

## USSPWD Club Annual Membership Meeting

The 2021 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes are available for members on the website. Members are encouraged to go to the website to review meeting minutes, policies, membership information and upcoming events. This is the third year that the USSPWD Club Annual Membership Meeting is via conference call. Because of the large geographic area we serve, a teleconference call enables all members to join the meeting. The call will be held on December 12, 2022, at 8pm.

### **Board Members**

As stated in the Club Bi- laws, the Board of Directors shall be comprised of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of nine (9) Directors. The 2022 Board was comprised of 7 Board members.

President – Lizette Wagoner  
Vice President – Karen Childers  
Secretary – Debbie Jackson  
Treasurer – Pam Oberst  
Lori Torriero  
Zac Crump  
Leigh Stafford

#### Chairpersons:

Membership – Lori Torriero  
Water Activities Committee – John Brock  
Water Training Committee – Karen Childers  
Communications – Zac Crump  
Website – Vickie Baker  
Merchandise – Debbie Jackson  
Events – Leigh Stafford  
Achievement Awards – Pam Oberst  
Supported Entry – Zac Crump  
PWD Jamboree – Zac Crump, Amanda Ellery

Board member terms ending in 2022: Debbie Jackson and Leigh Stafford. Thank you!

#### Report of the Nominating Committee

#### Remaining on the Board:

Lizette Wagoner (2<sup>nd</sup> term ending December 31, 2023)  
Karen Childers (2<sup>nd</sup> term ending December 31, 2023)

Zac Crump (1<sup>st</sup> term ending December 31, 2023)  
Pam Oberst (1<sup>st</sup> term ending December 31, 2023)  
Lori Torriero (1<sup>st</sup> term ending December 31, 2023)

The following Candidates are submitted for election for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2023.

- Amanda Ellery
- John Brock
- John Rodenburg
- Marie Forgach

Additional nominations will be accepted during the meeting,

In accordance with the Bi-laws, if the number of candidates for the vacant board members is equal to the number of vacancies, the candidates shall automatically be ratified as Board members.

The four Officers and Chairpersons will be elected by the new Board Members at the first Board Meeting in early January 2023.

## **President's Report**

### **USSPWD Club's 2022 Goals**

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

### **USSPWD Club's 2022 Accomplishments**

- Provided Members with 50 crate tags to commemorate their dogs' achievements for 2021. Now is the time for you to submit your dog's 2022 achievements, no later than January 31, 2023.
- Successfully held a Junior / Apprentice Water Trial at the DeFore Pond in early June with 22 dogs participating.
- USSPWD Club also Hosted two successful all level Water Trials in 2022. Pyne Road Park Water Trial in LaGrange GA was held June 24-26, 2022, and Seneca, SC water trial was held October 7-9, 2022.
- We continue to identify and evaluate new locations to hold water trials and water

- camps.
- The Club held 16 water camps in 2022. All Camps were well attended generating roughly \$4,000 Thank you to Meg and Bud DeFore for hosting most of the water camps.
  - Board members reviewed and revised, as necessary, all Club Policies, several of which have been updated. The most current versions are now posted on the website for member review and information.
  - The Club continues to offer Club Merchandise on-line – which has successful generating roughly \$1,250 for the Club. Using on-line purchasing eliminates upfront costs and people having to transport bins of merchandise to events.
  - The Club hosted a successful Annual Holiday Fun Day, in New Smyrna Beach, FL on December 4<sup>th</sup> which was attended by 30 people and 25 dogs. Fabulous food and friendship and many thanks to Meg and Bud DeFore for opening your homes for 20 years of hosting PWD parties. Congratulations to the teams that earned CGC/CGCA and Trick Dog titles.
  - The Club is hosting a Supported Entry on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Central Florida Working Group Association Show held in Orlando, FL. An evening social will follow at 6pm at Bahama Breeze, International Dr. Orlando FL.
  - The 2023 PWD Jamboree planning has been started. More information to follow when the dates are selected in January 2023.
  - 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 to submit.

### **Financial Report**

The Club is ending 2022 with a total equity of approximately \$30,000 and are projecting a net income of roughly \$5,000.

USSPWD Club will make a \$2,000 donation to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation, Inc for 2022, to support the health research for the betterment of our breed.

The Club equity will be used to maintain and purchase additional club equipment, and to support club events.

Financial statements are available upon request. Please click the “Contact” button on the website and submit your request.

### **Membership 2022**

We currently have 172 members of those 13 are Qualified New Puppy owners (QNP) 86 Family memberships and 73 Individual memberships.

Geographic distribution is FL – 48% (82), GA – 25% (42), NC – 10% (18), SC – 6% (11) We have 11% (19) members in all other states. (Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole

number)

We are currently in the membership renewal period which extends thru December 31, 2022. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so. To date we have 68 Renewals and 6 new members.

Membership information is available upon request. Please click the "Contact" button on the website and submit your request.

### **On-ward to 2023**

- Water Camps are in the planning phase for 2023 and will be held at New Smyrna Beach, FL and Villa Rica, GA. Tentative dates for 2023 camps:

February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dry Land and Rowing Clinic	New Smyrna Beach, FL
February 25,26 <sup>th</sup>	Dry Land Training	Venice, FL
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp and Rowing Clinic	New Smyrna Beach, FL
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	Season Kick-off Water Camp	New Smyrna Beach, FL
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp	New Smyrna Beach, FL
May 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp	Villa Rica, GA
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp	New Smyrna Beach, FL
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp	New Smyrna Beach, FL
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp	New Smyrna Beach, FL
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp	New Smyrna Beach, FL
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp	New Smyrna Beach, FL
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp	New Smyrna Beach, FL
September 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp	Villa Rica, GA
September 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	Water Camp	New Smyrna Beach, FL

- Performance and Fun Day Events for 2023 are currently being planned and will be posted on the website as soon as we have the information.
- Water trials for 2023:
  - Pyne Road Park in LaGrange, GA, June 24 – 25th, 2023
  - Jamboree in Seneca, SC September-October 2023, dates to be finalized in January 2023.

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

The next annual USSPWD Club meeting will be held in Q4 of 2023 – date TBD.