

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Board Meeting of June 24, 2014

Eastern – 9 PM Central – 8PM Mountain 7PM Pacific – 6PM

Board Members in Attendance –

Suzanne Faria – President, John Fitzpatrick – Vice President / Health & Research Committee Chair, Penny Schroeder – Treasurer, Nancy R. Hall – Interim Secretary, Alice Mirestes – Webmaster, Stacy Faw – Newsletter Editor, Patti Litchfield– Board Member at Large, Rose Hidlay – Board Member at Large

1. Minutes of the prior Meeting of April 2015 Approved by a unanimous as submitted with no changes or corrections

2. Report of the Treasurer April 2015: Approved as submitted via a unanimous vote of attending members

3. Reports of Committees:

A. Judges Education –

Specialty Chair Karen

Conrey who contact those members attending to secure their participation as needed; Carol Sowders has agreed to the deletion via information with AKC

B. Health & Research –

John Fitzpatrick, reported on the current Health Survey and requested the “liver” section of the application was important as there seemed to be concerns in this health area; some members were concerned about the voluminous nature of survey i.e. 14 pages for one dog, however, as John noted, this level of comprehension was necessary for the information to be effective, adding the survey could in fact be completed on online thereby forgoing the need to use “reams of paper” and postage for those with several PPP’s. Additionally, John explained a puppy could have multiple surveys

completed over the life of the dog as their health changed or evolved in the case of problematic health. Also, this was not about one specific dog, but the overall health events in the breed, as well as the survey results can become closed, whereby no edits can be made. It is important to note: the survey is open to ALL PPP owners; it is not a data based of a dog but a “snap-shot” of the overall health of a breed.

Robert “Bud” Hidlay, current Chairperson of the Health Committed, joined the meeting to discuss answers questions regarding the committees progress and the desire for accurate intelligent information responses that could be available to the general public such as links from the website as a resource. President Suzanne then asked the question of when would the site be available for the appropriate health information due to it’s importance and relevance.

The Chair as well as John discussed the “blood bank” and the importance of looking for a DNA repository, which would require as many dogs have submitted their bloodwork-ups to be banked, starting with those most affected, etc. The cost to bank this information is \$20 if collected at the National Specialty. A motion was presented and passed unanimously that there be a repository to “bank” this information. An additional motion was approved acceptance of the OFA survey currently available and for inclusion of “liver” information be included in the survey

C. Newsletter –

Stacy Faw will make the presentation to the Board for any PIP newsletters from the editor; a suggestion was presented to the Board to delete the Treasurers Report and Board Meeting Minutes from the PIP newsletter content, and instead provide these in the Members Only sections of the website, the PPPA Facebook page and email these to the General Membership. No resolution or vote occurred regarding this suggestion and will be a discussion at the next Board Meeting.

D. Membership –

There is a pending member application from Shawn Brown of CA, a Min. Pin. owner also associated with IGs.

4. Unfinished Business:

- A. Status of the Versatility Title Program – The current document as submitted by it’s author did non reflect any of the suggestions or changes. However, for simplicity and to ensure the program has merit, a suggestion was made to simplify the program to one award initially in five categories, for which an Awardee would need to quality in three of the five. Based on the number of current PPP’s participating in multi-events this was met with agreement. Also, a simple application would be submitted to the designated person; the recipients of the Awards would also be presented in the PIP and possibly at the Annual Dinner for the preceding year. President Suzanne requested Alice create a proposal for submission to the Board.
- B. Alice Mirestes presented the current status of the website related to the proposed software, and noted there was a reevaluation and looing for more options to accommodate information such as the health information as a resource.
- C. Mary Ellen - Membership There is a pending member application from Shawn Brown of CA, a Min. Pin. owner also associated with IGs.
- D. Newsletter - A question arose regarding the potential for non-member advertising and if this should continue to be the practice, after a motion, the to exclude non-members at this time.
- D. Proposed schedule for 2015 presentations including commitments for “Meet the Breed”
- F. 2015 National Specialty Report included a reminder to make reservations for the Annual Dinner; there would also be an “eye” clinic

offered following the judging; trophy sponsorships had been slow in coming in as well as the orders for t-shirts.

5. **New Business topics:**

A. Recommendation for Position descriptions, i.e. committee chairs, the specialty chair, committee members, as well as chronological timing schedule for events in the future: The suggestions for creating this could assist members wanting to participate in the future for various opportunities a chance to make an informed decision with this information i.e. these could include suggested deadlines to assist a new specialty chair, and although the primary positions of Pres, VP, Trues and the like are in the By-Laws, this is not inclusive of others.

There was also a lively discussion of having Standing Rules which can be easily amended without requiring a By-Law rewrite of approval of AKC. It was determined this topic needed additional discussion and clarification.

B. 2016 Specialty would be in conjunction with the Mensona Kennel Club show, in Santa Rose in August of 2016.

C. A FaceBook page discussion entailed the problems associated with additional information not personally added by Jean, the current process does not allow a PDF to be “uploaded” in the same format as the original PDF. Suzanne agreed to speak with Jean. Stacy agreed to work with Jean if she needed assistance which could entail it being changed to a Group from it’s current status as a Open page.

D. A motion was passed to again sponsor Recognition Medallions for Conformation Eukanuba Event – December 12 & 13, 2014, 2015.

E. A motion was passed to create a Media Committee to be Chaired by a Board Member and whose members would be the PIP Editor, the Webmaster and the Facebook Moderator.

6. **Adjournment** was at 8:34PM PDT