

## **Mayflower Portuguese Water Dog Club Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2017**

**Present:** S Philips, K Ash, K Holden, W Varr, P Markiewicz, T Kocher, O Kocher, L. Green, T. Morse

### **Meeting Commencement**

- Meeting, which took place via pre-arranged conference call, was called to order at 6:04 by Sally Phillips.

### **Agenda**

- This was a special meeting of the board to discuss the following topic.

It is the responsibility of the club's Nominating Committee to annually review all eligible candidates for officer positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. This year, the committee was contacted by members within the club who expressed serious concerns regarding the effectiveness of its current board. It is the responsibility of this committee to take under advisement these concerns and recommendations and present a slate of candidates that best serve the interest of the club. Paula, as chairperson of the Nominating Committee, has asked that we hold a meeting so that the board would clearly understand the issue and have an opportunity to discuss options and reach a consensus.

- All members of the board were contacted via email by the Secretary today. All members responded and attended this meeting.
- Sally started the conversation stating that the board must do what is in the best interest of the club.
- Paula, as chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the conditions that brought us to this current state (see above). Paula had spoken privately to Sally earlier in the day via phone and it was decided that holding a special board meeting was appropriate.
- There were no other comments by the board members except from Tina Morse who stated that she appreciated the awkwardness of the conversation and the difficulty in bringing this topic to discussion.
- In an effort to progress the chain of command through the club officers, Paula presented on behalf of the Nominating Committee the current Slate of Candidates. All nominees had been contacted earlier by Paula and each had accepted their nominations.
  - President – Karen Ash
  - Vice President – William Varr
  - Secretary – Kim Holden
  - Treasurer – Tina Morse
  - Board Members
    - Lynn Green
    - Tobi-Ann Kocher
    - Olivier Kocher
    - Paula Markiewicz

- Each member of the board was asked if they were in agreement with the current slate and all stated affirmatively.
- The Nominating Committee must fill one vacancy for board member. The Board was asked to consider eligible candidates and make suggestions to Paula by end of day Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Kim will send the Board a list of current voting members for their review and consideration.
- Vicki Morro was suggested as recognition for the work she has already done for the club. All were in agreement.
- Kim outlined the next steps for forwarding the slate to the membership. This will be done via USPS mailing as well as a follow up via email. It is desired that the membership understands their responsibilities and their rights to make suggestions for alternative nominations. They will have until November 15<sup>th</sup> to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Holden  
Secretary