

RSPWDC Membership Meeting Minutes (Draft)

September 8, 2016

The RSPWDC Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Lauren McDermott at Can't Stop Smokin' BBQ Smokehouse, 7250 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ.

ROLL CALL: Lauren McDermott, Shelley Huston, Kathy Groschupf, Lynn Nelson, Carol Arbuthnot, Roger Arbuthnot, Frank Baucom, Jim Beach, Karmen Booth, and Kelly Calhoun.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the last Membership Meeting, May 21, 2016, were unanimously approved, after a few suggested corrections. See the attached approved Membership Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2016.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS E-VOTES:

June 3: Lynn Nelson made a motion seconded by Lauren McDermott to approve Larry Bodine and Dorian Dvorak for household membership. Motion passed.

June 13: Lauren McDermott made a motion seconded by Karmen Booth that the responsibility of the club's web pages be turned over to John Murnane. Motion passed.

June 23: Lynn Nelson made a motion to accept Lyle Harding's renewal remote membership. Motion passed.

June 25: Shelley Huston made a motion seconded by Lynn Nelson to approve a Supported Entry to be held in 2017. Five members have volunteered to plan the event: Co-chairs will be Jim Beach and Lynn Nelson; Shelley Huston, Karmen Booth, and Lyle Harding are on the committee. Motion passed.

July 5: Lynn Nelson made a motion seconded by Shelley Huston to approve the July 2, 2016, Special Board Meeting minutes. Motion passed by board members who were present at the meeting.

August 3: Lauren McDermott made a motion seconded by Kathy Groschupf to approve the budget for the water trial. Motion passed.

August 4: Lauren McDermott made a motion seconded by Kathy Groschupf to change the dates of the RSPWDC water trials from October 22 and 23 to October 29 and 30. Motion passed.

August 6: Lynn Nelson made a motion seconded by Shelley Huston to approve the 2017 Supported Entry and Sweepstakes budget. Motion passed.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT: Lauren McDermott thanked all members who are contributing to the success of the club by organizing and attending events as well as staying in touch through

email, Facebook, and other means to share information and the enjoyment of our activities with our PWDs. We are looking forward to seeing members at two upcoming events- the Water Trials and the Holiday Party, and we also hope to see some members at the PWDCA National Specialty.

REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT: Shelley Huston has been busy working with the boat policy and hopes to have the policy finalized soon. She also has been helping with activities regarding the RSPWDC Supported Entry.

REPORT OF TREASURER: Lynn Nelson reported the current bank balance. Expenditures included donations to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation in memory of members' dogs who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge: "Schooner" (Lynn and Dave Saturno); "Buccaneer" (Kathy Groschupf and Frank Baucom); "Sparkle" (Jim and Kimberly Beach); and "Caleb" (Cindy Kramer). There was a charge to change the airline ticket for our Water Trial judge, Karen Pratt. Revenue included membership renewals and trophy donations for the Supported Entry.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY: Michele Murphy is absent, so the Corresponding Secretary is taking minutes.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Kathy Groschupf has continued to keep the club members informed of events and meeting announcements.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

SUPPORTED ENTRY: Lynn Nelson thanked Carol and Roger Arbuthnot for their past work with the Supported Entry. The 2017 Supported Entry and Sweepstakes will be held in conjunction with the Heart of the Desert Classic Shows February 2-6, 2017, at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. We have been approved by AKC and PWDCA, and the premium will be listed with dog show Superintendent Onofrio. Conformation Judge on the day of the Supported Entry is Marjorie Santoli, and Working Judge is David Boulus. Sweeps Judge is Martha Thomas. Other conformation judges for PWDs the other days are: Virginia Laytham-Smith, Jim Cole, and Connie Alexander. Shelley and Lyle are working on trophies. Jim and Kimberly Beach have contacted The Spaghetti Factory where the dinner will be held on Saturday, February 4. The show will be outside, and a 20x20 tent and electricity will be provided. The Supported Entry Committee plans to place ads for the Supported Entry and Sweepstakes in *The Courier* and websites, and will have flyers at the National Specialty. The Committee hopes to bring fun and people to the Supported Entry.

