

Board Meeting Minutes
Mayflower Portuguese Water Dog Club
Rehoboth, MA
July 1, 2016

Present: S Phillips, T Kocher, K Holden, T Morse, W Varr, P Markiewicz, O Kocher, C Framson. Via Skype: K Ash

The meeting was called to order by President Phillips at 6:05 pm.

Secretary's Report (C Framson)

Member meeting minutes were accepted as submitted (P Markiewicz, T Kocher)

Board meeting minutes were accepted as submitted (P Markiewicz, W Varr)

Treasurer's Report (W Varr)

There are two outstanding checks remaining from the recent water camp, as well as anticipated reimbursements for food and equipment expenditures.

A line item for equipment expenditures needs to be added to the Budget.

All trophy expenses related to the Supported Entry at Ladies have been reconciled.

Report accepted as submitted (C Framson, T Kocher)

Merchandise (T Morse)

1. Note cards. T Morse presented the note cards previously approved for order. They are wrapped in packs of ten with envelopes. The Board voted to sell each pack for \$15 (T Kocher, W Varr).

A pack is to be donated to the Judge's gift package for the upcoming water trials in Maine offered by PWDsNE.

Initial cost includes a setup fee; future purchases of the cards will be much less expensive.

2. Replacements for previous new member gift of car magnet: oval magnets cannot be located anywhere but vinyl stickers are available. They may be a better choice and are removable/reusable. The Club credit card is necessary to place the order; no samples are available from the company. The Board voted to order these stickers (K Ash, K Holden). Treasurer to complete the order with T Morse.

Festivus (S Phillips)

A date was chosen for the 2017 Club Festivus: January 29 from 1-4 pm. Four potential locations were discussed: Surefire, Masterpeace, Performance Plus, Silver City. K Holden to contact each location for availability and price. Consideration must be given to the need for a dark space for CERFs.

Conformation (P Markiewicz)

1. AKC has approved the Club to advance toward holding Specialties. Two A matches must be planned and offered at least 6 months apart from each other. Given the need to focus Club energies on the 2017 National Specialty the plan is to wait to offer our own Specialty until 2018, but hold the A matches at a more leisurely pace. The A matches will be held in conjunction with an existing All breed show; the minimum number of dogs necessary is six. Several potential judges have been identified. P Markiewicz to explore several fall shows as possibilities.

An additional comment by the AKC was in regard to dropping membership and the need to increase participation. S Phillips to reconcile membership count and examine approaches to increase membership.

2. Sanctioning by the PWDCA. WE have still not heard from the PWDCA for 2016 despite all material being submitted months ago. P Markiewicz to continue to follow this matter.

3. 2017 National Specialty. Much activity regarding filling volunteer roles for the 2017 Specialty will wait until after the 2016 Specialty. Kathy Ferrandino will be serving as Volunteer Coordinator for the entire Specialty.

Any Specialty committees must provide a report at each Board meeting going forward.

Any upfront costs incurred by committees must be sent to P Markiewicz, and O Kocher, who is serving as Club Treasurer for the Specialty.

After a meeting by the Specialty Chairs it was determined that all three Clubs will sponsor the welcome for those attending Water Trials. However, the trial site (State park) will not permit alcohol, which is a consideration to find a different location.

A chairperson is needed for all special dinners at the host hotel.

Basket Committee (S Phillips). The committee is now full, with at least three additional members.

The Board entered into Executive Session

Morning hospitality. The Specialty Chairs had suggested canceling this but it is felt strongly that this is an important aspect of the early morning activities. They have asked each sponsoring Club to donate \$100 to help defray costs associated with this expense. Any seed money that is not covered by donations must be absorbed by the sponsoring Clubs. Motion to donate \$100 by Mayflower made (K Holden, S Phillips). Unanimously approved. Treasurer to contact other sponsor clubs in this regard.

Logo: there will be only one (fun) logo for universal use rather than the usual two.

Specialty website: the one being used for this year's specialty is excellent. Will try to use again next year.

An inquiry was made about presentation of next year's Specialty at the conclusion of this year's as is typically done. P Markiewicz to explore.

By Laws (K Ash)

Mayflower members David Mancuso and Vicki Varr have agreed to serve on the committee. All information has been sent to them with expectation that revisions will be completed quickly. S Phillips requested that all Board members review the current by laws and send any comments to K Ash for committee consideration.

Other Business

Website (K Holden). Conversation held with Kim Nickerson who owns the old website domain, which she renewed for three years unexpectedly. S Phillips to call and discuss with Kim, in an effort to transfer ownership.

Membership involvement. Discussion was held regarding increasing membership in general and volunteerism for National Specialty specifically. Members need to learn about the Specialty via website and facebook page to try to generate interest. P Markiewicz to coordinate an introduction letter from the three Specialty chairs, using the new logo. The letter is slated for distribution following the 2016 Specialty. Executive session. The Board entered into Executive session at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.
Next meeting date and location to be determined.