



United Sunshine States Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc

610 S Acorn Way  
Seneca, SC 29672

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Board Meeting – Meeting Minutes  
Date: 04/27/2021 /Time: 7:00pm

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### In Attendance

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Teleconference Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm by Vickie Baker. Leigh Stafford, Karen Childers, Debbie Jackson, Lizette Wagoner, and Nancy Nelson were in attendance. Marilu Novy was absent.

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### President Report – Vickie Baker

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Vickie hoped everyone had received the Agenda.

#### Report on the Timeline

Vickie thanked everyone for sending in their updates to the timeline. All tasks are up to date except the club sanctioning. This is due by April 30. The 2021 Timeline will be uploaded as an attachment to these meeting minutes.

Vickie said she renewed the tag for trailer for two years, this was due in June.

The Ad for participation awards was submitted for the summer issue of the Courier. Also noted, was that the Courier had extended the ad submission date to May 15, if anyone wanted to submit an ad.

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### Vice President Report – Marilu Novy

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No Report

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### Secretary Report – Debbie Jackson

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#### Results of e-mail votes:

- 2/18 - The minutes of Board Meeting held on February 2, 2021 were approved unanimously.
- 3/22 – Policy #4 change was approved. 4 votes for option 2, which states that the website will no longer need a “log in and passcode” to log onto the website and that the directory of membership will not be posted on the website. The directory will be available upon request.
- 4/15 - The motion to prepare a Specialty Basket and make a donation for Rosettes to the Specialty was approved unanimously.

Karen pointed out that the minutes of the board meeting on 2/2/21 need to be changed to reflect the vote on the boat as follows: The option approved was to sell the club boat. The purchase of the Stafford boat is contingent upon that sale. Once changed, Vickie will repost the minutes on the website.

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## Treasurer Report – Lizette Wagoner

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Lizette Waggoner stated that the P&L was sent out to board members. Income was approximately \$3,000. The cash balance is approximately \$26,000.

Lizette asked if anyone had any questions. No one did.

Vickie noted, that there was good income from membership and also water camps. Additionally, she noted that the expenditures year-to-date included deposits for water trial locations and host hotels.

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## Membership – Nancy Nelson

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Nancy Nelson reported that Membership renewal is over, but we keep getting new members. There are currently 143 members as follows: 78 family memberships, 59 individual memberships and 6 qualified new puppy (QNP) owners. Vickie noted that 29 members from last year did not reup,

Vickie also noted that we had 9 QNP last year and converted 2 to full membership.

Nancy reported that we are getting members from Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia and Texas to name a few other areas.

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## Water Activities Committee – Karen Childers

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Karen Childers reported that we moved the club boat to Meg DeFore's house.

The general consensus of rowers is that it is not a good boat to row. The club boat was not taken to St Mary, GA Water Camp. More discussion needs to be held regarding this boat before we decide if the Club will keep it or sell it.

Water Trials are almost set. Regarding the June water trial at Pyne Road Park, the trial opening date is changing to Tuesday May 25 from Monday May 24. Vickie noted that the premium must be updated and a constant contact needs to be sent out.

Karen noted that the premium also needs to be updated as the PWDCA added a board member

Vickie said that the PWDCA will need to be informed to check the link to the water trial.

The Banquet, Judge's reception and lunches are set for the June trial.

The update on the August water trial at Camp Kanuga is as follows: We are waiting on lunch details as the camp is waiting on their new chef to join them. Once the food details are set Karen will submit the premium.

Karen noted that the closing dates remain the same Monday June 7, as these are specified by PWDCA as a certain number of days prior to the water trial.

Vickie said she will do a test run of the water trial sign up the week before the trial.

Karen said the WAC had asked and received from Alan Reisdorf Judge recommendation for 2022.

Additionally, at the request of the WAC, Alan has agreed to judge the June 2022 water trial and Greg Illchuck agree to judge in August 2022. The water committee is also discussing a Junior/Apprentice trial that Chuck Bubert can judge. He will hold off retiring so that we can do that. Several sites for the Junior/Apprentice trial are being reviewed: Meg DeFore's house and Notter's Pond in St Marys Ga.