WATER TRIAL: Lauren McDermott reported that the Water Trials entry form and premium list are on the RSPWDC website and on Facebook. The t-shirt is not available yet. She has contacted the host hotel, Superstition La Quinta Inn, and got a great rate of \$80.20/night. Kathy Groschupf reported that she had contacted Canyon Lake Marina Campground and blocked off a group of eight RV camping sites and five have already been reserved.

OTHER REPORTS:

PWDCA WATER TRIAL COMMITTEE: Lauren McDermott, Liaison, reported that there was a revision to the rules for the Versatility Net Retrieve with Dummy Distraction exercise that will go into effect immediately. The revision is: If the dog releases the net and goes to the dummy and touches the dummy, the judge will immediately direct the substitute steward to reel the net back in and the dog will fail this exercise.

PWDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY LIAISON: Lynn Nelson reported that everything has been closed. Everyone is allowed to attend the Welcome Beach Party, even if they haven't signed up and paid for dinner. However, if they haven't signed up for dinner, they can't participate in the dinner and cash bar at the beach.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Lynn Nelson reported there are no new member applications. (See above newly approved by e-vote members).

OLD BUSINESS:

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR USING CLUB BOAT: Karmen Booth passed around a draft revision of the Policies and Procedures for use of the club boat and discussed the document. Several changes to the document were suggested and Karmen will re-write the document and send it to the Board for approval.

AKC SANCTIONING: Lynn Nelson reported that a representative from AKC told her that in order for the club to continue the sanctioning process we need to hold a B-Match, we have to re-apply for sanctioning, and we have to write a letter to AKC explaining why we have not continued our progress towards sanctioning. AKC also wants a club membership list of names with members' interests. Lynn suggested that we could do a B-Match at the Supported Entry, and Lynn thinks she could send in the paper work. Lynn will put together some information regarding what is needed to be done and will ask for volunteers to have a committee for AKC Sanctioning and to do all the work that is involved in the process.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Lauren McDermott made a motion seconded by Shelley Huston to hold the Holiday Party on Sunday, December 11, at the McDermott/Murnane home. Motion passed.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: Frank Baucom mentioned that the Board over-ruled the club membership on having the Supported Entry in 2017. The motion to not have the Supported Entry in 2017 was made and approved at a Club Meeting. Frank made a motion seconded by Jim Beach that the club membership supports the holding of a Supported Entry in 2017. Motion approved by all present.

NEW BUSINESS:

FESTA: No one has volunteered to host the Festa this year, and Lynn has been considering hosting it but can't commit yet.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Lynn Nelson made a motion seconded by Jim Beach that Karmen Booth chair the committee. Motion approved. Karmen asked non-board members present if they wanted to join the committee. Carol Arbuthnot and Frank Baucom stated that they may be interested. Karmen will suggest members for the Nominating Committee to the Board by October. (Note that the club's bylaws require the Board to appoint the Nominating Committee in October.)

CELEBRATION OF GOLDEN ONES: Lauren McDermott asked to change the Policy and Procedure for the Golden Ones such that a dog could receive recognition more than one time. This resulted in a discussion of the cost and value of the celebration. The change in the Policy and Procedure was tabled until it could be determined whether it had actually been approved.

MEETING DATES: Lauren McDermott brought up the concerns emailed to the Corresponding Secretary by member Jan Shireffs regarding club meeting dates and location. The discussion involved whether the dates should be set at regular intervals or irregular intervals such as at club events. The next membership meetings will be held October 29, at the Water Trial, and December 11, at the Holiday Party.

BOAT DRY DOCK: Karmen Booth suggested that the club boat could be dry-docked during October at Canyon Lake Marina which will cost \$125.00/month. This suggestion was discussed and tabled because the Policies and Procedure for use of the club boat requires more time, and an individual member will need to be responsible for the paper work regarding boat usage.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Groschupf

RSPWDC Corresponding Secretary