

RSPWDC Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2017

The RSPWC General Membership Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Lauren McDermott at Los Dos Molino's 4855 E Warner Rd, Phoenix AZ.

Roll Call: Michele Murphy, Kim Beach, Jim Beach, Karmen Booth, Shelley Huston, Lauren McDermott, Lynn Nelson, Roger Arbuthnot, Carol Arbuthnot, Conner Arbuthnot, Lyle Harding, Kelly Calhoun

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: Membership Meeting of December 11, 2017 minutes written by Michele Murphy were reviewed and voted on; *Unanimously approved by all present.*

Report of President

Lauren McDermott

We have had an exciting club year full of fun and educational events including:

- Supported Entry at the State Fairgrounds- attended by at least 17 club members. (Thank-you Michele Murphy and Lynn Nelson for hosting.)
- Grooming Workshop with PWD groomer member Sherri Horstman in Tucson, attended by 15 club members. (Thank-you Sharon and Tim Rollins for hosting.)
- Walk in the Park at the Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch in Gilbert, attended by 12 members. (Thank-you Michele Murphy for hosting.)
- Water Fun day at Canyon Lake, attended by 12 club members (organized by Lauren McDermott).
- Picnic in the Park on Mt. Lemmon, (after photography workshop was cancelled due to illness), attended by 3 members (Thank you Thea Bennet for organizing).
- Two days of PWDCA sanctioned Water Trials at Canyon Lake, with at least 18 members attending (Thanks to the Water Trial Host Committee).
- Holiday Party in Phoenix attended by 24 members (Hosted by Lauren McDermott and John Murnane). With the Annual Celebration of the Golden PWDs, with 9 Golden PWDs honored (Thank you Sherri Horstman, Kathy Groschupf, and John Murnane for hosting the Golden Ones).

We had 6 RSPWDC club meetings:

- January 23 at Can't Stop Smokin' restaurant, Chandler, attended by 13
- March 5 at Supported Entry at the State Fair Grounds, Phoenix, attended by 18
- May 21 at Water Fun Day, Canyon Lake, attended by 12
- September 8 at Can't Stop Smokin' restaurant, Chandler, attended by 10
- October 29 at Water Trial site, Canyon Lake, attended by 18
- December 11 at Holiday Party, Phoenix, attended by 24

We welcomed 11 new members to the club in 2016

I appreciate all the efforts put forth by club members to make the club events fun, educational and most importantly welcoming to all members and would-be members and people interested in knowing more about the Portuguese Water Dog.

I want to thank outgoing board members Kathy Groschupf and Sherri Hortsman for their hard work this year on the board. Their careful attention to details, their caring for others and their hard work contributed to a most enjoyable year.

Report of Vice President

Shelley Huston

The Supported Entry is coming up in a few weeks and we hope everyone will attend (participants and spectators) the show and Dinner/Auction. The club approved several PPM's and are all posted on the website. We would like to get input from the membership for setting up some water training dates.

Report of Recording Secretary

Michele Murphy

December Minutes were published on the Club website.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Kathy Groschupf

Lauren reported for Kathy that there is nothing new to report since the last meeting.

Report of Treasurer

Lynn Nelson

Lynn provided 2016 Year End Profit and Loss statement (all current expenses and income) We posted a small loss for the year. Membership 77 total members: 11 new and 66 renewals

Reports of Committees

Supported Entry

Lynn Nelson/Jim Beach

Jim and Lynn reported that everything is on track. Forms for the SE Dinner and Auction are online, everyone is welcome.

Water Trial

Lauren reported on the final accounting for the Water Trial and reported a profit.

Election of Officers and Board

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

Section 1. Club Year.

The Club's fiscal year shall begin the first day of February and end the 30th day of January. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

Section 2. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January at which time Officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in the office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

Section 3. Elections.

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

Section 4. Nominations.

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of October, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Recording Secretary shall immediately notify the committee members and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before December 15.

- a. The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report his or her nomination to the Recording Secretary in writing.
- b. Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Recording Secretary shall, before December 31, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- c. Additional nominations may be made at the January meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his nominator shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to serve. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.
- d. Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.
- e. Nominees must be a Regular or Household member in good standing.

The RSPWDC Nominating Committee

Nominated the following club members as candidates for the RSPWDC Board of Directors:

President -- Shelley Huston

Vice President -- Jim Beach

Recording Secretary -- Karmen Booth

Corresponding Secretary --Lynn Nelson

Treasurer -- David Nelson

Director --Michele Murphy

Director --Carol Arbuthnot

There were no nominations from the floor, Lynn Nelson made a motion to set aside the secret ballot. Shelly Huston seconded. *Unanimously approved by all present.*

Lyle Harding made a motion to vote on entire BOD by acclimation. Shelly Huston seconded. *Unanimously approved by all present.*

Other Reports

Election of New Members

Sarah Leatherman of Golden Colorado has 1 PWD, Luna.

Motion to approve; Karmen Booth, second Lynn Nelson

Unanimously approved by all present.

Old Business

AWARD Certificates – We would like to remind the membership to send information about awards your dog received in 2016 to Lynn Nelson, forms are on the club website (Information and Forms)

New Business

Lyle mentioned bringing a Vet Susan Benson to give a seminar to our membership about Vaccination Protocols. Lyle will follow-up with Susan and provide additional information to the Club

Kim Beach would like to also hold seminar (possibly in conjunction with Vaccination seminar) on Therapy / Service Dogs for the club, we have several members who have therapy dogs and others who are interested. Kim will follow up and submit to the board

Shelly Huston thanked Lauren for her dedication and service to the club.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Michele Murphy, second Connor Arbuthnot

Unanimously approved by all present

Adjourned at 1:40 pm

Submitted by Michele Murphy (Recording Secretary)