

RSPWDC Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2016

The RSPWDC Annual Membership Meeting at Can't Stop Smokin' BBQ Smokehouse in Chandler, AZ was called to order at 12:03 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Karmen Booth, Shelley Huston, Michael Williams, Thea Bennett, Lauren McDermott, John Murnane, Frank Baucom, Kathy Groschupf, Michele Murphy, Sherri Horstman, Tina Price, Bruce Haseley, Lynn Nelson, Cindy Jones (phone-in participation)

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: General Membership Meeting of October 26, 2015 minutes written by Lauren McDermott were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Sherri Horstman. Motion seconded by Michael Williams. *Unanimously approved by all present*

Report of President

Karmen Booth

Report of the year's activities of the club:

- January 31st - Annual meeting
- February 27th - March 1 - Supported Entry/Sweepstakes
- March 7th - Board Meeting to set the 2015 calendar and approve budgets
- April - Riparian Walk - Cancelled do to lack of cabana availability/heat
- March - B Match/Barn Hunt - Not done
- April 27th Club Meeting - No minutes available
- May 16th - Water Workshop - Well attended
- June 13th - Grooming Seminar with Sherri Horstman, Janis Watts' home - Well attended
- June 28th - Club Meeting
- September 28th - Club Meeting
- October 26th - Club Meeting
- October 31st - November 1: PWDCA Sanctioned Water Trials - Well attended
- December 12th Holiday Party / Golden PWD Celebration - Well attended

New boat/Insurance purchase: Karmen and Michele reviewed the history of the boat purchase and new insurance that covers boat and club members who utilize it.

PPMs completed and approved by the Board in 2015 (will be provided to Board members and Committee Chairs)

- Annual Awards Program
- Donor Recognition Program
- Expense Reimbursement and Check/Cash Submittals
 - Club Reimbursement and Income/Donation Deposit Form
- Golden PWD Program

Report of Vice President

Shelley Huston

Nothing to report

Report of Treasurer

Michele Murphy

Reviewed last years operating budget and passed around spreadsheet copies. Budgets for every event were not available. Balance reported, reconciled and balanced with the bank. Reviewed all income and expenditures for the year. There were no questions from those in attendance.

Report of Recording Secretary

Kelly Calhoun (absent)

In Kelly's absence, Lynn reported that minutes of all meetings, with the exception of April 27th, have been recorded and are, or will be, approved at today's meeting and posted on our website.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Lynn Nelson

Lynn reported her work over the past year:

- Member correspondence via email (and Facebook)
- Took on the role of Recording Secretary
- Ordered and obtained generic club business cards - \$0
- Accepted the role of Regional Club Liaison to the 2016 National Specialty

Reports of Committees

Water Trial

Lauren McDermott

The RSPWDC hosted PWDCA sanctioned water trials October 31 and November 1, 2015. Many RSPWDC members came out to help with hospitality and with water trial tasks. The weather was absolutely perfect and the lake was beautiful! We had about 15 teams entered each day. Saturday the group shared a delicious chili dinner followed by a campfire with S'mores.

Photographer Bruce Haseley was our trial photographer and photos are available at:
<http://bdhaseley.zenfolio.com/f212414453>

Thank you everyone who attended and helped out!

The following teams qualified:

Saturday

Apprentice Qualifiers

Gigi, (Ikon Holding Tight to My Dream CGC), Shelley Huston

Working Qualifiers

Tack, (Armada's Changing Winds AWD), Michelle Hardman

Pirate, (GCH Aviators Legacy of a Bygone Era AWD), Jolene Simons

Lani, (Lookout Celestial Voyager WWD), Nancy Gills

Sunday

Working Qualifiers

Pirate, (GCH Aviators Legacy of a Bygone Era WWD), Jolene Simons

Apprentice Qualifiers

Reef, (Amarinhar Recife NA NAJ AXP AJP OFP CWDX), Lauren McDermott

Junior Qualifiers

Buccaneer, (Amarinhar Hearty Buccaneer AX OAJ OAP OJP OF AWD), Kathy Groschupf

Whirly, (Amarinhar Caracolar NA NAJ AXP AJP NF CWD), Lauren McDermott

Rescue

Michele Murphy

Michele reported that two dogs came into rescue this year--more dogs from Apache Junction "kennel" Stansbury. She worked with the PWDCA National Rep to find someone in AZ to adopt them--it took almost a month to find a family for each dog. Placed both in Northern CA and are doing well. Lynn and Michele helped foster. Unfortunately, there were issues with Coco's family, and she needed to be re-homed again. All turned out well as the family re-homed CoCo within their own family.

