

Meeting minutes of the Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club, August 21, 2003 at Treulich's, Camelback Road and I-17.

Meeting called to order by president Jan Shirreffs at 7:15 p.m.

In attendance: Karen Berggren, Pam Coffeen, Dottie Dalegowski, Joyce Dreyer, Jo Fain, Kathy Groschupf, Lauren McDermott, John Murmane, Lynn Saturno, Jan Shirreffs, Denise Wallentinson and Janis Watts.

Minutes: Janis moved to accept minutes and Pam seconded. Motion passed; minutes approved.

REPORTS

President: *Jan:* There is a water trial in Washington Aug. 16-17. There is a junior-only water trial at Flowing Lake in Snohomish, Wash. Sept. 5 and a two-day regular water trial Sept. 6-7. There is an article in *Boating Magazine* about the Portuguese Water Dog. The Arrowhead Kennel Club is offering an obedience seminar Feb. 21-22.

Recording Secretary: *Lynn:* Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary: *Pam:* We've received a letter from Movers & Shakers Regional Dog Club asking for us to consider donating an item to their event. Also, a letter from the PWDCA says the Vagabond Hotel in Tucson is very dog friendly.

Treasurer: *Frank:* Absent

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: *Kathy:* We have six applications for new memberships. Applicants are: Peggy Perkins, La Honda, Calif.; Christie Fairbourn, Phoenix; Don and Virginia Reeves, Tucson; Chantal Barnett, Tucson; Joyce and Doug Dreyer, Scottsdale; Tracey and Robert Brown, Mesa. Lauren moved to welcome all 9 members; seconded by Jo. Motion passed.

Education: *Janis:* Reported on breed standard for tail.

Website: *Stephanie:* Absent. Suggestion by Janis that the sire and dam of each dog be identified as additional info in a photo cut line.

Bylaws: *Carol:* Absent. Jan received an update from Carol. Bylaws are in the process of being revised showing original and revision.

Rescue: *Lauren:* We were notified by Carol Allen on May 22 that there was a PWD at the Maricopa County East facility and he had been there 21 days. He was hours away from being put down on the 22nd day when he was rescued. Star Spangled **Banner** spent four days quarantined with John and Lauren while Frank and Kathy took their dogs. Banner was treated for possible distemper which, as it turns out he did not have. He spent 20 days with Kathy and Franks until he was placed with the Barnett's in Tucson. The Rescue Committee worked with PWDCA Rescue and the contact is on file. Placement and follow-up has been coordinated by Stephanie.

Rescue is coordinated by Lauren and Kathy, with Stephanie being the Southern Arizona liaison.

Stephanie and Chili Pepper, who has his AKC ILP number, is entered in the Southern California water trial. He is one of the first, if not *the* first, rescue PWD, to participate in PWDCA water trials.

Dottie Dalegowski has volunteered to be Northern Arizona liaison to the coordinators.

Water Committee: *Pam:* RSPWDC will be hosting its second sanctioned water trial on Nov. 1-2, 2003 at Canyon Lake Marina. Mary-Kay Schroeder will be judging with Chuck Bubert acting as provisional on one day. The host hotel will be Holiday Inn Express in Mesa. In addition, RV/camp sites are being held for our members to reserve. Information will be posted on our club website azpwd.org and premiums will be sent out Sept. 9 to all members. We are looking forward to again hosting an event designed to showcase the historic working abilities of our water dogs and encourage all members to come out and participate, volunteer to help or just watch.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ports in the Pines: It was held July 20th at the Diamond Point Recreational Quartz Crystal Collecting area, approximately 20 miles east of Payson. Gifts of tennis balls and a Ports in the Pines banner were received by attendees. An additional bonus was having ice cream in the forest. Thank you Jill.

Code of Ethics: *Janis:* Janis volunteered two meetings ago to develop a code of ethics and Haven and Rhonda volunteered to help. While they never officially met, they have an outline and have made a handout for review and input. Please provide feedback to Janis.

Kimberly Olsen request: *Lauren:* The RSPWDC contributed to a book about Arizona dogs and dog activities and services by placing a \$10 ad and providing a

brief description of PWD water work. The book will be available in September. The web page for the book is: <http://hotdogsofarizona.com>.

NEW BUSINESS

Education Committee chair: Vote on Lynn Saturno to chair Education Committee. Pam moved to do that and Jan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Karen Berggren volunteered to be on the committee.

A motion was made to make the Supported Entry a standing committee. Janis moved to do that and Karen seconded. Motion passed.

