

USSPWD Club Annual Membership Meeting

December 3, 2016

2016 Officers and Board of Directors: Karen Childers – President, Pam Leshner - Vice-President, Susan Wells – Treasurer, Barbara Williams – Treasurer; Directors: Meg DeFore, Janice Butler, Donna Culp, Trish McLelland, Amanda Ellery

Membership quorum for the meeting was not met. Officers and Director's present were Karen Childers, Pam Leshner, Barbara Williams, Meg DeFore and Trish McLelland.

Karen Childers called the meeting to order at 11:05. The 2015 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes were not read but were available for member review.

President's Report

Karen Childers welcomed the group and thanked Meg and Bud DeFore for hosting this event for the 5th year.

USSPWD Club's 2016 accomplishments:

- Jointly hosted the extremely well received and successful PWD Jamboree which also contributed \$3,000 from proceeds to the PWD General Health Fund. Thanks to Tom and Judy Leather
- Hosted two successful Callaway water trials
- Donated \$2,300 to PWD Foundation in support of PWD Health Initiatives and all of today's proceeds from the raffle baskets will be donated
- Designed and implemented a new website that is user friendly and can be maintained by Board members.
- Developed and implemented a communications policy that has improved communications with members via the website, e-mail and Facebook.
- Updated the USSPWD Club logo
- Established a Water Activities Committee with Tom Leather as Chairperson which has addressed several water related issues.
- Provided members with medals highlighting their dog's achievements for 2015.
- Provided, with membership contributions, two raffle baskets, one for the National Specialty and one for the Jamboree. The Specialty basket won best club basket.
- Will host Supported Entry at the Central Florida Working Group Show in Orlando December 16th. We are also hosting a reception at Tony Roma's at 6:30 on Friday
- Hosted numerous events which will be covered later.

Treasure's Report

We forecast that the Club is on track to make a net profit of approximately \$3,500, mostly due to the PWD Jamboree, which provided us with \$4,000. Our annual Foundation donation was \$2,000. Year to date financials are available if any member would like a copy.

Membership

- Exceeded budget and prior year in Membership dues.
- Currently have 129 memberships: 70 Family, 57 Individual, 2 New Puppy for a total of 199 voting members
- 27 new memberships in 2016
- Membership is split: 61% Florida, 23% Georgia, 16% other

Events – 2016

- Hosted five USSPWD Club water camps in Dania, FL, St. Mary's, FL (3) and Seneca, S.C.
- Hosted member get togethers at dog shows in Brooksville, FL, Atlanta, GA and Perry, GA.
- Supported Barn Hunt seminars in Tampa, FL, Melbourne, FL and Cumming, GA and Barn Hunt trial in Melbourne, FL
- Hosted Fun Days in Gainesville, GA and New Smyrna, FL
- Hosted Agility Fun Day in Colbert, GA

Events Planned for 2017

The membership was asked for input on events they would like to see in 2017.

- Fun Days: Tampa Bay FL, Jacksonville, FL, Gainesville, GA, New Smyrna Beach, FL
- Dog Show Get Togethers: Brooksville (January) and Atlanta (February)
- Painting with your PWD
- Dry Land Training April New Smyrna Beach, FL
- Perry supported entry and get together– April
- Water Camps – 3 St Mary's, 1 South FL
- Water Trials Callaway Garden June 24-25, August 19-20

Club Communications

- Website – club information available to all; members only information including membership directory, Board meeting minutes and policies; information on upcoming events including registration forms and payment
- Constant Contact – email distribution service for official communication to members
- FaceBook – post club events, water trial results, encourage members to post brags about their PWDs

2016 Achievement Awards

The Club will again be awarding medals for 2016 achievements. Look for a communication in December.

Election of 2017 Board

Meg, Trish and Janice will be leaving the Board and we thank them for their contributions to USSPWD Club.

The 2017 Slate of Candidates are:

- Karen Childers – second term
- Susan Wells – second term
- Nancy Vencill – first term
- Elanye McNamara – first term
- Leticia Dort – first term

As there were no nominations from the floor the slate was confirmed as elected.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35