AKC Sanctioning

Lynn Nelson

(Acting Committee Chair)

Lynn Reported where the club stands in the AKC sanctioning process:

Accomplishments:

Researched status to date and reported to Board and club. Sought volunteer(s) to Chair a sanctioning committee via email blast to no avail.

Current Status:

As of October 26, 2015:

"...Please note that the RDPWDC is still considered an active AKC sanctioned club eligible to hold only Plan B level matches (Club #7013).

With the club's first (and only) approved Plan B match on November 23, 2014, the club is still eligible to continue with its Plan B program of at least two Plan B matches held six months apart. This eligibility was granted to the club on June 23, 2011.

Please see the attached Match application for apply for another Plan B match. The application must be sent to our attention, the Club Relations Department, at least 4 weeks prior to the date of the club's potential match date.

Please also see the last correspondence with the club regarding its Constitution and Bylaws.

With the resignations of two of your board members, please provide us with the names and contact information for the individuals who will be appointed to these roles until such time the club has an election cycle completed."

At present we are at a standstill in the process. As we did not hold our B match this year we will need to find out from AKC if we can still hold one and pick up where we left off in the process or if we have to start over. Volunteers are needed to Chair and finish the sanctioning process.

Membership

Lynn Nelson

Lynn reported on membership for the year.

Membership as of January 23, 2016 = 73 members = \$1015.00 in paid dues

Demographics:

Phoenix/Metro area members: 35 - 20 @ \$20 = \$400; 14 @ \$5 = \$70 (1 unpaid household member)

Surrounding area members: 26 - 17 @ \$20 = \$340; 9 @ \$5 = \$45

Remote members: 12 - 8 @ \$15 = \$120; 2 @ \$20 = \$40 (2 remote members reside with another)
(A remote member is one who lives outside of the state of Arizona)

Accomplishments:

- Updated Membership Application (formatting and Membership Coordinator name/address as well as added entry space for owned PWD information)
- Updated Membership Renewal Form (formatting and Membership Coordinator name/address as well as added entry space for owned PWD information)
- Created a standard new member Welcome Letter (sent via email)
- Membership Directory - sent to members via email, to be posted on club website

Current:

The club received one new membership application for January 2016 - Shari Henry of Tucson, AZ and her PWD Remo. She is interested in agility seminars/matches/trials, grooming seminars, health and nutrition seminars/clinics and social events. She has not shown or bred previously.

Michele made a motion to accept new member Shari Henry. Sherri seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved by all present.

Golden PWDs Celebration

John Murnane

John Murnane reviewed the recognition this year of our Golden PWDs. 14 dogs were presented with embroidered/personalized beach towels. Celebration was held during our Annual Holiday Party. 7 gifts need to be delivered to their owners, if anyone can help with delivery, please contact John.

Supported Entry for 2016

Michele Murphy/Lynn Nelson

Both the PWDCA and AKC approved our Supported Entry. We will NOT be holding a Sweepstakes. This year's Supported Entry will be held March 5th with the Superstition Kennel Club *inside* the AZ State Fairgrounds in Phoenix due to a split between the Superstition Kennel Club and the Scottsdale Dog Fanciers (the show runs March 4th through 6th and will include Combined Specialties, Barn Hunt, Agility (Contact Zonies), Obedience and Rally. Additionally, Breeders Veterinary Service will be on hand for digital X-ray services--see Premium at Onofrio). At this time, we are NOT planning a dinner due to the location of the show although we are investigating alternatives ideas for a get together and presenting annual awards. Lynn has tried to contact the AZ State Fairgrounds to see if they have a room to rent but has not received communication back. We are still planning to have hospitality, a basket raffle, and a silent auction.

Added as supplemental information: The Scottsdale Fiesta Dog Shows (Scottsdale Dog Fanciers, along with Arrowhead Kennel Club), show will be held at West World over Easter weekend. (The show runs March 25th through 27th and will include Combined Specialties, Obedience, Rally, Dock Diving and Beginner Puppy 4-6 month Special Attraction as well as the Champions of Canine Health Fiesta, Meet the Breeds, Chuck-A-Duck 50-50 Raffle, Fiesta Junior Classic Junior Showmanship Handling Clinic and a Scottsdale Dog Judges Workshop).

