

## **Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.**

### **Minutes for Board Meeting of June 28, 2017**

#### **Board Members in Attendance –**

Rose Hidlay – President/By-Laws Committee Chair, Patti Litchfield – Vice President/  
Membership Chair, Michael Hobbs-Ohlinger – Secretary, Margaret Boisture – Treasurer/Sunshine  
Committee, Lance McGinness – Board Member at Large and Robin Kirtley – Board Member At  
Large, Susan Souza – Board Member At Large, Lynne Spencer – Board Member At Large, Tonda  
Curry – Board Member At Large

#### **Board Member(s) absent –**

#### **Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:01 PM EST**

1. **Approval of the minutes from May 24, 2017** – Margaret made the motion to accept the minutes; Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the May 24, 2017 Board Minutes; Minutes approved
2. **Approval of the Treasurer's Report for June 2017** – Patti made the motion to accept the Treasurer Report; Mike seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the June 2017 Treasurer's Report; Treasurer's Report approved.  
Margaret reported, books were purchased while several of our club members were in Portugal. The price of the books will be \$25.00 for Carla's book, \$90.00 for Nuno's Book, \$25.00 for Vitor's book and \$25.00 for the Yearbook. The books will be available for purchase at the 2017 National Specialty; if the books are purchased and shipped, the shipping charge will be in addition to the cost of the books.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
  - A. **Judges Education Committee** – The Board has voted to remain the governing body of the JE Committee with the President retaining the Committee Chair position. The board shall be added to the Judges Education FaceBook page, as well as the Committee Chair shall be added an Administrator to the FaceBook page.  
The Judges Education for the DJAA Hound Seminars in Houston, TX has closed, we have 30 judges that have signed up for the seminar.  
AKC has contacted the Board via a letter, indicating that the PPPA Club does not have Board Approved Mentors on file with the AKC. AKC has stated, going forward, if a judge turns in a mentor sheet signed by a person that is not listed on our "Approved Mentor List", AKC will decline the judges mentor paperwork. The Board will set the minimum standard we will accept as Mentors for our Breed; a list of possible mentors will be compiled, approved and sent to AKC as Board Approved Mentors. The Approved Mentors will be contacted by the Board to verify the candidate is interested in Judge Mentoring.
  - B. **Health & Research** – (Letter from Bud Hidlay) - I have been watching the AKC Board Meeting Minutes for more information and recently spoke with the Lab that runs the DNA. In our conversation, I asked if there was a conversion from one to another and was told there was not. They use many more markers than are currently used and that SNP technology is currently being used by Mars Veterinary for their programs including Optimal Selection. I wrote to Mr. Dunn asking for an update on this conversion and was told that AKC is working with our lab to make the transition to SNP's soon for all of our parentage testing". He further said that they will work with us and have the ability to sill run STRs.  
I had reminded him that PPPs are a limited entry breed with a relative small gene pool and we are required to run DNA on all foreign dogs used in breeding. We also would have to provide

proof of parentage if anyone wishes to use the OFA DNA Clear by Parentage for untested offspring.

Note: I am asking that you please keep this quiet until we know more about the implementation. I just wanted to keep the Board informed and will send updates as they are available. OFA 2nd Quarter Stats I will receive the OFA Quarterly update in about 10 days or so and will post on the PPPA Health Facebook page. In looking at it this morning, there are 29 entries so far.

- C. **Media** – We have not had anything in the works except for the issues with the pedigree program and the website and Bud is still working on this. We have run into an issue with the GoDaddy platform supporting our Pedigree Database. Bud is working diligently with GoDaddy for a solution.
  - D. **Membership** – As of today we have a total of 120 Members and 2 Junior Members
    - 60 Single Memberships
    - 30 Household Memberships = 60 membersNo other membership applications have been submitted at this time
  - E. **By-Laws Committee** – The board has decided to hold a By-Laws Review Meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017.
  - F. **Sunshine Committee** – We are up to date for monthly birthdays.
  - G. **Versatility Program** – The committee is progressing with the outline of the Versatility Program. They have submitted a draft for the board to review. Watch for additional information!
  - H. **Awards Committee** – Susan reported, the New Title Holder medallions are in and will be picked up this week. The other medallions have been order, but the club has not been invoiced for the medallions yet. The list of medallion winners has been sent to Bud to be audited against the award list from AKC. The non-members of the club have removed from the list. The third junior member is not eligible; this was an error from AKC. All audits have been requested to be returned by July 15, 2017; so the program can be completed for the Nationals. The stud dog will be evaluated based on the owners as of January 2017. Susan will have the awards program printed and bring with her to the Nationals; members that are not at the Nationals, their booklet will be mailed.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **Committee Chairs** – This will be tabled until the next meeting.
  - B. **Club Incorporation** – Margaret made a motion for the club to hire a professional agent to represent our club in the State of Nevada. The yearly fee of \$49.00 would be paid for this service. Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor. Everything is ready to go for the filing, Tonda will complete the filing of the Incorporation paperwork.
  - C. **2017 National Update** – (Report from Stacy Faw) - The committee has selected a replacement Judge do to the loss of our previous Judge Steven Gladstone. The Judge is Lori Nelson who has previously judged sweeps at a previous National and has been very interested in our breed. She is in the process of signing and returning her contract. I have emailed AKC and they have emailed back that she is approved and the formal approval letter will be sent to the club soon. I have been in contact with Jan Ritchie-Gladstone and she is still interested in judging in memory of Steve.  
All the info is now in for the premium list.  
The supported entries for the rest of the conformation show over the weekend are taken care of and prize list have been sent for conformation and performance events.  
We do still have some trophies that need sponsored but we still have several weeks and some people on the committee have been waiting to sponsor to see what is left and let others pick first. We have also planned to do the first Top 10 competition that will be for the top 10 PPP from AKC breed standings from 2016. This is being set up by Margaret since she does not

have a dog in the top 10. We have confirmation that we can have a ring for this after BIS on Sunday September 3 the day following the national. This gives people another reason to stay for the weekend. Margaret will be sending out the invitations/entry forms for this event soon. The schedule of events at the Sheraton has been put out on Facebook. I think might also need to be sent out as a blast email to the membership so that everyone has a copy.

- D. **2018 National Update** – We will have a flyer and an Ad ready and present for the 2017 Nationals.
  - E. **Microchips** – Patti contacted AKC to validate the cost of the microchips. AKC has presented us with a discounted rate for the microchip which will include the registration of the microchip. AKC has also stated that if we purchase too many, we can return any unopened boxes of microchips to AKC. Patti will follow up with the risk of the club also having the microchips inserts. More information to follow.
5. **New Business:**
- A. **Judges Education Fee** – Rose made a motion for the club to charge a \$20.00 fee for judged to attend our Judges Education Seminars. This fee would defray some of the costs involved the club pays for material. Lanced seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the fee.
  - B. **National Dog Show (AKA formally Eukanuba)** – The club has been invited to hold a Meet The Breed at the National Dog Show (formally Eukanuba). A blast email will be sent to the membership asking for volunteers to head the Meet The Breed.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 pm EST.