

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
RIO SALGADO PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB  
FEBRUARY 20, 2010**

The meeting was held at Rock Bottom Restaurant, Phoenix, AZ. Meeting was called to order at 3:50 pm.

**PRESENT** - Michele Murphy, Frank Baucom, Kathy Groschupf, Lauren McDermott, John Murnane, Stephanie Rollins, Hilary Haseley, Peggy Perkins, Carol Arbuthnot, Roger Arbuthnot, Susan Myrick, Shelley Huston, Karmen Booth, Judy Weinstein.

**MINUTES** – Minutes of the previous meeting, December 20, 2009, were approved with slight editorial corrections.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** – Michele Murphy

Michele thanked all Board Members for all their work over the year. Our 2009 Supported Entry was successful and “thank you” to all the volunteers. Michele summarized the previous year: Sherri Hortsman showed her expertise at a great Grooming Seminar, which was held at Janis Watts’ residence; Hilary Haseley was in charge of Meet the Breed with help from Susan Myrick; Hilary Haseley wrote an article about club events for The Courier magazine. Thank you to Kathy Groschupf and Frank Baucom for all the work on the Water Trial, and everyone else who worked at the Water Trial. We had two Holiday Parties this year, the first at Kathy and Frank’s, where we played games with the dogs and Michael Bennett smoked and barbecued pork ribs that went with Kathy’s delicious coleslaw. Carol and Roger Arbuthnot hosted the second Holiday Party. Thank you, Roger and Carol, for opening your house to us. At both parties we celebrated the “Golden Oldies” where we recognized Timbers, Teddy, Skiff, and Lindy. The four dogs received gifts. All our events were successful, and again, thank you. In addition, recently, Hilary Haseley and Susan Myrick resurrected the Newsletter. Unfortunately, we did not include the Golden Oldie section, so we will have a Special Edition Newsletter which will recognize the four dogs. The Supported Entry is coming up in 2 weeks. We have tents, layout, ground maps, and ring times will be sent out. We have a Water Seminar coming up. Our plans for the year are to have a Grooming Seminar, Water Trial, Portuguese Festa, and Holiday Party.

**REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT** - Sherri Horstman

No report.

**REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY** - Suzanne Saunders

No report.

**REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** - Kathy Groschupf

Since December 20, 2009, the following correspondence occurred. Club members were notified of meetings and cancellation of meetings. Members were notified of Supported Entry information that was provided by Michele Murphy. Since Suzanne Saunders had asked for no further communication with RSPWDC, Kathy Groschupf has acted as Recording Secretary. Kathy took minutes at the Special Board Meeting which was called to decide on a Nominating

Committee and a Chair for that Committee. The Nominating Committee was notified of the Board's decisions. Members were sent the Nominating Committee's Slate of Candidates.

### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER - Frank Baucom**

Frank Baucom gave the annual Treasurer's report. He reported the current balance as of February 19, 2010, and the beginning balances for January 1, 2009, and ending balance for December 31, 2009. Both the Supported Entry and Water Trial were financially successful events for the Club this past year.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **SUPPORTED ENTRY - Michele Murphy, Chair**

We have tents and a Sweepstakes Judge. There are 18 Sweepstakes dogs, and 51 dogs entered in Regular Conformation. Everything is on track, and we are still collecting money for trophies. Please contact Sherri Horstman for raffle item donations.

#### **WATER TRIAL - Kathy Groschupf, Chair**

Kathy Groschupf has agreed to continue as Chair of the Water Trial Committee, and the other members have indicated that they would like to stay on the Committee: Frank Baucom, Lauren McDermott, John Murnane, Stephanie Rollins, Tina Price, Bruce and Hilary Haseley, and Peggy Perkins. If anyone wants to join the Committee, please contact one of us. We will be looking for land and boat stewards. The Water Trial will be held at the same location, Canyon Lake, and will be held closely to the same date, the end of October, early November. Kathy contacted potential water trial judges, starting with Deborah Lee Miller-Reilly, since she was our first choice last year. She is not available until 2 years, but would like to judge our trial some time. Fees and expenses were not discussed. Kathy contacted Catherine Gadd, and she said she would be happy to judge our trials. She'd like \$100.00/day plus expenses, and we agreed to that. One thing different this year is that she said she'd like to camp at our water trial.

