



United Sunshine States Portuguese Water Dog Club, Inc

1101 Banks Rose Court
Celebration, Fl. 34747

Board of Directors Meeting
Date: 04/18/2022 7:00pm

In Attendance

Lizette Wagoner called the meeting to order. In attendance were Karen Childers, Zac Crump, Lori Torriero, Pam Oberst, Leigh Stafford and Debbie Jackson

President Report – Lizette Wagoner

No Report

Vice President Report – Karen Childers

No Report

Secretary Report – Debbie Jackson

Debbie reported the following e-votes, all votes were passed as follows:

- 2/21/2022 Jan 31 Board Minutes – Approved unanimously
- 2/21/2022 Policy 7 Amendment to add Duration of Trophies and Requirements to Add New Trophies – Approved unanimously
- 3/1/2022 Approval to Host a Supported Entry in Orlando Dec 16 – Approved by Karen, Zac, Lori, Debbie and Leigh
- 3/4/2022 Temporarily amend Policy 7 to Award Meg Defore Trophies for Both Saturday and Sunday runs for the Inaugural NSB Junior/Apprentice Water Trial – Approved by Karen, Zac, Lori, Debbie and Leigh
- 3/4/2022 – Add a One -time Award for the Fastest Junior Run on both Saturday and Sunday and provide participation gifts at the Inaugural NSB Junior/Apprentice Water Trial. Approved Karen, Zac, Lori, Debbie and Leigh

- 3/25/2022 – Due to maintenance and logistics issues, Relocate April and May St. Mary’s water camps to DeFore pond – Approved Karen, Zac, Lori, Debbie and Leigh
- 3/26/2022 – Approve \$200 expenditure to install step on personal DeFore boat – Approved Karen, Pam, Zac, Lori, Debbie and Leigh.
- 4/7/2022 – Temporarily Amend Policy 7 to award water trial mementos to all qualifying runs, not just for titles to utilize existing memento inventory. This does, not include FEO. – Approved by Zac, Lori, Pam and Karen.

Lizette requested that evotes end two weeks prior to each board meeting.

Treasurer Report – Pam Oberst

Pam reported the cash balance is about \$30,000. Additionally, we have brought in \$10,500 and total expenses were \$6,200 for a net of \$3,800. Karen mentioned that the amounts do not include \$1200 in refunds for St. Marys and other camps. Lizette stated that any refund needs approval from the Board member responsible for the event.

Membership – Lori Torriero

Lori reported that our membership remains stable as new members offset those that did not renew. She reached out to 23 non renewing members to determine reason for not renewing and only one responded.

All but one QNP member renewed their memberships. Lori reported that people that are new to the breed have stated they find membership beneficial.

Lori reported that membership is concentrated mostly in Florida (69), with a growing membership in NC and SC (32). Georgia has 26 members with the remainder spread out across the US and often members of other clubs, possibly wintering in Florida.

Lori said the lapse period, between the end of the year and March 31, is long. She is going to work with Zac next year on a marketing plan to make it clear that dues are due on December 31.

Zac and Lori will work together to ensure the membership list is clean in Facebook and Constant contact.

Water Trial Committee – John Brock

Lizette summarized John’s report covering the Pyne Road Park Water Trial:

- Park management has been contacted concerning site requirements
- It is possible to have two sites but not recommended

- Zac is coordinating social media opportunities with LaGrange County
- Lunches and the Saturday night banquet have been arranged
- A judge's reception will be held Friday night at the hotel
- Trial awards have been updated
- In addition to tee shirts a black hoodie will be offered

John reported that he was moving some budget items around. Lizette stated that he can move budget items around but must stay within the approved budget.

Water Camp Committee – Karen Childers.

Karen reported that we added an additional NSB water camp the weekend before the water trial for only those entered in the trial. It is an opportunity for those trialing to practice at the trial site. Karen and Leigh are looking at Lake Kerr as a potential water camp site. Leigh is waiting on a confirmation from the owners to arrange a site visit

A discussion ensued about adding the Board approved step to the second DeFore boat and the need to potentially purchase a water tender for use at NSB camps.

Potentially we can use Leigh's boat. Leigh is making arrangements to move the boat. And get it inspected.

Debbie expressed frustration with the ability to run all dogs at camp in a timely manner with only one boat with one step.

The club boat in Seneca, SC could be moved to NSB but would then have to be hauled to water trials. The hauling last year fell to one or two people. We need to set up a sign-up sheet for those willing to haul and be responsible.

Additionally, the Seneca club boat is heavy and not easy to launch without a boat ramp.

Debbie and Karen will put together pros and cons of purchasing as additional boat.

Supported Entry – Zac Crump

Zac reported that Sensational Ribbons will be making the ribbons. The ribbons are estimated to cost \$1000.

Additionally, \$1000 will be set aside for Angie Robinson to make the awards and gifts. The committee is considering hand painted cookie jars, tote bags, tiled platters similar to Chicagoland club. She will also prepare a memento for each participant that does not win a ribbon. A search for a location for a reception is underway. The Central Florida Working group is excited to have us back. The judge has been selected, Eric Leibes.

Zac requested that the club support the Best of Breed at \$250.

A motion was made by Lori for the club to support BOB. Seconded by Karen. Unanimously approved.

The CC asking for sponsorship will be sent out on Tuesday.

Zac mentioned he is looking at setting up a supported entry in Perry for both conformation and performance events. This will include Obedience, Agility and other performance events.

Website – Vickie Baker

No Report

Merchandise – Debbie Jackson

Debbie reported that we had no sales in February and \$18 in March. She found out from Mike that the hottest item is vintage script in lower case letters. Mike at Home team prints is drafting and ordering the design.

He will get back to us in 2 weeks.

Lizette asked if Mike preprints the shirts, no. However, there is time spent and money for the ink/transfer and tune spent on website set up.

Zac brought up that he won't buy the script he doesn't like it and wanted to know if the Portie Life shirt could have the letters dropped or possibly the sun with colors.

Zac will send his ideas to Debbie so she can bring that up to Mike.

Lizette mentioned there are 3 hats left.

Events – Leigh Stafford

Leigh reported that she and Karen are looking at the site on Lake Kerr. It is a beach site.

Achievement Award – Pam Oberst

Pam reported that all awards were delivered. Total cost was just under \$500.

Old Business

No old business was reported.

New Business

The Board decided on the following objectives for 2022:

- Successfully host the Inaugural Junior / Apprentice Water Trial at the DeFore Pond in New Smyrna Beach, FL
- Successfully host two full level water trials, one at Pyne Road Park, LaGrange, GA and one at High Falls County Park, Seneca, SC
- Identify an additional site for water camps in Florida
- Begin the planning process for 2023 to host a Supported Entry, with both conformation and performance events, at the Peach Blossom Cluster in Perry, GA and host a multiple event PWD Jamboree in Seneca, SC

The Board discussed holding a Jamboree in 2023. Judy Leather has volunteered to head up efforts and is seeking a volunteer from Movers & Shakers. Lori volunteered to be the Club liaison.

Karen brought up E-votes recommending that this becomes a two step process. First step is an e-mail stating the proposal / issue and the reasons behind it and asking for comments. The second is an e-mail asking for a vote with the wording stated as a motion. Lizette requested we clearly state in the subject of the e-mails whether this was a discussion or a vote.

Karen introduced a discussion on whether we should review and revise our by-laws based on how we currently do business. The by-laws required a 2/3 vote of membership to change. The last time they were modified was in 2015. Lori volunteered to review the current by-laws and bring sections to the Board for review throughout 2022 including the pros and cons of modifications to each section.

Lori motioned to adjourn; Pam seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.