim agreed and added that AKC requires changes that the membership would have to agree to. Janis indicated a possible benefit is that sanctioned clubs can host Specialties which could bring in more dogs than supported entries. Jan indicated that if the club wants to seek AKC sanctioning that she is willing to be on a committee. Lauren suggested that a few members who want to pursue AKC sanctioning could find out where we are now in the process and what needs to be done.

A **MOTION** to form an AKC sanctioning committee was made by Janis Watts and seconded by Mary Sosnowski. VOTE- All votes in favor. **MOTION APPROVED.**

AKC Sanctioning Committee: Jim Beach-Chair, Karmen Booth, Shelley Huston, Mary Sosnowski, and Janis Watts. Art and VeNona Berglund are willing to help if needed.

Festa (October 17)- Michele indicated that she and Sherri don't want to cancel at this time, but may need to cancel depending on what is happening with the pandemic. A decision regarding whether to hold the Festa will be made in early October.

Holiday Party (December 5)- Lauren and John Murnane plan to host the Holiday Party outdoors with appropriate physical distancing. A decision regarding whether to hold the Holiday Party will be made in November.

Supported Entry 2021- No one at this meeting was aware of any plans being made for a supported entry in 2021. Lauren shared that she had been to two AKC dog show clusters in the Midwest during the pandemic where the public was not allowed, no food allowed except for the food vendor booths, no mingling (no socializing, no raffles, etc.), so it is unclear if any of the things we typically offer at our supported entry will be allowed during the pandemic. Gail and Michele will check with Lynn to see if she has any additional information.

New Business

RSPWDC owned boat and trailer- Lauren provided this summary that comes from our club's website:

The RSPWDC owns a 12' aluminum rowboat fitted with a carpeted platform and step with oars and trailer. The boat is available for Club sponsored PWD water practice sessions, water trials, and use by Club members. Members using the boat are responsible for pickup and transportation, damage to the boat and/or trailer while in a member's possession, and return of the boat to its storage location. Current vehicle insurance must be on file with the Club prior to using the boat. Members using the boat must sign a waiver of liability. Currently the boat is stored near Roosevelt Lake.

A **MOTION** to sell the boat and the trailer and associated equipment was made by Janis Watts and seconded by Kathy Groschupf.

Discussion:

Janis raised questions about why it was purchased, whether it is being used, whether Roosevelt is a good location for it, whether there are expenses involved in owning the boat, if it is an asset or a liability, etc. Shelley reported that we bought the boat so that members could use it with their dogs, that it was being stored at the Arbuthnot's but when they sold their place we moved it to Roosevelt, and that there is no cost to keep the boat. Mary indicated that she and Tom are interested in using the boat and could store it at their home in Scottsdale. Kim added that we have talked about getting together to learn about water work. Peggy indicated that it would be helpful to have the boat closer to where the people who want to use the boat live. Gail added that it has not been a good year to gauge the use of the boat because of the pandemic and that we should wait to decide about selling it.

MOTION WITHDRAWN- Janis withdrew her motion, suggesting that those interested in using the boat should organize and use the boat and that we should review this in nine months. Mary added that people interested in using the boat could get in touch with her.

Zoom Meetings

A **MOTION** that RSPWDC establish a policy stating that at least two meetings of the general membership each year are to be held via video conferencing was made by Jan Shirreffs and seconded by Judy Weinstein.

Discussion:

Jan presented that our members live all over the state and beyond and that video conference will enhance participation. Several members agreed. Jim indicated that we would need to add this to the bylaws. Frank suggested that if the bylaws were to be changed (for this or for purposes of applying for AKC sanctioning) that the draft revisions should be distributed to members before they are sent to AKC. Jim agreed with Frank.

VOTE- All votes in favor. **MOTION APPROVED.**

2020 Water Trials Budget

Lauren shared a budget for the 2020 Water Trials on the screen. A **MOTION** to approve the budget was made by Lauren McDermott and seconded by Frank Baucom.

Discussion:

Lauren highlighted the changes from last year that include not offering food because of the pandemic and that there will be extra safety measures and supplies needed. Several members asked if we will have enough entries. Lauren indicated that there seems to be a lot of interest. Kathy added that at least 7 RV sites have been reserved by people planning to enter, which is about the same as in previous years, and that she doesn't know yet who might be entering and staying at home or in a motel. Lauren added that the budget guesses that we will have 15 teams per day but that we never know in advance how many will enter, and that the Premium List will be out shortly after Labor Day, as always.

VOTE- All votes in favor. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Lauren asked if there was any more New Business.

Frank expressed gratitude for the Zoom meeting. Jan agreed and asked if there a fee associated. Lauren indicated that there were no costs to hold this meeting and that Zoom allows for free meetings. Janis asked why there was not a treasurer's report. Lauren indicated that she should have checked before the meeting to see if Lynn would be attending the meeting.

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Jan Shirreffs and seconded by Gail Gomez.

VOTE- All votes in favor. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:31pm