

Mayflower Portuguese Water Dog Club Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2018

Present: Paula Markiewicz, Gail Maguire, Tobi-Ann Kocher, Chris Framson, Kim Holden, Sue Coyne

Absent: Sue Rosenstein, Olivier Kocher, Lynn Green

Meeting Commencement

- The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Paula Markiewicz. The meeting was held by scheduled conference call.

Board Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2018

- Secretary Kim Holden emailed the minutes of the August 24 meeting to all the board members prior to this meeting. Motion to approve was made by Gail Maguire and seconded by Tobi Ann Kocher with unanimous approval by the Board members.

President's Report – Paula Markiewicz

- Paula had just returned from the National Specialty and reported that the show went well although attendance was lower than prior year. Our club's basket for the raffle was so well received that they moved it to the live auction.

Treasurer's Report – Lynn Green

- Lynn was unable to attend this meeting due to winning BOB at the day's dog show but reported to Paula that the funds are in good shape with a balance of \$10,266.27. A detailed report to follow.

Membership Report – Sue Rosenstein

- Sue was unable to attend this meeting due to the holidays but reported to Paula that the club now has 94 members.
- Kim stated that she will look at the membership form and suggest revisions for the next meeting.

Bylaws Update – Kim Holden

- Despite submitting to the revised bylaws AKC on August 12 with a follow-up email on the 27th, we did not get a response until Sept 7 stating that due to the relocation of the AKC offices, the review of our bylaws was delayed until at least Sept 15.
- The goal is to be able to mail the revisions to the membership before the end of September to be able to hold a vote as part of the Harvest luncheon on October 27th.
- There was a question as to the voting requirements for these amendments so the bylaws were reviewed. Kim noted that the current bylaws state:

The Certificate of Incorporation or bylaws may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting. The vote for amendments shall be by secret vote.

Upcoming Event – October Member Meeting / Luncheon – Kim Holden

- It was decided that invitations can be emailed to the membership in the form of a flyer, similar to water camp. Kim to complete within the week as well as post on website and Facebook.
- Chris Framson volunteered to lead the discussion on general nutrition. It was suggested that if members had specific questions they should submit them prior to the meeting so Chris can be prepared.
- It was decided to save honoring member achievements until Festivus.

Nominating Committee – Sue Coyne

- Committee is made up of Sue Coyne (chair), Lisa Medeiros & Kathy McCann. Joe Green and Joe Markiewicz as alternates.
- All board members appear to be willing to serve another term. Most have responded to Sue.
- New by-laws will set a two-year commitment for director positions on the board. Gail suggested that we consider some means of insuring continuity so that not all board members resign at the same time. To be discussed further at a future meeting

Upcoming Event – Festivus – Paula Markiewicz

- Date suggested – Sunday, January 6th.
- Dr. Pumphrey will be asked to perform eye exams again. It had been suggested before that she give a talk about the exam and its purpose/benefits.
- Tobi Ann will reach out to various locations regarding availability and price.
- Paula will contact Cindy O'Connor regarding a discussion on Junior Handling. The "Green Girls" can assist and demonstrate.

Other Business (2019 club events)

- Tobi Ann stated that the date has been set for the 2019 Water Camp at Camp Lyndon – Father's Day weekend. She will be reaching out to Jane Freeman to discuss potential instructors who would appeal to a larger audience.
- Paula will reach out to Cheryl Chiles to prepare and send out a survey to membership on their interests. Potentially Sue Lefebvre and Kathan Kennedy could assist as Sue had shown interest in helping in this manner before.
- Tobi Ann suggested a Canine First Aid course as something she had been interested in and others agreed. All to consider who could lead a seminar such as this.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 7 at 6:00 pm via conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Holden