

## **MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2009 MEETING OF THE RIO SALGADO PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB**

The meeting was held at Carlos O'Brien's, Scottsdale, AZ. Meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm.

**PRESENT** - Lauren McDermott, Michele Murphy, Frank Baucom, Sherri Horstman, Suzanne Saunders, Hilary Haseley, Tina Price

**MINUTES** - Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting, January 17, 2009, was previously approved and is posted on the website.

### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Michele Murphy**

Michele Murphy reported that the Supported Entry event was held the last weekend of February 2009; we had 60+ dogs competing in Conformation, Agility, Obedience and Rally. It was a wonderful turnout. The dinner went very well. Special thanks to Lauren McDermott, who helped to put together the raffle and auction; Susan Myrick, who planned a superb Dinner and found the perfect trophies; Tina, Bruce and Hilary Haseley, who made sure the Hospitality tent was stocked with food and beverages during the 4 hot days and many thanks to the various volunteers who helped with "hospitality" at the tent.

She also reported that on April 4, 2009, we participated for the first time in a "Meet the Breed" event at the Glendale Arena in Glendale, AZ. Thank you to Hilary Haseley, who chaired the event and did all the preparations for the booth set up which included posters, handouts, layout of the booth and scheduling of the PWD's dogs who participated. The list of teams who participated is: Roberta and Greg Heine (Bravo), Sherri Horstman (Onyx), Denise Wallentinson (Dusty), Karmen Booth (Gigi), Karen Berggren, Janis Watts (Liza & Libby), Suzanne Saunders (Griff), Judy Weinstein (Pele), Sharon Gasho (Ryan) and Susan Myrick (Pumpkin) Special thanks to the SCPWDC for sending the posters for the event.

Additionally, on May 2, 2009, Sherri Horstman held a grooming seminar and gave our members hints and tips for making our PWD's look like PWD's. Thank you to Sherri for volunteering to share her knowledge with our members and also thanks to Janis Watts and Mart Miller for volunteering their home. Eleven (11) club members from around the state participated.

### **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**

When contacted by Vanessa Gorman, I sent information to her regarding our club's activities to put in The Courier's Calendar of Events. For this year, I have only provided information for the water trials. In order for our events to be placed in time to meet The Courier's deadline, we need to know our events way ahead of time. The next deadline for the July/August issue is June 10, so if the club decides on any dates for our activities at the current meeting, please let me know as soon as possible.

Four RSPWDC families have lost their beloved PWDs since the last meeting. I obtained information regarding the dogs' registered names and titles which I passed on to the treasurer, Frank Baucom, so he could send a donation from our club to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation. Please give your sincere condolences to: Karen Berggren / CH Planalto Rosa Dos Ventosta, "Rosa"; Denise Wallentinson and Stephanie Yee/ Piedelai Gotinha de Chuva, "Nikita"; Thea Bennet and Michael Williams /CH Alto Mare Abadia De Belavista, "Abby"; Gail and Don Young /CH Roseknolls Oliver Whitehawk, "Oliver".

Kathy Groschupf

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

Frank Baucom reported that the club's ending balance as of May 21, 2009 is \$6,653.44. Liability insurance was paid for at a cost of \$680.00. The cost was of the accident policy was \$500.00, which is the minimum and allows us 90 members.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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

Michele will be sending an email to the club in the next few weeks that will contain information on the upcoming supported entry and also seeking volunteers to help coordinate the event.

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

Kathy Groschupf agreed to Chair the RSPWDC 2009 Water Trial Host Committee. The Committee's members and their positions are:

John Murnane - Trial Secretary

Lauren McDermott - Judge Liaison, Equipment , Grounds

Frank Baucom - Boat and Land Stewards, Grounds

Stephanie Rollins – Lifeguard, Hospitality

Peggy Perkins – Hospitality

Tina Price, Hilary and Bruce Haseley – Hospitality

Our Water Test Application has been approved by the PWDCA. The water trials will be listed in the Calendar of Events section of the May/June issue of The Courier, and we will place an ad announcing our water trials in the July/August issue of The Courier.

The water trials this year will be held at Canyon Lake Marina, October 31 and November 1, 2009. Mary-Kay Schroeder from Cicero, Indiana, has agreed to judge our trials both days. We will offer all test levels (Junior through Versatility) and Exhibition Only if space is available after all regular entries are accommodated.

