

USSPWD Club Annual Membership Meeting

December 2, 2017

2017 Officers and Board of Directors: Karen Childers – President, Amanda Ellery - Vice-President, Susan Wells – Secretary, Barbara Williams – Treasurer; Directors: Pam Leshner, Donna Culp, Nancy Vencill, Letitia Dort, Elayne McNamara

Membership quorum for the meeting was not met. Officers and Director's present were Karen Childers, Barbara Williams, Letitia Dort and Elayne McNamara.

Karen Childers called the meeting to order at 11:05. The 2016 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 6th year.

USSPWD Club's 2017 accomplishments:

- Hosted two successful Callaway water trials.
- Donated \$2,800 to PWD Foundation in support of PWD Health Initiatives from water trial raffle basket proceeds. All of today's raffle proceeds will also be donated.
- Automated Dry Land Training and Water Camp registration and payment through our website. Reduced Water Camp fees by \$5 per dog
- Hosted member get-together at the Atlanta, GA dog show.
- Hosted Dry Land training in New Smyrna Beach, FL.
- Hosted five USSPWD water camps in St. Mary's, GA (4) and Villa Rica, GA.
- Initiated a USSPWD Club TriX Certificate for members earning three qualifying legs of Working Water Dog
- Initiated two perpetual water trial trophies, one the Max-A-Million Courier Water Trial Trophy in honor of Tom and Judy Leather's tireless efforts in water work and the other the Meg DeFore Founder's Apprentice Water Trial Trophy in honor of Meg DeFore's initiatives to found the USSPWD Club. Initiated a one-time water trophy for our August trial in memory of club member Chuck Robinson.
- Hosted Supported Entry for conformation and performance events at the Peach Blossom Cluster in Perry, GA along with a social together
- With membership contribution, took out a full-page color ad in memory of club member Chuck Robinson and donated \$1,000 in excess contributions to be used for Puppy Eye Syndrome research.

- Provided members with medals highlighting their dog's achievements for 2016. Placed an ad in the March/April Courier highlighting our members 2016 achievements.
- Hosted Dock Diving seminars in Lutz, FL, Jacksonville, FL and Cumming, GA.
- Hosted Fun Days in Gainesville, FL, Gainesville, GA and New Smyrna, FL.
- Hosted ACT 1 and ACT2 trials in Colbert, GA and Jacksonville, FL
- Hosting Barn Hunt seminar and trial in Cumming, GA.
- Provided, with membership contributions, a raffle basket for the National Specialty which won the best club basket for the second year. Thank you again to Jean Hassebroek Hosted one day of the hospitality room at the National Specialty.
- Reviewed and revised, as necessary, all Club Policies. Drafted and approved a new policy on club owned boat usage. Began the process of documenting of the Water Trial process by drafting a Water Trial timeline
- Will be hosting a Supported Entry December 15th at the Central Florida Working Group Show in Orlando. We are also hosting a reception at Tony Roma's at 6:30 on Friday

Treasure's Report

We forecast that the Club will lose about \$2,000 in 2017, mainly because we lowered water camp fees and e had numerous events during the year. The Club had excess cash and so we are trying to give it back to the membership. Our annual Foundation donation was \$2,500. Year to date financials are available if any member would like a copy.

Membership

- Exceeded budget and prior year in Membership dues.
- Currently have 150 memberships: 75 Family, 55 Individual, 20 New Puppy for a total of 205 voting members
- Membership is split: 63% Florida, 19% Georgia, 18% other

Events – 2018

- February Fun Day Sarasota, FL Landon and Leigh Stafford
- February - Atlanta Show Get Together
- March 17 - Dry Land Training in FL
- March - ACT Agility in Colbert and one in FL
- April - Supported Entry in Perry, GA. Organize a Get Together?
- April / May – Fun Day Gainesville, FL
- October – Fun Day Gainesville, GA

- Water Camps – 3 St Mary’s, 1 Sarasota, FL, 2 Villa Rica, GA
- Water Trials Callaway Garden June 23-24, September 15-16

Communications

- Website – Continuing to make improvements in our website. Planning on website registration for Water Trials in 2018. Water Camp registration will open in early 2018
- FaceBook – post club events, water trial results, encourage members to post brags about their PWDs

2017 Achievement Awards

The Club will again be awarding medals for 2017 achievements. Look for a communication in December.

Election of 2018 Board

Barbara and Pam will be leaving the Board and we thank them for their contributions to USSPWD Club.

The 2018 Slate of Candidates are:

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- Amanda Ellery – second term
- Donna Culp – second term
- Joyce Polak – first term
- Vickie Baker – first term

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:30