

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RIO SALGADO PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB

The meeting was held at Pitaliano Bistro, Glendale, AZ. Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

PRESENT - Lauren McDermott, Michele Murphy, Kathy Groschupf, Frank Baucom, Stephanie Rollins, Tim Rollins, John Murnane, Sherri Hortsman, Suzanne Saunders, Jo Fain, Hilary Haseley, Tina Price, Peggy Perkins, Steve Perkins, Janis Watts, Jan Shireffs, and Pam Barnett.

MINUTES - Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting, December 10, 2008, was postponed.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT - Lauren McDermott

Lauren thanked the volunteers who made last year's club events fun, educational and/or entertaining. She said that she is looking forward to the many activities already planned for 2009, as well as the ones still in the works. She remarked that we have many new members who have joined the club and hopes that we can find ways to welcome them and get them involved in supporting roles in managing the events and activities of the club.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY - Danine Summers

No report.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Kathy Groschupf

In late December she sent out an announcement for the Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club Annual Meeting January 17, 2009.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - Frank Baucom

Frank Baucom reported that the club's ending balance in 2007 was \$6281, and the ending balance on January 13, 2009, was incredibly, \$6281. Our current balance on January 17, 2009, is \$6566.

To this date, we've had 35 membership renewals and 25 members have still not renewed. Please send in your renewal dues!

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

SUPPORTED ENTRY - Michele Murphy, Chair

There is nothing new to report since the December meeting. The Supported Entry is moving along well. Michele will send out notices for volunteers and will also send out information regarding the Supported Entry dinner, which will be held at Dave and Buster's at Desert Ridge in Phoenix/Scottsdale.

Notices have gone out requesting sponsors for trophies for the Supported Entry. That information will also be available on the RSPWDC website.

WATER TRIAL - Kathy Groschupf, Chair

At the December meeting, members decided that we'd have a Water Trial this year. The date will be around the same time, late October or early November. We need to start acting on this and the first order of business is to get together a Water Trial Host Committee and a Committee Chair. Kathy will agree to be Chair, unless someone else would like to be in charge this year. Or, if someone would like to get familiar with what is involved, they could co-chair with Kathy. Please contact Kathy if you are interested in being on the Committee.

RESCUE - Lauren McDermott, Coordinator

There are no dogs in Rescue right now. But, we do need foster home volunteers for rescue for when a dog needs a temporary home.

WEBSITE – Stephanie Rollins

Stephanie has posted new pictures on the club's website. They are of the recent Holiday Parties and the November 2008 Water Trial. A new picture will be on the front page as well. Please notify Stephanie of any changes.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee provided a slate of officers to be elected for the ensuing year. No other

nominations were received. The slate of officers is: President – Michele Murphy; Vice President – Sherri Hortsman; Treasurer – Frank Baucom; Recording Secretary – Suzanne Saunders; Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Groschupf; Director – Lauren McDermott; Director – Susan Myrick. Janis Watts moved that we accept the slate of officers, Stephanie Rollins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

New member applications have been received from: Roberta and Greg Heine of Scottsdale, and Uli Blann of Las Cruces, New Mexico. We reviewed the applications and Lauren McDermott moved that we accept the new members, Roberta and Greg Heine, Pam Barnett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Jan Shireffs moved that we accept the new member, Yulie Blond, Pam Barnett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frank Baucom stated we may need to reconsider the dues amount for remote memberships as insurance costs may be more than dues (\$15 per address). Perhaps our insurance companies will let us have a different fee for remote members or we need to alter membership dues. Frank will check with the insurance company about this matter. Also, it was agreed that we need to publish the club's bylaws on our website so people are informed about dues and other club matters.

Michele announced that Janis Watts and her dog, "Liza", will be interviewed on "Good Morning Arizona", Channel 3 in Phoenix, at 7:45 am. Michele said she'd send out an e-mail notice about this to the membership.

Outgoing President, Lauren McDermott, was presented with several "Thank You" gifts in appreciation for all she has done for the club these past two years.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Groschupf
RSPWDC Corresponding Secretary