

MINUTES

USSPWDC

04/28/2020/ 7:00PM | *Meeting called to order by* Vickie Baker

In Attendance

Meg Defore, Leigh Stafford, Letitia Dort, Marilu Novy, Lizette Wagoner, Nancy Vencill, Nancy Watson, Vickie Baker, Debbie Jackson

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed/addition made/approved and published 02/11/2020

Secretary Report

02/25/2020- Email Vote request to the board to discuss and approve the purchasing of a new Club Boat . 7 - Yea's 1-no response.

03/27/2020- Email Vote request to the board to discuss a possible Mini Jamboree in place of the Cancelled PWDCA National/Specialty event in October 2020. Total of 6 responses – 1- If Callaway Water trials Cancel, 1- Yes, 4-more research, 2- No response

Treasure Report

Balance 03-31-2020 \$26,862.07

Expenditures- Year End Awards- \$984.67, Boat with trailer 3,201.00

Income- 4,110.00 2020 Membership Dues, 1,655.00 Water Camps

Filing with IRS completed, Insurance – 2020 Paid (including Seneca)

Director's Report

- **Membership**-Nancy Watson reported 140 Active Members, approximately 20 non-renewed members. Discussion followed regarding the loss of membership and how to grow new members. Meg Defore commented that an active member would like to see a form on the web-site that explains to new puppy owners what the site is about. Suggested that the member set-up for themselves and include it in the puppy book for new owners.
- **Communications**- Lizette Wagoner reported receiving request to join FB group from people that don't have PWD's. Would like to have a questionnaire to verify who these people are. Discussion followed and was agreed that the person must be a USSPWDC member, own a PWD and/or obtain a reference from a breeder, active member with PWDCA or a regional club. Lizette agreed to design a form.
- **Website**-Vickie Baker reported the Website is up to date with the membership list, all upcoming USSPWDC events.

- **Event- GA** – Marilu Novy reported that Callaway is currently closed. She was told to contact the site after May 1st regarding the opening and to what will be available. Discussion followed and it was decided if Callaway opens up with lodging and restaurants the water trial June 26-28, 2020 will go on and Club Members will follow Health and Safety regulations per the State’s recommendations.
- **Event-FL-** Leigh Stafford-None
- **Merchandise-** Letitia Dort- Callaway T-Shirts are ordered for both June and August Trials. They will be sent to Judy Leather and someone can pick them up. This year we did a drawing from our members who PWD earned a Junior or Apprentice title in 2019. Four members submitted and the winners are June-Cassey owned by Annie Smith-Jones, August- Mystic owned by Debra Giewont. Binders -no update. Working on total inventory between Leigh Stafford and Meg Defore. President Vickie Baker inquired about the cash box, reader and merchandise with Leigh Stafford and how was it going to get to GA. Debby Jackson volunteered to collect it from Leigh and take it up to GA. No new merchandise ordered due to the uncertainty of the trials.
- **2019 Achievement Awards-** Nancy Vencill reported all were delivered and submitted to the Courier for the Summer Edition.
- **Water Activities** – Karen Childers report -See page 4-5
- **Supported Entry-** Debby Jackson-none

Report of Vice-President

None

Report of President – Action's completed from 1st Quarter Meeting- 01/28/2020

- Purchased Club Boat and had it outfitted
- Cancelled Sarasota 3/21 and NSB 4/4 Dry Land Training due to Coronavirus and refunded all Money, Cancelled St Mary’s GA Apr 17-19 Water Camp due to Coronavirus and refunded all money Cancelled NSB May 2 Water Camp due to Coronavirus - there were no sign-ups.
- We did have 8 people sign up for a free water camp day but 6 were for dates that have been cancelled – Vickie Baker to reach out to these people to get them to resign up.

Old Business

- One of our Goals for 2020 was to secure Boats for Camps and Trials. We have successfully purchased a 12’ Lowe V1258 V-Hull Boat and trailer for \$3000. We asked Tom Leather to put the platform and move the oar locks - \$944.73. We also purchased jumping PWD’s silhouettes for \$138.00 and Oars fore \$171.18. Total without tax and licenses which should be done when FL DMV opens up is \$4253.91. The boat in winter will be stored Tom and Judy Leathers, for summer in will be stored in a storage facility in Jacksonville Fl by Gary a Karen Childers.
- Non-Water Activities - Tracking seminar in FL.- Nancy Watson reported no update as parks are still closed.
- Vickie Baker reported that Susan Wells- GA has offered to present a Tracking Seminar with Tracking Certification at the Mini Jamboree. Nancy Watson said she and Robert Watson would be happy to assist with track laying for the certification.
- Annual Meeting 2020- Vickie Baker asked Meg Defore if possible, to add Scent Work demo, Meg said she would ask Fern Foster if she would present.

