

## **Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club Meeting**

March 31, 2007

Four Peaks Park, Fountain Hills AZ

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carol and Mike Pleskoff, Lynn and Dave Saturno, Michele Murphy, Lauren McDermott, John Murnane, Gail and Ron Harrison, Sue Mc McCullough

Guests attending were Susan and Charlie Gustafson, Sandy Kellner, Cory Metcalfe, Jenn Mc Pherron, Kari Shrank,

Meeting called to order at 11:55 AM

**Minutes** of the last meeting held on January 23, 2007 accepted with corrections.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Report of President

Lauren McDermott

### **Outgoing board members**

Lauren thanked the members of the board who served the past year, special recognition to those who left the board after several years of service: John Murnane, Janis Watts, Pam Coffeen.

Lauren welcomed the new board member, Kathy Groschupf as corresponding secretary and the returning board members, Carol Pleskoff and Michele Murphy.

### **Board decisions since last meeting**

She announced that Frank Baucom was appointed as the Treasurer to maintain continuity since newly elected Treasurer Michael Pleskoff would be leaving Phoenix by the end of 2007.

The board position of Recording Secretary is vacant and she will look to recruit a club member for this position.

Lauren presented a gift to the Past President, Carol Pleskoff thanking her for the 2 years that she served as President.

### **The year ahead**

She announced the upcoming events for the rest of this year:

- co-hosts with SCPWDC of the PWDCA specialty in Ventura, CA
- Annual water trial in Oct/Nov (in the planning stages)
- Holiday party in Dec.

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Nothing to report

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** No Report

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** No Report

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** report on the bank balance submitted and announced.

### **Standing COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Six new applications for membership.

New RSPWDC members, March 31, 2007

Joseph and Pierette Wesley  
Sedona, AZ 86336

Susan, Charlie, Annie Gustafson  
Scottsdale, AZ

Vivien Pace  
Stockton, CA 95209

Audrey Naismith  
Scottsdale, AZ 85250-6033

Bonnie and Michael Koeppel  
Tucson, AZ 85743

Mary-Beth Usinowicz  
Redwood City, CA 94062

Motion to accept by Carol Pleskoff and second by Michael Pleskoff

Motion Passed.

**EDUCATION:** No report

**RESCUE:**

Lauren announced the owner of an 18 month old female released her to rescue so that a home that was better suited to the dog could be found. The dog is now in foster care, but will be placed with an appropriate family after the dog is evaluated.

**WEBSITE:** No Report.

**SUPPORTED ENTRY:**

Michael Pleskoff

FINAL REPORT SUPPORTED ENTRY 2007

This year's Supported Entry was chaired by the undersigned, and was most ably assisted by the following:

Hospitality	Lynn Saturno
Trophies	Michelle Murphy and Karen Berggren (solicitor/collector)
Raffle/Auction	Carol Pleskoff

There are a number of other people that we have thanked publicly and privately who helped at the site:

Gail Harrison	Judy Weinstein
Debbie Stawski	Frank Baucom
Lynn Saturno	Dave Saturno
Michelle Murphy	Janis Watts
John Murnane	Pam Coffeen
Mary Lou Oliver	

We are also blessed to have had a number of people donate to the Raffle/Auction:

Pat Hastings	Ryan's Pet Supply
Monique Akar	Lyn Martin
Karen Berggren	Kathleen Rapp
Stephanie Rollins	Pam Coffeen
Mary Lou Oliver	Terrie Pavlicek
Linda Otey	Ingrid Jonssen
Jo Fain	Gail Harrison
Judy Weinstein	Janis Watts
Mart Miller	Jim Croutch
Marilyn Rimmer	Linda Adams
Jan Shirreffs	Pam Barnett
Denise Wallentinson	Stephanie Yee

Though our entries this year were somewhat less than in prior years, we did well as a club. I don't believe that not having Sweepstakes was a significant deterrent to attendance. We had 40 dogs in Conformation, and 11 dogs in Performance events.

Our dinner was well attended, though fewer people than last year. However the auction revenue exceeded prior years, and we had some very lovely items. Our raffle was a success, though this year's result was somewhat less than last year. This year we added a "Garage Sale" of items that had literally been in the Pleskoff garage from past years events, and were too few in number to raffle and not of a value to auction, with the proceeds to be sent to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation. The total take was \$100.00 of donations into a plastic jar. With respect to the garage sale items, I issued a challenge at the dinner that others donate a like amount to the PWDF. We made our donation and hope others do the same.

