

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB, INC.**

The annual meeting of the members of the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club was held on May 20, 2024, by teleconference. The meeting was called to order by President Mary Baum at 5:04pm PT.

**PRESENT** — President Mary Baum, Vice President Pam Francis, Secretary Laura Leyda, Treasurer John Cucura, Director LeeAnn Emir Khanian, members Susan Cucura, Nan Fa, Nancy Gills, Ellen Leyda, Lin McClure, Linda Otey, Kathy Souza, and honorary member Lucinda Bersano.

**ABSENT** — All members not in attendance.

**MINUTES**

As a quorum was not present at the April 13 general membership meeting, minutes were not recorded.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The 2024-2025 Board of Directors was inducted:

Mary Baum, President  
Pam Francis, Vice President  
Laura Leyda, Secretary  
John Cucura, Treasurer  
LeeAnn Emir Khanian, Director

Heather Kelly stepped down after serving as secretary for 5 years. Mary thanked Heather for her service and her lighthearted wit. Mary welcomed incoming secretary Laura Leyda and the returning board members.

**REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

The year end Income and Expense Statement for 2023 was presented and is on file.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

**Membership**

A new application was introduced:

- John McCain & Glenn Purdy - Ellen Leyda and Linda Otey reported that they sounded like good candidates and want to be involved in activities with their PWD.
- They were voted in unanimously (12-0). John will notify them.

## **Agility**

The last SCPWDC agility event of the year will be this weekend, May 24-26, in Camarillo. The April 13-14 trial held in City of Industry was successful. There were over 1000 runs.

## **Water**

An announcement will be emailed to members with water practice dates and plans for a mock water trial and a fetch trial for PWDs at Castaic Lake.

## **Independent Specialty**

Save the date for our event on January 23, 2025. It will be held in Ventura the Thursday before Winterfest begins. Our specialty will include conformation, rally, and obedience.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A donation was made to PWDF for Lani, owned by Nancy Gills.

Announcements:

The PWDCA National Specialty Store is open for purchase of ads to support the 2024 NS Catalog.

Rio Salgado asked our club to advertise their Independent Specialties in exchange for advertising our Independent Specialty.

Linda Otey reported the AZ specialties will be:

- November 16 in Tucson (Janis Watts will judge sweepstakes, Marilyn Rimmer will judge Breed)
- February 1, 2025 in Phoenix (pending AKC approval)

Kathy Souza reported the PWDCNC will hold water trials in late June, early August, and early October. More information is on their website.

If members send a hi-res photo and a few sentences describing their PWD's achievement to Mary Baum ([mpbaum@aol.com](mailto:mpbaum@aol.com)), it will go into the SCPWDC newsletter.

Members talked about things our dogs are doing.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm.

Respectfully submitted on May 20, 2024

Laura Leyda

Secretary, Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club