The update on water camps is that many have been added to the New Smyrna Beach (NSB) camp at Meg DeFore's house. The club has been having a good turnout at all of the camps. Karen estimated that the club will make \$1500 on the three camps.

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### Communications – Nancy Nelson

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Nancy Nelson reported she has been busy sending out emails. She appreciates that we are sending her the wording we want for the communications. Nancy noted that there are few bounce backs and that most emails are getting opened. This is an improvement from prior years when many were not opened.

Vickie reported that Nancy has a master membership list and that Vickie has a duplicate. She asked all members to be very careful with the membership list as some members do not want their information disclosed. She asked that we not send the membership list to anyone.

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### Website – Vickie Baker

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Vickie Baker reported that we have a new refreshed website.

The website is on word press and that we use Jotform for forms, as it is one of the best.

She stated that Colleen Bragg & Jeremy Bragg of Movers and Shakers assisted in the development of the new site. Colleen is the second administrator on the website.

Vickie proposed that our club pay for the one-year membership for Colleen Bragg, both to thank her for moral support and their assistance and because she is listed as the second administrator.

A discussion took place about the one-year free membership for the Braggs. It was agreed unanimously that the club offer them a free one-year membership.

Lizette recommended that we send a member to the class to enable them to do the website. Vickie noted that this will be a key role that she will be searching for in this coming year.

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### Website – Vickie Baker

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Lee Stafford reported that no events have been planned in Florida.

Vickie said that NSB, Meg DeFore's water camps need support from other Club Members as the number of attendees are large and there are several new to water. Lee was asked if she and Landon could support some of the water camps at NSB or St. Mary's, GA.

Lizette stated they are planning a fall agility event. Vickie noted that if a fall event is planned in Florida, the club will rally to help.

Vickie reported that she asked Colleen to hold the online canine conditioning event. The event contained great information and 40 plus people were on the video call, including 15-20 from our club, and 6-7 from Washington state. Vickie has a copy of the slides. The online event was able to reach people that are still staying home due to COVID.

Nancy noted that Colleen also judges the virtual AKC performance if anyone is interested in submitting a video.

Nancy said Bobby Crisp made a boat and Kent said he loves this boat and that it is easy to row. Karen said that Amanda and John should look at it to determine if it will work for a trial.

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### Merchandise – Debbie Jackson

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Debbie Jackson reported that the club did very well the first month of merchandise sales. Over 50 items were sold in March for a total sale amount of \$967 and net profit to the club of \$334. Debbie is projecting April to be lower with approximately \$300 in sales and a profit to the club of approximately \$100.

She reported that we have had good feedback and compliments on the merchandise. The complaint is shipping time as many have an Amazon mindset now. Vickie said she got her order and loves them.

Debbie reported that members have asked if we are bringing merchandise to the trial.

- Vickie recommended that we have a table that shows samples of the merchandise.  
Karen noted she was reluctant at first to buy the performance shirts, but once she found out they are very nice she bought several.
- Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

Vickie reported she still has 100 binders in her garage. Some ideas have surfaced to each new members a binder. She noted that \$1500 is invested. Vickie is looking for ideas on what to do with the binders. She described these binders as very nice, leather binders, with a gold embossed Portuguese water dog on the cover. Vickie stated she will put a raffle basket together for the water trial including the binders as well as old merchandise.

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### Achievement Award – Vickie Baker

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Vickie reported that the Ad for achievement awards was submitted for the spring issue. The digital issue, out now, looks good and emphasizes new water trial sites.

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### Old Business

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The timeline shows all items that are completed and will be sent out along with the minutes of this meeting to the board members.

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### New Business

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Vickie reported that after the vote on the Specialty Basket and Rosette donations a donation of \$130 was made for Courier rosettes.

Vickie asked who wants to be responsible for the Specialty basket - TBD

It was noted that Jean Hassebroek can assist with the basket. The club won best basket three years that she made it. Karen agreed to reach out to Jean.

It was noted we will solicit for donations for the basket.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm