

**Mayflower Portuguese Water Dog Club
Board of Directors Meeting
11 Madison Circle, Rehoboth, MA
January 10, 2016**

Present: Karen Ash, Whitney Fernandes, Chris Framson, Kim Holden, Gail Maguire, Paula Markiewicz, Sally Phillips

Minutes of past meetings:

Motion made, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes of the BOD meeting on 7/19/15

Motion made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the conference call BOD meeting on 11/29/15

Board Resignation: A motion made, seconded, and voted to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kari Lavalli from the board.

Interim Treasurer's Report: As of 12/31/15 the club has a balance of \$5,881.19.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted to accept the interim treasurer's report.

Olivier Kocher has resigned as interim treasurer, but will stay on the board. Paula is currently serving as interim treasurer until a new treasurer is voted in at the annual meeting.

Membership Report: As of 1/10/16 there are 25 paid members. Kim will send out a reminder by email to previous members reminding them to pay their dues. Whitney will post a reminder on the club's Face Book (FB). We discussed the PayPal account, which is up, and running thanks to Paula. Although PayPal charges a percentage based on the payment typically between \$1.30 and \$1.45 for each payment, the feeling was that it was well worth this fee since it is an efficient and convenient to pay and to account for payments of dues.

Festivus and the Annual Meeting are on January 31 from 12-4 at Performance Plus in Raynham, MA. Sally is in charge of Festivus and has put together an agenda for the event, which we looked over. This agenda will be posted on FB and on our website. Gail will provide a door prize that will be raffled off and we will also raffle off one day of a beginner's water workshop taught by Karen in Sandwich, MA this summer. Our club clothing will be for sale and so will our new stationary. Kim Nickerson designed the stationary and Whitney will place an order for notes cards with envelopes in sets of 10. The price of these note cards is yet to be established. **A motion was made, seconded, and voted** to purchase stick on nametags with our club's logo for Festivus and other club events.

Water work: Paula complimented Karen and the rest of the water committee on their outstanding report of the history of the club's water workshops as well as the

club's need to purchase a boat and trailer in order to continue these water workshops.

We agreed that the club does need a boat and trailer. Gail has a fiberglass rowboat that she would donate to the club if it thought it would be suitable. We also discussed getting a second hand boat because it would be much cheaper. Karen will look into the specs for building a platform for the boat(s). We also discussed having a build a water platform day with pizza provided by the club.

The advanced water camp with Catherine Gadd is scheduled for June 18 & 19 at Camp Lyndon, Sandwich, MA. J Doster has generously offered again to pay for Catherine's transportation.

Karen will offer a Saturday Water Camp for beginners this summer and the next day will be a practice day.

Dry Dock workshop: We decided to have a dry dock workshop in April. The date and place still needs to be determined.

Ladies Dog Shows are on June 4 and 5 in Wrentham, MA.

Paula has been working with Kathy Brown, Chairperson of the Ladies Dog Show Committee and with Glen Lyca, Club Relations Manager of the AKC. While we were hoping to get the requirement of having two A Matches waived, so we could sponsor a specialty at the Saturday Ladies Dog Show, we were unable to do that. Therefore instead of a specialty and a supported entry, we will have two supported entries. Mayflower is required to have two A matches that are 6 months apart. We agreed to have one A match on Friday, June 3 and the other A match at our next Festivus in Jan. of 2017. We will have sweepstakes on Saturday and discussed asking Chris Dostie to judge this.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to purchase the PWDCA meet the breed banner for \$150.00. This banner will be displayed at the Ladies Dog Shows and other club sponsored events.

The Board approved the following slate of officers and directors to be presented at the annual meeting:

President: Sally Phillips

Vice President: Karen Ash

Treasurer: Roberta Ragge

Secretary: Chris Framson

New Directors: Tobi-Ann Kocher and Tina Morse

Directors up for reelection: Karen Ash, Whitney Fernandes, Kim Holden, Olivier Kocher, and Gail Maguire, Paul Markiewicz (immediate past president)

This slate will be sent out to members in the near future.

In addition, Kim agreed to be on the Water Committee and Whitney agreed to be the club's social media person. She will be in charge of posting events, approved

minutes of BOD meetings and other items on FB. Karen will take over the membership duties for Sally. Paula agreed to be the liaison for the Courier, PWDCA, and AKC.

New Business:

By-Laws: The board agreed that the current by-laws need to be revised and that after the Annual we will set up a by-laws committee to review the current by-laws and to look at ways we might stream line the current by-laws to better fit the needs of our club.

In our current by-laws in section 2 under meetings it states, "Meetings of the Club shall be held at least four times a year at places within the greater Boston or Providence Area, dates and hour designated by the Board." Karen was a proponent of this because she felt these meetings would help connect us better with the membership and might bring in new members.

The first such meeting will be the Annual Meeting during Festivus. The second meeting might be at the dry dock workshop in April or the Ladies Dog Show in June. We could also have a club meeting at one of the summer water workshops. We should probably have another club meeting in the Fall. We agreed that having these meetings in conjunction with events might be helpful and keep the members updated as to club activities.

New Website: Kim has set up a new website by copying and pasting from our old website. This website will allow members of the Board to post items. Kim asked that all Board members look at the site and give her suggestions and/or corrections. This website will be ready to go after Festivus, thanks to Kim.

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be on January 31, 2016 after Festivus. Kim graciously offered to take minutes at the annual meeting and at the BOD meeting because Gail most likely will be home with a new litter of puppies. (Thanks again, Kim!)

This meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Maguire, Secretary