

Meeting minutes of the **Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club**,  
December 7, 2003 at Arizona Humane Society Campus for Compassion,  
521 W. Dobbins Road.

Meeting called to order by president Jan Shirreffs at 12:55 p.m.

In attendance: Frank Baucom, Pam Barnett, Jim Blixt, Sherri Blixt, Mike Coffeen, Pam Coffeen, Carol Danto, Joyce Dyer, Christie Fairbourn, Kathy Groschupf, Gail Harrison, Ron Harrison, Alan Lane, Haven Lane, Chris Lause, Lori Lause, Matthew Lause, Rhonda Matyas, Lauren McDermott, Mart Miller, John Murnane, Michelle Rulmont, Dave Saturno, Lynn Saturno, Jan Shirreffs, Denise Wallentinson, Janis Watts and Stephanie Yee.

**Minutes:** Pam Barnett moved to accept minutes as corrected and Mart Miller seconded. Motion passed; minutes approved.

### ***REPORTS***

**President:** *Jan:* Jan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the annual RSPWDC Holiday Party and commenting on the great turnout this year and recognizing what a super facility it is. She took a few moments to update everyone on annual Club activities. A handout of the Club Calendar was put on the back table, as well as a list of Club committees and a description of Chair responsibilities for most of them.

She thanked all of the members who volunteer their time and energy to making club events happen saying, "it takes a tremendous amount of work to pull off these kinds of events." She thanked Pam Coffeen for chairing two successful water trials in one year. She recognized Jill Ridley for organizing Ports in the Pines and said Jill had graciously agreed to coordinate the event in 2004 as well.

The 2004 Supported Entry will take place at WestWorld on February 28. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a trophy, there is still some availability.

We will be voting on a new Board at the February meeting. Also, we will be voting on revised Bylaws soon.

Early in 2004 look for a copy of the resurrected Club newsletter in your mailbox. Many thanks to Denise Wallentinson who has agreed to serve as the editor. Also early in the year, members will have a chance to complete a survey that Jan put together to find out which events members enjoy participating in and where members want to volunteer their time and talents.

Speaking of volunteers, there are some positions that need to be filled ASAP. As many of you know, Kathy and Frank will be moving to Southern Arizona in January so the positions they filled, including Treasurer, Membership Coordinator and Club Historian will be vacated. If anyone has an interest in any of these positions, please let Jan know.

**Recording Secretary:** *Lynn:* No report

**Corresponding Secretary:** *Pam:* No report

**Treasurer:** *Frank:* We have \$ 8,675.08 but some funds recently received are not reflected in that amount.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Membership:** *Kathy:* We have two applications for membership:

Jim and Sherry Blixt, Scottsdale and Michael Berman, Carefree.

Denise moved to welcome the two new members; seconded by Gail. Motion passed.

**Education:** *Lynn:* No report.

**Website:** *Stephanie:* Absent. Jan reported for Stephanie saying the Website guidelines were approved by the Board. Also, log on to [azpwd.org](http://azpwd.org) and check out the new photos.

**Bylaws:** *Carol:* Absent. Jan said the Bylaws Committee will meet in December and a vote will probably happen in late January.

**Rescue:** *Lauren:* On October 21 Janis Watts, our PWDCA area representative, got an email from someone in Tucson saying she thought there was a PWD (listed as a poodle/cocker spaniel mix) at Foundation for Animals in Risk (FAIR). When the woman stopped at FAIR to inquire about her, she found the dog had been adopted but the adopting family had dropped her at animal control because she had developed kennel cough. Thankfully, Pima County Animal Control recognized she had been adopted through FAIR once and returned her to that organization.

Southern Arizona rescue liaison, Stephanie Rollins, inquired immediately and set up a visit. They evaluated "Spepper" and took her home that day, Oct. 25. "Spepper", now known as Missy Pepper, attended the RSPWDC water trials Nov. 1 and 2 where she proved to be a model citizen and a wonderful, gentle representative of the breed.

Jill Ridley, from Payson, gave Olga Keller's name to Stephanie, and Olga visited Missy Pepper Nov. 23 in Tucson and a match was made. The adoption agreement and check for \$200 to cover Missy's adoption expenses was mailed to Carole Allen, PWDCA rescue coordinator, who had been kept informed all along the way. Although we have not heard from Carole Allen regarding this placement, we trust all will go as planned for the placement as we have conducted the rescue and placement following all the PWDCA rescue and relocation procedures that we know of.

A very special thank you goes to Stephanie and Tim Rollins who rescued and have fostered this wonderful dog for what will be two months when she goes to her new forever home Dec. 19 or 20 when Olga returns from a long-planned trip to Europe. Missy is a black wavy spayed female of unknown age.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Supported Entry:** *Janis:* This event is a money-raiser for our club and we need lots of volunteers to help during this 4-day dog show. It is a major money-raiser for our club. We will be renting a tent this year for our hospitality area.

**Water Trial:** Pam: The weekend of Nov. 1 and 2 dawned cool and cloudy as the RSPWDC began its second sanctioned water trial ever, and the second in one year. Our Halloween "Last Chance" water trail welcomed 27 teams from Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada and Oregon. A talented team of volunteers made sure everything ran smoothly and Judge Mary-Kay Schroeder helped soothe the nervous, encourage the unsure and offer positive insight even in the face of failure. On Sunday, Provisional Judge Chuck Bubert showed that he will be a valuable and capable addition to the pool of water trial judges.

When the water calmed after the two-day event 5- Junior Water Dog Certificates; 2- Apprentice Water Dog Titles; 1- Working Water Dog Title; 1- Courier Water Dog Title; 1- Courier Water Dog Excellent Title; and 3- Versatility Titles were earned by the participating teams.

We are approximately \$700 in the black after the water trial. We are debating the time frame for next year. As always, events like this don't just happen and volunteers will be needed when we put on the next one.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kathy:** I have Club t-shirts for sale, only 5 left and only \$12.

**Denise:** Stephanie Yee has been busy baking and one result is a box of doggie treats available on the back table.

**Rhonda:** Anyone interested in the PWD cookbook should let her know or Nigel Clark of the PWDCA know. It was a big hit at the National Specialty and sold out. They need 175 orders in order for it to be reprinted.

**Call For Adjournment:** Pam and Mart moved to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

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