

## **DRAFT Pending Approval at Next Meeting:**

### **Minutes of the March 22, 2008 General Meeting of the Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club**

A General Meeting was held at the Rillito Fairgrounds, Tucson, Arizona. The meeting was called to order by Lauren McDermott at 2:20 pm.

#### **PRESENT**

President - Lauren McDermott, Vice President – Michele Murphy, Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Groschupf, Directors - Stephanie Rollins, Sherri Horstman, Members - Janis Watts, Mary Lou Oliver, Doug Holt, Sharon Gasho.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Stephanie Rollins to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2008 meeting. Motion seconded by Michele Murphy. Minutes approved with no corrections.

#### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Lauren McDermott stated that the RSPWDC's Supported Entry was a wonderful success and that everyone who commented on the event had nothing but glowing words about it. She made special thanks to the Supported Entry Chair, Michele Murphy, who did a spectacular job. Lauren also reported that she has submitted all the paperwork for RSPWDC's club sanctioning, including the insurance paperwork.

#### **REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY**

Recording Secretary Danine Summers was absent. No report.

#### **REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Kathy Groschupf had nothing to report.

#### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Frank Baucom was absent. Kathy Groschupf reported the bank balance. She also reported that the Supported Entry balance was in the red. Not included yet in either balance was money from the Supported Entry raffle. Michele Murphy said she would mail the check and information to Frank. Kathy also reported the donations for the Supported Entry trophies were short of the total cost for the trophies. Michele Murphy, Frank Baucom, and Karen Berggren will check into the matter and determine why there was a discrepancy.

#### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Supported Entry – Michele Murphy thanked everyone who helped at the Supported Entry, which was a great success. She also assured us that with the raffle money, the Supported Entry finances will be in the black.

Water Trial - Kathy Groschupf reaffirmed that we will be holding our water trials November 1 and 2, 2008, at Canyon Lake Marina, and that Pam Marshall will be our judge both days. We hope to run the trials similar to other years, with people camping at the site. We can't make any reservations yet until 6 months prior to the date, making May the month to make reservations.

A petition in favor of establishing a set payment for water trial judges had been e-mailed to a few of us members, so we discussed the ideas of paying water trial judges a set fee for judging and also what sort of reimbursements water trial judges should receive. We agreed that individual clubs and judges should establish their own means for reimbursements, and that a standard fee for all clubs is not a good idea. The Water Trial Committee will decide on reimbursements and fees for this year's RSPWDC water trial judge.

Rescue - Lauren McDermott reported that she did receive a call from someone who had a PWD that may have been in need of rescue. Fortunately, circumstances changed so the dog was no longer in need of rescue.

Web Site – Stephanie Rollins said that we need to update our website with more current photos of our dogs and events. Please send your pictures to Stephanie and she will include them on the RSPWDC web site.

## **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

A new member application from Shelley Huston and Karmen Booth was reviewed. Lauren McDermott moved to accept the application. Janis Watts seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Stephanie Rollins stated that we need to have a more efficient procedure for posting the club's minutes on the web site. We discussed the idea and agreed that the new method would be that within 2 weeks after the meeting, the Recording Secretary will send the minutes to Stephanie who will then post them as "pending approval". Members who attended the meeting can send their corrections to Stephanie.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A Grooming Seminar presented by RSPWDC member and PWD groomer extraordinaire, Sherri Hortsman, will be given on Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Lauren McDermott's residence in Phoenix. Please contact Lauren McDermott, [lmcdermott@cox.net](mailto:lmcdermott@cox.net), to sign up for this free, fun, instructional event.

Stephanie Rollins invited everyone to a Pool Party at her house in Tucson, sometime in May. She will contact the club members once a date is selected.

With summer approaching, it is time to start water training your PWD. We will try to schedule some water training days in the Phoenix and Tucson areas. Read about training opportunities on the RSPWDC website, [azpwd.org](http://azpwd.org), or [rspwdc.org](http://rspwdc.org).

RSPWDC will again host two Holiday Parties this year. Get ready to mark your December calendar for a City Party and a Country Party.

On a more serious note, we discussed the Spay and Neuter Bill at Four Months (Ordinance No. 179615) that was signed in the Los Angeles area. A California based group, Concerned Dog Owners of California (CDOC), has requested that dog clubs and kennels provide a donation to support the upcoming legal challenge to the bill. We all agreed that the bill was not for the well-being of our dogs, and that we should try to do what we can to stop a similar bill from passing in Arizona.

Janis Watts moved that we donate \$500.00 to the CDOC. Michelle Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The corresponding secretary, Kathy Groschupf, will post a message on the PWD-L and PWDCA-L lists to announce our donation in an effort to encourage other clubs to make a donation.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:10 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Groschupf