Janis has chaired the Supported Entry for many years and is looking for a new chair or co-chair to work w/Janis for one year and take over.

President's Report @ AKC Accreditation: *Jan:* She talked to Club relations representatives at AKC and there are a number of things the club would need to do if we decide to move ahead and seek AKC accreditation. **A)** Minimum 15-30 active members in Phoenix metro area. Right now members from northern and southern Arizona, as well as members outside the state must be classified as associate members. **B)** First part of process is to secure name approval. We would need to send a cover letter and club profile form to AKC. In the cover letter we would need to submit 3 names for the club in order of preference, along with a justification as to why we want each name. Also, we need to send them a membership list. **C)** We must be able to demonstrate ongoing viability by establishing records of meetings, elections and activities, including public education activities and fun matches. A starting point would be to hold at least one obedience/conformation fun match. **D)** They use a term *Public Education Coordinator* for a person who coordinates club activities on our breed, purebred dogs in general and responsible dog ownership. AKC expects the club to be doing many more activities than we do currently. The first thing we would need to do is email/contact our membership to find out what people are already doing in this area. **E)** AKC requires a constitution which includes the name and objectives of the club. **F)** To qualify at the "A" level for accreditation we need to put on a minimum of three BOB matches in an 18-month period and 2 AOA matches in a six-month period. So, whether we want to be sanctioned or not, it doesn't hurt to be doing the agility, supported entries and obedience fun matches. To be sanctioned we would need to be doing more of what we're doing. Dottie and Janice suggested that it might be possible to become sanctioned with members outside of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. A precedence was set by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club which is statewide. Janice noted that the Rio Salgado (Salt River) runs from north to south throughout the State. Dottie noted that Club members throughout the State are contributing to the Club's activities including rescue and relocation. Jan

commented that if AKC would not acknowledge the contributions of all of our members, including those who reside outside of the Phoenix Metropolitan area, it would be impossible for her to support any effort to have AKC accreditation conferred. Dottie suggested that Jan follow up with Nancy Stewart who was instrumental in gaining AKC accreditation for the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Arizona, known as the Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club.

Dottie volunteered to put together a basket to be raffled off at the National Specialty in Memphis, Tenn. being held Oct. 2-9. Janis motioned to approve the expenditure of \$100 and seconded by Denise. Motion passed.

An inventory of equipment and supplies was passed out to attendees. The list identified everything the Club owns that is being stored by the members. Eventually, the Club needs to make arrangements for appropriate storage of all of the items in one place.

Pam prepared a handout for "newbies" to water work and welcoming people interested in water training. The handout gives training hints, etiquette and resources. Also listed are items needed to bring with you when you go out to train.

BRAGS AND CRIES

Denise: Any day now her website, desertstarkennels.com is going up with dozens of links to sites that have doggie information.

Karen: Asked for help to accurately identify names of dog registered with AKC. She is putting together her own pedigree list and is asking people to send pedigree/registration papers, any good, solid documentation for the PWD pedigree. She is not asking for health information.

Lauren: Bolin accepted as therapy dog with Arizona Canine Companions.

Janis: She helped and stewarded at the Northern California water trials. Five dogs she whelped got titles they were after. As a breeder, it is all very rewarding.

Jo: Misti got her second leg on Novice Obedience at the Flagstaff Obedience Trial.

Jan: Sara was absolutely perfect as they earned their apprentice title in Northern California! Molly Brown jumped off boat for dummy in practice, but she has a pitiful swimming style.

Pam: Mira passed apprentice in Northern California. While visiting San Diego they were entered for two days of dog trials for charity. Kes finished AKC excellent standard. The national committee has an exhibit in Mystic Seaport, Conn. using covers from past *Courier's* and one of the covers being used is of Kes.

Karen: Placed a pup tonight with someone who is an animal trainer for TV animals who has a yacht in Trinidad.

Kathy: Fourth of July Buckler didn't perform but Timbers qualified in Excellent A Standard making it his third Q and making it his AZ Title.

Lynn: Schooner got his Junior Water Dog certificate in Northern California. It was a lot of fun. We tried on Sunday for our apprentice and learned the things we need to work on. Schooner saw Dave and decided he'd rather be with him than where he was and took off out of the ring. The judge, Lauren, declared a spousal error, and we were able to start fresh as we had not started the first exercise yet.

Joyce: Murphy is 10- weeks old and is just the best puppy in the whole wide world.

Dottie: Inifinitum awesome Thorson is entered at the National Specialty. He's black with a little bit of white.

Call for adjournment: Pam moved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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