

## **USSPWD Club Annual Membership Meeting**

**December 7, 2020, 7pm conference call.**

Vickie Baker called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The 2019 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes were not read but are available for member review on the website. The Membership was reminded that all quarterly meeting minutes are posted on the website as well.

Vickie Baker, President USSPWDC Hosted the call which was attended by 18 members who dialed into the call.

The call began with the introduction of 2020 Officers and Board of Directors: Vickie Baker – President, Marilu Novy - Vice-President, Nancy Watson (resigned in October) – Secretary, Nancy Vencill – Treasurer; Directors: Meg DeFore, Letitia Dort, Leigh Stafford, Debbie Jackson, Lizette Wagoner.

### **President's Report**

Vickie Baker welcomed the group and stated that in part due to COVID travel restrictions but primarily to increase participation due to the large geography that USSPWDC covers (FL, GA, AL, N&S Carolinas), we are having this 2020 USSPWDC Annual Membership Meeting as a conference call and separate it from the December Holiday Fun Day.

### **USSPWD Club's 2020 Goals**

1. Host 15 successful water camps and two successful Water Trials at Callaway Gardens, GA
2. Secure boats for water camps and water trials
3. Add additional non-water events at Fun Days (tracking, scent work, trick dog etc.)
4. Continue to grow membership

### **USSPWD Club's 2020 Accomplishments**

- USSPWDC sponsored the Sweeps at the conformation show in Brooksville, FL 01/11/2020.
- Hosted the Lunar Play Day event in Sarasota, FL on 01/26/2020 which was attended by 51 people/40 dogs. Thank you to Landon and Leigh Stafford.
- Provided 94 Members with crate tags to commemorate their achievements for 2019 and placed an ad in Courier magazine highlighting our members activities.

- February 24, the Board approved the purchase of a new 12' Lowe V1258 V-Hull Boat and trailer to address boat logistics for water camps and water trials. Total Cost \$4600 including outfitting (thank you Tom Leather) and licensing. Because we operate the club financially on a cash basis – this is a cost for 2020 not a depreciated asset.
- The Board voted at the end of March to Host an additional water trial aka, the mini-Jamboree with Movers and Shakers in place of the National Specialty which was cancelled.
- Fifteen water camps were planned for 2020, due to COVID's emergence three were cancelled but twelve were held with safety protocols implemented. The Villa Rica and St Mary's camps were three days, the Sarasota camps were two days and the New Smyrna Beach camps were one day. Net income on the Water camps was \$2000.
- USSPWD Club Hosted two successful Callaway, GA water trials and Co-Hosted a four-day mini-Jamboree with Movers and Shakers at Seneca SC, for a total of three sanctioned water trials in 2020. USSPWD Club was responsible for hosting one third of all sanctioned water trials approved by PWDCA in the U.S. this year. All of the USSPWD Club water trials were full with 35 dogs running both FRI/SAT and SUN at each Callaway, GA Water Trial. Due to demand the Club offered two trial sites at the mini-Jamboree and these water trials were also full with over 70 dogs trialing each day. USSPWD water trial finances resulted in a net loss of roughly \$2000 due to additional costs of beach rental at Callaway and COVID related expenses (masks, sanitizers, etc). The safety protocols implemented enabled our club to hold safe water trials. No COVID related illness has been reported.
- We did not hold the auctions, raffles or Fetch-a-Float during the water trials in 2020 due to the COVID restrictions, the Club therefore did not generate the funds to donate to the PWD Foundation in support of PWD Health Initiatives.
- Board members reviewed and revised, as necessary, all Club Policies which are posted on the website for member review and information.
- Hosted a successful Annual Holiday Fun Day with Agility and Rally, in New Smyrna Beach, FL on 12/5/2020 attended by 17 people and 14 dogs. Three (3) Dogs participated in the ACT 1 and 2 Trials and 4 more in Rally and Trick. Videos were taken to submit to AKC and a wonderful banquet was provided for those who attended. Thank you to Meg and Bud DeFore for opening your homes for 18 years of hosting PWD parties.
- USSPWD Club officers, directors and committees have worked hard to offer something for all members, including conformation events, performance events, play days, water camps, water trials and get togethers. Should any member have a suggestion please click the "Contact" button on the website and submit.

## **Financial Report**

The Club started 2020 with total equity of approximately \$30K and are projecting a net loss of roughly \$5K primarily driven by the purchase of the Club Boat and additional costs incurred due to COVID. On a positive note – the Club is ending the year with inventories of \$1500 in awards and \$1500 in merchandise.

## **Membership 2020**

- Currently have 163 members roughly 50% family, 44% individual and 6% QNP. The Board continues to look for ways to grow membership and to convert new puppy owners into active members.

## **On-ward to 2021**

- Due to new management and the financial impact of COVID, Callaway Gardens, GA informed the USSPWD Club that they are no longer holding dog events at their location. The Water Activity Committee (WAC) is actively zlooking at other sites in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. The requirements for the site are on the PWDCA Website.
- The WAC has selected 2021 Water Trial judges (Susan Malik and Julie Asbed), but dates are currently dependent on-site location.
- Water Camps and Water Trails dates, Performance and Fun Day Events for 2021 will be planned and posted on the website as soon as we have the information.
- A USSPWDC website refresh is officially in progress, more news on this in the near future. We are creating a new look and feel for [www.usspwdc.org](http://www.usspwdc.org)!
- Please renew your membership if you haven't yet!

Check back with the website and FB for events and watch your email for updates.

## **Out Going Board Members:**

- Meg DeFore – Meg was one of the original founders of the USSPWDC. She and her husband Bud have hosted events for the USSPWDC for over 18 years and have hosted the Annual Holiday Party in New Smyrna Beach for 10 years. Meg and Bud host water camps and Meg will continue to support Rescue PWD's for the Club. We appreciate her service on the Board and look forward to seeing her on the water.
- Nancy Vencill – Nancy started her PWD career with Parker in 2008 and achieved a CWDX in 2015. Nancy has been on the board for four years as treasurer. We appreciate Nancy's service on the board and look forward to seeing her on the water with her PWD's.

- Letitia Dort – Letitia and her husband Chris got their first PWD in 1998. They extended their family with Gunner in 2015 and now have added Coastie and Thunder. Letitia has served as merchandise chairperson and Water Trial Secretary and we look forward to seeing the whole Dort family at future water trials. Thank you to Letitia for her service these past four years.
- We had one resignation in October 2020 – Nancy Watson, Vickie Baker is fulfilling Secretary duties until the new Board is elected in 2021.

**The 2021 New Board Member Candidates are:**

- Karen Childers
- Nancy Nelson

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

With only 19 members in attendance quorum for the meeting was not met. Officers and Directors attending the call included: Vickie Baker, Nancy Vencill, Debbie Jackson and Leigh Stafford.

The next annual USSPWD Club meeting will be held in Q4 of 2021 – date TBD.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 second Nancy Vencill**