Kathy contacted the owners of Canyon Lake Marina, and they are welcoming us back and looking forward to seeing our group. Again, we are going to encourage camping at the site and we will host an evening supper around the campfire at the campground Saturday night. For a host hotel, Lauren is going to check on La Quinta Inn in Mesa to see if that will be a better location than our previous hotel, the Windemere.

For judge's compensation, we have agreed to pay the judge's expenses for coming to our trial, which include transportation, food, and lodging. We will also pay this judge \$200.00 and present her with a RSPWDC souvenir.

While trying to find a judge for this year, we noted that it might be a good idea to schedule a judge for our 2010 water trials. We are still looking into that idea.

Kathy Groschupf

### **RESCUE - Lauren McDermott, Coordinator**

Lauren would like to recognize Stephanie and Tim Rollins for again contributing an extraordinary effort to the rescue program by taking in and fostering a PWD in the PWDCA rescue program.

On Tuesday, May 19th the PWD went to her new owners, a couple who had just retired and are now living near the beach in another state. Lauren is happy to report that the PWD looked at Tim (who hated to give her up) and then at her new "dad", went over to sit by her new dad and he scratched her head. Each time he stopped petting her, she would put her paw gently on his leg asking for more.

The PWD's new family has been hoping and waiting for a rescue PWD for a long time and they were delighted with their new dog. The new family had prepared a long list of questions that Tim was able to answer since he had gotten to know his foster PWD over the last 5 weeks.

Thank you again Stephanie and Tim.

**WEBSITE** – Stephanie Rollins

No Report.

### **ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

New member applications have been received from: Pam Francis of S. Pasadena, CA; Cathy and Mike Dugan of Shingle Springs, CA; Jane and Terry Klipp of Tucson, AZ; Emily Long of Phoenix, AZ and Tammy Johnson of Phoenix, AZ. We reviewed the applications and Lauren McDermott moved that we accept the new members, Pam Francis, Cathy and Mike Dugan, Jane and Terry Klipp, Emily Long and Tammy Johnson. Sherri Horstman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Club By-Laws are to be posted on the Web Site. Michele Murphy sent an email to Stephanie Rollins to ask her to add this to the web.

Frank Baucom and Sherri Horstman will co-chair the Committee to review and correct the By-Laws. He will send out an email to the club in the next two weeks to ask for participants to help review and update and make them more current. Frank would like to see that we add language in the By-Laws that cover a “junior” member of the club. Currently the By-Laws do not address this issue.

Frank Baucom reported that Liability Insurance is based on membership. If our membership remains below 92 members, the cost is \$500.00. Membership totals above 92 result in higher costs.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

AKC Sanctioning: AKC Sanctioning was discussed within the club in the past and has been brought up for discussion from Susan Myrick via typed memo. Susan Myrick and Janis Watts have compiled a list of requirements of what is needed to become AKC sanctioned. Susan recommends putting together a Committee to review the list of requirements to determine if this is the way we want to proceed as well as determine the pros and cons and cost to do so. Susan requests that the total number of individuals for this committee be no greater than three (3) individuals to include Susan and Janis (if she is willing). I believe that Susan is looking for a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) member to work with the Committee on the proposal and sanctioning and that she is looking for someone with documentation and communication skills. Anyone interested in participating should contact Susan Myrick.

Budget for upcoming events: Michele Murphy asked for club discussion to propose putting a not to exceed budget in place for our upcoming events which are Ports in the Pines, Fiesta, Christmas parties (city and country), Grooming seminar and a Meet the Breed event. She proposed a not to exceed amount of \$100.00 per event. Any cost that exceeds \$100.00 (per event) will require additional Board approval. Suzanne Saunders made a motion to put in place a not to exceed budget of \$100.00 for each of these events. Frank Baucom seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Water Seminars: Michele Murphy asked how the Club feels about holding a 2 day water seminar event. Lauren McDermott discussed if this event should be a fun day event or a more formal event. Hilary Haseley will contact the facility, Top Notch, to determine cost for renting and bring her findings back to the club. Michelle Murphy, Lauren McDermott and Sherri Horstman agreed to work together to determine an agenda for the event. Michele Murphy moved to form a Fun Day Committee, Suzanne Saunders seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Clicker Seminar: It was agreed this discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Saunders  
RSPWDC Recording Secretary