We are also hosting a water trial training practice this year, so Kathy contacted Canyon Lake Marina and verified that it was okay to do so at their beach and campground. Kathy contacted Sarah Kahn, who will be happy to come to put on a training seminar. She asked for \$300.00 to put on the two day workshop, and would train up to 12 teams, and would like two assistants if we are using one boat, or four assistants if we are using two boats.

Writers for The Courier magazine asked for input on water trials, and Lauren McDermott and Kathy Groschupf responded to their questionnaire. Look for it in the next Jan/Feb Water Trial issue.

#### **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 will put up links to the Club's Newsletter.

### **AKC SANCTIONING – Susan Myrick, Chair**

We will be hosting a Fun Match, March 13, 2010, at the Deer Valley Animal Hospital. We will be offering Conformation, and Novice Obedience and Rally. Lin Jensen will judge all the conformation classes. Myra Judd will be the Obedience Judge. Judy Weinstein volunteered to be Novice Obedience Steward. Karen Flocker will be the Ring Steward. Obedience and Rally will be offered after Conformation. We want to get people interested in doing Rally. We will have a big range of Conformation classes. This is just the beginning of AKC Sanctioning, so we are allowed to do whatever we want. We will have 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-18 months, Open, Altered, and Veterans classes. We will give awards for Best in Match, followed by Best Puppy and Best Veteran. After this match, we will do our own B matches. We hope that we get many PWD people interested in this Match, so we can proceed towards our AKC sanctioning.

### **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee of Stephanie Rollins, Chair, Hilary Haseley, Sherri Horstman, Tina Price, and Pam Barnett, provided a slate of officers to be elected for the ensuing year. No other nominations were received from the floor. The slate of officers is: President – Michele Murphy, Vice President – Roger Arbuthnot, Treasurer – Frank Baucom, Recording Secretary – Peggy Perkins, Corresponding Secretary – Susan Myrick, Director – Lauren McDermott, Director – Janis Watts. Karmen Booth moved that we accept the slate of officers, Peggy Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

New Members - Two new members were approved.  
Gisela Liden  
Maryann Murphy

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Frank Baucom made a motion to request an audit the RSPWDC books. Roger Arbuthnot seconded the motion. VOTE APPROVED. Two members were asked to volunteer to audit books for 2009. Peggy Perkins and Stephanie Rollins volunteered to conduct the audit before the next Board meeting.

REPORT – Michele Murphy gave a report regarding the Junior and Apprentice Water Workshop to be held May 1 & May 2 at Canyon Lake. Jan Shirreffs will chair the event. Sarah Kahn will judge. A total of 20 students will be accepted, 12 working dogs and handlers @\$75.00 and 8 audit spots @ \$30.00. A request was made for volunteers to assist and row.

REQUEST was made by Peggy Perkins to have a memorial area in the newsletter to acknowledge members who have lost their PWD's

MOTION - Frank Baucom made a motion to allow spending \$100.00 for our regular events such as the Golden Oldies, Grooming Workshop, Festa and Holiday Parties. John Murnane seconded

the motion. There was discussion on budgets and the need to include the major events such as the Supported Entry and the Water Trial. Lauren McDermott made a motion to add to the above motion to allow spending of up \$5000.00 for the Supported Entry and Water Trial, with the understanding that those major events will at least try to break even. Frank Baucom seconded that motion. Motion Approved.

There was discussion on establishing budgets for all events. Frank Baucom asked that we continue the discussion at the next Board meeting.

Next Board Meeting – Saturday, March 27, 2010 in Tucson. Time and place to be announced.

**MEETING ADJOURNED - 5:07 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Groschupf  
Past Corresponding Secretary

Peggy Perkins  
Elected Recording Secretary