

Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club
Membership Meeting at Postino's Annex, Tempe, AZ
June 22, 2019

I. Attendees:

Carol Arbuthnot - Director
Roger Arbuthnot – Corresponding Secretary
Jim Beach, President
Kim Beach, Recording Secretary
Karen Berggren
Karman Booth
Gail Gomez
Shelley Huston, Director
Amy Jones, Vice President
Cindy Jones
Michelle Murphy
Sherri Horstman

II. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jim Beach at 12:30

III. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Motion to Approve Minutes as Amended: Karmen
Seconded by Shelley Huston
Approved

IV. Report of the President: No Report

V. Report of the Recording Secretary: No Report

VI. Report of the Corresponding Secretary: No Report

VII. Report of the Treasurer: Current Bank Balance - \$7698.64

VIII. Report of Committees:

Membership – 3 New Members sponsored by Jim Beach – new Diamante Puppy Owners.

Rescue: - Sharon working on possibly one or two rescues

Water Trial – Lauren McDermott – Plans are proceeding for October 26 and 27, 2019 Water Trial. The 2019 Water Trial Committee is made up of Lauren McDermott-Chair, John Murnane-Trial Secretary, Sherry Horstman, and Judy Weinstein.

Supported Entry - Lynn Nelson – Plans are proceeding for 2020 Supported Entry on Feb 2 and 3, 2020

Club Sanctioning: Lynn Nelson and Roger Arbuthnot

Jim shared there has been a number of comments on the proposed by-law changes.

He stressed that the purpose of sending them out to the membership was to solicit feedback.

He shared that there was never intention for these changes to be forced upon the membership. He went on to say that many of the changes are required or recommended by AKC in order to be a sanctioned club. Roger also added that AKC has recently modified requirements for new applications for sanctioning. So clubs that are already sanctioned – such as Seattle and Northern CA can operate under “grandfathered” rules that are not the same as those our club must adhere to. An example is the number of meetings required. Existing clubs are only required to have 4 meetings per year – whereas clubs sanctioned now are required to have 6 meetings per year.

Another AKC requirement is that clubs must have 20% of voting members at a membership meeting in order to have a quorum. A quorum is required if anything must be voted upon in the meeting. Roger added that AKC recommends the use of “Associate” or non-voting members in order to lessen the number of members needed for a quorum.

For example – 50 Voting Members in the Club require 10 voting members at a membership meeting for a quorum.

If 20 of the 50 members are “associate” Members, there would only need to be 6 members at a membership meeting to make a quorum. Since our meetings are not well attended – this could have a significant impact on our ability to get things done.

Per AKC, the location of the club must be specified in the name so that potential officers understand the territory in which the club operates. Since the club has members in various parts of Arizona, it was recommended we add “of Arizona” to the

name. Further, a minimum of 6 membership meetings must be held in the area in which the club has been incorporated – which in our clubs' case is Phoenix.

Discussion ensued about these items and the outcome was the following recommendation for changes to the bylaws:

1. New members shall be added to the club as Associate Members without voting privileges.

- A. After one-year, associate members are able to become full-voting member provided they:
 - a. Have a current Full Member who sponsors them
 - b. Have attended one Membership Meeting or been a key helper at an event
(This was described as perhaps being responsible for some aspect of an event – but not the entire event. An Example would be gathering Baskets for the Supported Entry Basket raffle)
 - c. The description of the Phoenix area will be including the verbiage North TO Prescott and South TO Tucson.
- B. Each year, existing full members must do one of the following in order to be a Voting member in the following calendar year:
 - o Attend 2 membership meetings OR
 - o Be a Key Helper at an event and Attend 1 Meeting OR
 - o Be a Key Helper at 2 events

Failure to do this will change the member to non-voting for the following calendar year.

In an attempt to give individuals an opportunity to attend a meeting, we will plan to have a membership meeting at the following events:

- a. The Supported Entry*
- b. The Williams Show
- c. The Water Trial*
- d. Festa*
- e. Tucson Shows

*- Will count as one of the 6 required in the Phoenix area

- C. Only Voting members will be able to hold a Board Position.
- D. The official name of the club will contain "of Arizona" per AKC requirement
- E. The Board can hold a meeting that allows board members attendance by phone or Video.
(AKC does not allow this for a Membership meeting.)
- F. Rather than combining the 2 jobs of the secretaries as suggested by AKC, we will modify the Vice-President Role to include the duties of the Corresponding Secretary.
- G. Honorary membership requirements will stay as described with Honorary members being non-voting members.
- H. Communication to the Membership regarding potential changes in the club by-laws or any other item will be done either through email or regular mail.
- I. Add Inclusion of a paragraph (as in the PWDCA by-laws) that holds Board members harmless.
- J. Add that a member must be in good standing with the PWDCA (assuming they are a member of PWDCA) in order to be a voting member of the club.

It was reiterated by Jim Beach that If a member would like to conduct club business, gather information about club policies, or ask the club to do something – they are asked to do the following:

- A. Attend a Membership Meeting
- B. Attend a Board Meeting (Any Member can attend a Board Meeting)
- C. Send their information or inquiry to Jim Beach at diamante.pwd@earthlink.net.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business:

Basket Raffle at PWDCA National Specialty:

Kim said that she is leading the Basket Raffle for the upcoming National Specialty and asked if the club would donate a basket.

Motion for the Club to donate \$250 towards the basket - Made by Karman Booth

Seconded by Gail Gomez

Passed

Also, if individuals feel it appropriate, donations would be appreciated. Funds can be forwarded to Kimberly Beach.

Over \$100 was donated by members at the meeting. Proceeds from the Basket Raffle will go to the PWDCA Cancer fund.

Adjournment: Jim Beach adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Beach
Recording Secretary