

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of March 25, 2020

Board Members in Attendance – Susan Souza – President, Bekki Pina – Vice President. Jean Evanoff- Treasurer, Shawn Brown-Secretary, Nola Boyd– Board Member At Large, Patti Litchfield — Board Member At Large, Kaye Atkinson – Board Member At Large Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large, Karen Oglesby Board Member At Large

Board Member(s) absent: None

Meeting was called to order by President Susan Souza, at 6:03 PM PST

1. **Approval of the minutes from March 5, 2020** – Lance made a motion to accept the minutes, with corrections made, Kaye seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. **Treasurer Report**-Jean sent the report for March 2020, the 2019 National and the 2019 Top 10 approved and sent out to members.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** –Jean reported that the Judges Ed for Edison has been cancelled, and individuals were notified. Jean also had a 1 ½ hour mentoring session with a new prospective judge. There is a Judges Ed scheduled for Raleigh NC Labor Day weekend. Jean will be presenting and hoping for a good entry for ringside mentoring. Nola reported that all of the AKC website has been updated with the correct contacts. It was brought to her attention that an old member is listed as the legislative Liaison for AKC. Will bring up under new business. After Raleigh the next Judges Ed will be the National.
 - B. **Health & Research** –No report
 - C. **Membership** –Patti Litchfield- no new applications are pending.
 - D. **Sunshine Committee** – None.
 - E. **Futurity/Maturity Committee** – Bekki Pina reports 20 bitch nominations, 15 whelping notifications and 28 puppy nominations. April 8, 2020 is the last day to nominate a puppy for 2020 National.
 - F. **Versatility**- None
 - G. **Media**- None
 - H. **Meet the Breeds** – None
 - I. **2020 National**-Susan reported no tornado damage to host hotel or Fairgrounds, and the Hound club was also approved for Friday. Kaye reported that Yolanda from AKC advised there is no number limit on either club. As the show gets closer we will work on fine tuning the schedule so that the membership has time to participate in all the National activities.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **AKC Member Status** –Nothing to report, tabled until notice from AKC.
 - B. **Late membership renewals** – Discussed at great length the Pros and Cons of possible late fee and whether or not it would require a bylaws change. Per AKC the Board has the ability to increase the membership dues according to the bylaws. The Board can add a processing fee or a late fee in the standing rules. The Board discussed adding a late fee or a processing fee. It was decided to add the Nonrefundable processing fee of \$15 for all NEW applications, single or joint, which include anyone reapplying due to lapsed memberships. This will be added to the standing rules with an effective date of July 1st, 2020. Bekki and Patti volunteered to work on the document to have it ready by that date.
 - C. **2021 Logo** - Susan reported she is working on logo, and Shawn has contacted a person as well.
 - D. **AKC Gazette column** – The Board will add this to the Committee request form.
 - E. **Meet the Breeds Letter from AKC** – Forwarded to MTB committee to handle.

- F. **Committee Membership Volunteers** – Susan reported that she and Shawn had not yet crafted a notice to membership requesting volunteers of members to committees, but will get done before next meeting. It was discussed that we have many new members as well as long time members, but still have the same small core group doing all the committees, and the Board feels it will be better served by getting more members involved.
- G. **Other** – Susan reported that it was brought to her attention by a member that it was reported in last minutes that the late fee was not passed, but tabled. Thank you to the membership for reading the minutes.
- H. **Legislative Liaison** – As reported by Nola above, this will be covered in the committee volunteer notice to be sent to membership.
- I. **Membership Question** – Susan brought up a recent situation where a member’s dues were paid for by another member without the knowledge of the first member. When advised, the member in question had no further comment. Discussion followed about who pays for who’s membership. It was noted that the membership renewal form asks the members, each year, to give consent to electronic communication. It was agreed that it does not matter “who” actually pays the dues as long as they are paid on time before January 15 and the membership form is signed by the member, NOT the person paying. Patti volunteered to work on the renewal form to make this clear that a member signature is required every renewal.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PST

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Brown, Secretary with help from Susan Souza