

**Mayflower Portuguese Water Dog Club
Member Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2018**

Present: P. Markiewicz, T. Kocher, O. Kocher, K. Holden, S. Coyne, C. Framson, S. Rosenstein and members of the Mayflower PWD Club. A total of 21 attendees were present (see list attached).

Meeting Location & Commencement

The meeting was held at the Colonel Blackinton Inn, Attleboro, MA and was called to order at 12:40 pm by Paula Markiewicz.

President's Report – Paula Markiewicz

Paula welcomed everyone attending the luncheon and thanked them for coming despite the rain. She spoke of the success of the previous events this year and the excitement of holding the club's first truly sanctioned Specialty in June 2019. She reminded all of our annual meeting, Festivus, to be held on January 6th at MasterPeace Dog Training Center in Franklin MA.

Membership Report – Sue Rosenstein

Sue reported that there are currently 102 members, 13 of which are supporting members and 89 voting members. Working with Lynn Green, she was preparing to start the renewal process for 2019. They are hoping to simplify the renewals with shorter forms. Kim Holden mentioned that there may be new fields on the form to allow for use of member information on a proposed member directory as well as allow receipt of notifications via email. Membership renewals start in November of each year.

Nominating Committee Report – Sue Coyne

Sue who had acted as Nominating Committee Chairperson this year reviewed the process that she had taken to reach out to each of the current board members. All had accepted to another term on the board except Gail Maguire who had asked to step down to provide time to pursue personal interests. Lynn Green wished to stay on the board in a director position but asked that a new Treasurer be nominated. Michael LaRoche was asked to accept this nomination for Treasurer. He accepted which completed the committee's 2019 Slate of Candidates. (See attached).

Club Events – Tobi Ann Kocher

Tobi Ann addressed the attendees describing her thoughts and ideas regarding future events and solicited ideas from the group. One proposal was a Canine First Aid seminar which was well received. There was discussion about sending a survey to the members. In addition, Tobi Ann requested that a copy of the membership renewal forms be sent to her in order for her to record member interest.

Bylaws Revisions – Kim Holden

Kim reviewed the proposed changes. Questions were asked about the new membership requirement stipulating that a member is required to complete one year as an Associate member and show interest in the club by attending or volunteering at its events. All current voting members are grandfathered. This would apply only to new memberships. There were questions regarding the two-year commitment asked of new officers and whether there were also term limits. The current revisions do not impose term limits but could be considered in the future.

Bylaw Vote

Voting was made available starting at noon. Simple ballots were prepared with options to either "approve" or "oppose" the 2018 revisions. All voting members had previously

received a hard-copy of the new bylaws along with a summary sheet of changes mailed by the Secretary on September 24th. Each meeting attendee who was eligible to vote was provided a ballot. Several club members dropped in for voting only. The votes were counted at 3:00 pm by the Secretary. The results were 22 approvals and 1 opposed. The bylaw revisions were passed by 96% of those who voted.

The next member meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2019 at MasterPeace Dog Training, Franklin, MA. Time to be determined

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Holden

Membership Meeting & Bylaw Voting Attendee List

Abbruzzese, Cathy	Attendee
Avratin, Gary	Attendee & Voted
Berger, Marc	Attendee & Voted
Berger, Pat	Attendee & Voted
Chiles, Sheryl	Attendee & Voted
Coyne, Frank	Voted
Coyne, Susan	Attendee & Voted
Framson, Brian	Voted
Framson, Christine	Attendee & Voted
Green, Joe	Attendee & Voted
Holden, Hartley	Attendee & Voted
Holden, Kim	Attendee & Voted
Kocher, Olivier	Attendee & Voted
Kocher, Tiffany	Attendee & Voted
Kocher, Tobi Ann	Attendee & Voted
LaRoche, Kim	Attendee & Voted
LaRoche, Michael	Attendee & Voted
Lavalli, Kari	Voted
Markiewicz, Joe	Attendee & Voted
Markiewicz, Paula	Attendee & Voted
McCann, Brian	Attendee & Voted
McCann, Kathy	Attendee & Voted
Medeiros, Lisa	Attendee & Voted
Rosenstein, Susan	Attendee & Voted

2019 Slate of Candidates

- President – Paula Markiewicz, 271 Old County Rd., East Sandwich, MA 02537
- Vice President - Tobi-Ann Kocher, 19 Hickory Hill Rd., Wayland, MA 01778
- Secretary - Kim Holden, 36 Colicum Dr., Charlton, MA 01507
- Treasurer – Michael LaRoche, 34 Lowell St, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481
- Director - Susan Coyne, 30 Homestead Place, Middletown, RI 02842
- Director - Chris Framson, 20 Stage Coach Rd., Rehoboth, MA 02769
- Director - Lynn Green, 558 Dutton Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776
- Director - Olivier Kocher, 19 Hickory Hill Rd., Wayland, MA 01778
- Director - Susan Rosenstein, 21 Carl Drive, Tiverton, RI 02878