The Fiesta Cluster Chair, Lori Nelson, and their committee members were super to work with. They went out of their way to accommodate our club needs, especially with respect to ring location and time for our Saturday Supported Entry.

This year golf carts were made available to clubs who wished to rent them. We did so, thanks to Janis Watts who had a check in her wallet. I would strongly recommend the use of such cart in the future, as it sure made life easier getting people and their things back and forth from the parking/RV areas, and for the trophy and hospitality people to bring the items to the hospitality tent.

Overall this Supported Entry was a success though fewer people attended, and fewer people were at the dinner/auction. Please see the final spread sheet for a break down of profit/loss.

I believe that our net profits need to be donated, and my recommendation for the earnings is a substantial donation to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation, which is tax deductible, and perhaps some to another animal welfare organization locally that is also tax deductible.

If the club continues to have a SE at the Fiesta Cluster, and I believe that it should, than it needs to engage the services of willing club members to be overall chair and committee heads who are willing to work hard to make it a success. Though we won't be in the area for subsequent entries, Carol and I will be happy to assist by e-mail and phone whenever possible.

I refer you to the protocol that I've written as a guide to future chairs. Again, it is a guide, and not written in stone. It is my best advice gleaned from several years of working on this project with Carol, Janis, Lynn, Michele, and others.

As an aside, and an unsolicited opinion, I believe that the Supported Entry is a super thing for our club to do. It provides a venue not only for our club members, but others, to come to our show and maybe get lucky. It provides our club with dollars to donate to worthy PWD and other canine causes.

Like so many other groups far and wide, it is also put together by the relative same handful of people each year. They work their collective butts off to make it a success because I guess they believe not just in the project, but in our club as well. We have conformation and performance people who share in the fun and frustration of a dog show. They each have their own reasons for doing it. I strongly believe that we need to continue holding this event, despite the frustration and downright anger that I sometimes experience regarding this.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pleskoff

**Special COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**2007 Specialty:** No report

**Water Trial:2007** Kathy Groschupf Chair, Water Trial Committee

Ahoy, all RSPWDC Members!

Now that spring has sprung, and days are getting longer, it is time to start thinking about water training and water trials. It is still a bit chilly here at TimBuckTwo, but I'll bet some Phoenix dogs are starting to hit the swimming pools.

I believe the Board unanimously voted to have RSPWDC host a Water Trial in 2007, and I agreed to be the Chair again this year. Although we are co-hosting the National Specialty in Ventura, California, the first week of October, I think that we will be rested enough and full of ambition to host a Water Trial in Arizona the first week of November. I think that there will be several teams who would like to enter our "Last Chance Water Trial", particularly those who didn't have time to go to California, or those who did go to California and would like another chance to pass a test in 2007.

In order to have a Water Trial, we need to have a lot of volunteers. We need land stewards, boat stewards, gate stewards, and a person in charge of hospitality. This is the part where club members can become involved, in addition to entering a trial.

I have contacted Canyon Lake Marina, north of Apache Junction, asking if we can hold the Water Trials at their beach this year. We have had a Water Trial there every year since 2003. Soon I will be assembling a Water Trial Committee and we will decide on a Judge, Date, and verify the location of the Water Trial.

But, we can't have a Water Trial without your help. Please start training your dog for a trial, and if you need assistance, please go to the RSPWDC web site ([AZPWD.org](http://AZPWD.org)) and find someone to train with. Also, go to the [PWDCA.org](http://PWDCA.org) site and download the information and rules for what is expected at a water trial.

Remember, Water is the second word in Portuguese Water Dog. Please keep your dog and yourselves happy by doing something in water this summer. And, come Fall, please join us and participate in the Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club Water Trials! We need YOU and your DOG!

Kathy Groschupf  
Chair, Water Trial Committee  
Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Michael Pleskoff made a motion to donate 75% of the profits from the auction/raffle at the supported entry directly to the PWDCF and 25% to commission a piece of art that RSPWDC will donate for use in the auction at the PWDCA national specialty in 2007.

Second by Michele. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at: 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted.

Recording Secretary, Acting

Carol Pleskoff