Discussion ensued over why the clubs split and why we made the choice to go with Superstition Kennel Club. Michele explained the rational for going with SKC. Going forward, members would like us to look for a venue/club that offers conformation/agility/obedience/rally, etc. (Currently we plan our Supported Entry/Sweepstakes by AKC Calendar week #, which is what we kept this year).

Michele and Lynn are seeking volunteers for the event. Expenses will need to be kept to a minimum due to potentially lower revenue this year.

Board E-votes since last meeting

There were 4 E-votes:

- Board approved, 5/2 absent votes to accept the household Membership Application of Janet Phillips and Jefferey Paige.
- Board approved, 6/1 absent votes to approve Thea Bennett as an alternate to the Nominating Committee.
- Board approved 5/2 absent votes to meet again to finalize 4 PPMs -

- Awards Program, Donor Recognition, Expense Reimbursement, Golden PWD Program
- Board approved, unanimously, to add finalized 4 PPMs to our Policy and Procedure Manual

Karmen Booth thanked Lynn Nelson for all her help this year and being her “right hand”.

Election of Officers and Board

Karmen Booth

Annual Meeting:

From RSPWDC’s By-Laws: *“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.”*

RSPWDC Nominating Committee:

Lauren McDermott, Sherri Horstman, Michelle Murphy (Alternates - Thea Bennett and Kathy Groschupf)

Slate of Officers for 2016 proposed by the Nominating Committee:

President: Lauren McDermott

Vice President: Shelley Huston

Treasurer: Lynn Nelson

Recording Secretary: Michele Murphy

Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Groschupf

Director: Karmen Booth

Director: Sherri Horstman

Karmen asked if there were any nominations from the floor. With none received, Michael Williams motioned to approve the slate for 2016. seconded the motion. *The 2016 Board slate was voted in unanimously.*

Congratulations were extended the 2016 Board of Directors!

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Lauren asked all present for meeting location suggestions for 2016. She noted that the club is required to hold club meetings six times a year and that ideally we would try to hold these meetings every other month.

Suggested by Kathy Groschupf - at members’ homes

Suggested by Bruce Haseley - whatever is best for the board -- plan for board to be in attendance.

Suggestion made for remote meetings at least 2x a year

Others agreed that our current location, Can’t Stop Smokin’ BBQ Smokehouse in Chandler, was a convenient location.

Lauren indicated she would like the club to hold a “Fun Day at the Lake” with a committee lead, stations for different event-type fun, etc. Lauren suggested May 15, which is the first day Lauren can participate because of work responsibilities. Members shared pros and cons of dates(s).

Bruce Haseley suggested a Photo workshop in Tucson that he would host! Perhaps Tucson in August ...he is open to dates.

Mike and Thea Bennett suggested, similar to Tucson Kennel Club, having a \$1 donation per Wags and Brags at meetings. With that, all present shared their “wags and brags” for the year. (This was informal and notes were not taken)

Lauren requested that we hold the Water Trial the weekend of October 22nd/23rd, 2016.

Lauren made a motion to approve the date. Shelley seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved by all present.*

Lauren asked for 2016 event suggestions. Suggestions included:

- Bruce Haseley Photography workshop
- Wine, Cheese and Paw party in Ahwatukee (Karmen and Shelley’s home)
- B Match with the understanding we need volunteers to chair and work--combine with a working club group or another group club
- Riparian Walk - May is the best, but too hot. March or April would be ideal.
- Festa Potluck - Fall
- Meet The Breed at our Supported Entry (Karmen will contact the Superstition Kennel Club to see if they are holding a Meet The Breed Event. (Scottsdale Dog Fanciers IS holding one March 26th and 27th)
- Grooming Seminar

Inventory of Club equipment, and merchandise:

All equipment, merchandise or inventory must be reported to the Treasurer, Lynn Nelson, as soon as possible.

Members discussed looking for a storage location (storage unit) to centrally house all equipment and possibly the boat, as it has become an inconvenience to store at different member’s homes. indicated they would research and report back to the club.

Bruce Haseley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lynn seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved by all.*

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by: Lynn Nelson