New Business

Mini-Jamboree Oct.1-4 2020 in Seneca, SC

President Vickie Baker along with the WAC Karen Childers submitted proposal to the board if USSPWDC would split 4 days with Mover and Shakers (similar to 2019 Jamboree. Only the Beach and Patio Deck would be reserved \$375.00 (split between the two clubs), each club would hire their own judge (Greg Ilchuck has agreed for USSPWDC as he was cancelled from June trial as long as he can trial the two other days with Movers and Shakers). Judges fee \$150.00 per day plus hotel and food. Water trial application fee of \$25.00 per day (\$50.00 total). Event may include CGC, CGCA, TDI along with Tracking Seminar and Tracking Certification. Each club will be responsible for their own Water Trial Chair, Trial Sec, Ring organizers, stewards, rowers, and people to help set-up and tear down. USSPWDC will provide the boats, fencing for one site, 3' line, tent for Judge and coolers for Judge's drinks. All attendees will be responsible for paying \$2.00 Park parking fee per day.

Discussion followed. President Vickie Baker called for a roll call vote. Vote taken, passed unanimously.

Lizette Wagoner asked if the future Water Camps and Trials for the remaining dates can be advertised it was decided yes and that Safety Requirement's be added to all the upcoming events

No further business.

Motion to adjourn by Lizette Wagoner, second Nancy Vencill. Meeting adjourned @ 8:09pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Watson

See below for WAC report

First Quarter 2020 WAC Activities April 22, 2020

Discussed whether to provide an incentive for Water Trial volunteers by giving them a free practice run while charging non-volunteers a fee. Decided to keep things as is for now. Karen will monitor the ratio of participant to volunteers for 2020.

Received qualified pictures from four members who earned Junior / Apprentice titles at USSPWD trials in 2019. Selected "Cassie" owned by Annie Smith-Jones for June and "Mystic" owned by Debra Giewont for August t-shirt pictures.

Was informed by the Water Trial Committee that Greg Illchuck, our August Callaway judge, was not presently qualified to judge. Secured Martha Ruskai to judge the August trial in Greg's place. Marth's requested that we accommodate her running her dog in working on Friday afternoon and so we secured Chuck Bupert on Friday afternoon to judge three Working and three Master dogs.

Discussed the financial impact and ramifications of accommodating judges' requests to enter their dog(s) at the trial they are judging, thereby requiring the Club to secure a second judge. Decided going forward that it would be our position that we do not honor judges' requests if it negatively impacts the Club from a financial or operational standpoint.

Discussed in detail the provision in the 2019 Water Trial Manual to guarantee entry spaces for 5 dogs of water trial volunteers and how we would administer it if we should take advantage of the provision. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that we could use this provision on an emergency basis, if needed, but we would not routinely guarantee volunteers entry spaces.

Discussed holding a mini-Jamboree in early October 2020 due to the postponement of the National Specialty until 2021. While most were in favor, it was decided to wait until the end of April to make a decision in order to determine what our contractual obligations to Callaway Gardens for our June and August trials may be. However, secure Greg Illchuck as our Jamboree judge, should we proceed.

Water Trials:

- Completed and submitted Water Trial applications for both the June and August trials
- Submitted dates and information for PWDCA and Courier calendar of events
- Set up Callaway hotel reservation line
- Submitted information and pictures for required Courier water trial advertisement
- Re-submitted the Water Trial application for the August trial and modified the Courier ad to reflect the new judges
- Decided to spotlight new / young dogs by having June t-shirt art be of Junior / Apprentice dogs. Sent CC soliciting pictures
- Inventoried awards and mementos and ordered additional as needed
- Created detailed Rowing and Steward responsibilities guide
- Reviewed Callaway meal pricing and decided to increase prices for lunches from \$10 to \$12 and the banquet from \$35 to \$40
- T-shirt artwork developed and T-shirt styles and colors selected
- June Water Trial premium created; opening date May 16, closing June 7. Included dog aggression policy from Water Trial Manual
- Worked with website coordinator to design and test website for the June Water Trial

Water Camps:

- Obtained permission from Camden County, GA to hold water camps in St. Mary's on requested dates
- Established dates and locations of Dry Land training and Water Camps for 2020. Communicated to members

- Cancelled the following camps due to Covid-19:
 - Sarasota Dryland Training and Rowing Clinic – March 21
 - New Smyrna Beach Dryland / Water Training – April 4
 - St Mary's Water Camp – April 17-19
 - New Smyrna Beach Water Camp – May 2
 - Sarasota Water Camp – May 21-23