

MINUTES OF THE FEB 18, 2004 MEETING OF THE RIO SALGADO
PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB

The meeting of the Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jan Shirreffs. Meeting held at the Marie Calenders Restaurant.

PRESENT: Carol and Mike Pleskoff, Haven Lane, Janis Watts, Pam Coffeen, Tina Labash, Jan Shirreffs, Pam Barnett, and Denise Wallentinson.

MINUTES: MOTION to approve the minutes of the last meeting by Denise Wallentinson, SECONDED by Pam Barnett. MOTION AFFIRMED.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jan Shirreffs reported that she has been investigating Incorporation and AKC accreditation. She has talked with Jennifer Smith of the Great Pyrenees Club and with Nancy Stewart of the Bernese Mt. Dog Club regarding bylaws and incorporation. The Great Pyrenees Club used an accountant named Jackie Thomas to draw up their Articles of Incorporation. Regarding AKC sanctioning they said that we should set the address for the Club in Phoenix(a permanent address). They also said that we need to have more members in state than out-of-state and that we should specify that the meetings take place in Phoenix.

Nancy Stewart of the Berner Club sent a copy of their recently revised Bylaws which were approved by AKC.

Jan also contacted Paralegal-plus and they told me that it cost \$1000 to do the incorporation papers. She then contacted Roger Stump at AZ Paralegal services. He recommends we pursue Incorporation as a profit S Corp. He will do the bylaws and articles of incorporation for \$350, plus a \$60 filing fee and \$75 publication fee. We would have to file tax returns as either a for-profit or as a non-profit. According to Roger and his 13 years experience, there is absolutely no benefit to being non-profit. He is willing to meet with us to discuss this further. Decision to table this discussion and bring it to the membership at the next meeting in March.

Jan reported that she has completed the paperwork need for PWDCA Regional Club Sanctioning. She also reported that the board approved the budget for the Supported Entry at \$600 via an email vote on Feb. 2, 2004. The Board also approved Lauren McDermott as the new Membership Coordinator via email vote on Jan. 30, 2004.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: Applications were received for Thea Bennett and Michael Williams, and for Allen and Nancy Gardner. MOTION by Pam Barnett to accept these new members. SECONDED by Mike Pleskoff . MOTION AFFIRMED.

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RESCUE: We have a report that one of our rescues, Missy Pepper, has lost another 12 pounds.

SUPPORTED ENTRY: Janis Watts reported that we have rented a 10'X20' tent from the Fiesta Cluster, it will be in the general area of Agility and Obedience. We will begin general set-up on Thursday, Feb. 26th about 4 pm. The trophies have been picked up. Tina Labash reported that she has many good eats ready for hospitality, and Carol Pleskoff reported that we have a very good selection of donations for the raffle and auction. The drawing for the raffle will take place on Sunday, after the judging in the Breed ring. All seems to be ready to go.

WATER TRIAL: MOTION by Janis Watts to give advance approval to form a water trial committee and go forward with making plans to hold a fall water trial. SECONDED: Mike Pleskoff.

MOTION APPROVED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Storage- The Club is in need of a way to store all our "stuff". Several options have been suggested, a storage locker, a Rubbermaid storage unit that would run about \$200 to \$600 and need to be placed at someone's home, or an enclosed trailer. Mart Miller has offered to share a portion of her storage locker, at this point we will look at that for size and report back at the next meeting.

2. Janis Watts said she and Mary Lou Oliver are still working on a Celebration of our Older Dogs. They are looking at possibly having this in March or perhaps April.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Change meeting day- MOTION by Denise Wallentinson to change the day of our regular meetings to the 3rd Monday to begin with our May meeting. SECONDED by Mike Pleskoff. MOTION APPROVED. We will also explore a possible new location.

2. Denise Wallentinson has obtained a business card with Staples that will give us discounts on volume printing that will help with the cost of printing the newsletter. She will look into getting duplicate cards for others to use.

MOTION by Mike Pleskoff to adjourn the meeting, SECONDED by Pam Barnett.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Coffeen, substitute secretary.

BRAGS & CRIES

Carol Pleskoff- Carol will be retiring as of tomorrow. She also reported that Donny has an official DNA certificate.

Pam Coffeen- Mira received her AKC Novice Agility title.

Stephanie Wallentinson- has been having a wonderful visit with one of her puppy's, Ranger, who now lives in Plano, Texas.

Jan Shirreffs- after some teeter problems, at a recent AKC trial, Sarah earned a 1st place in Novice Jumpers and her first Q, and a 1st place and Highest Scoring Dog in Class in Novice A Standard.