

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
November 29th, 2023

Attendees: Susan Souza-President, Shawn Brown -Treasure, Bekki Pina- Vice President, Patti Litchfield- Board Member At Large, Karen Oglesby- Board Member At Large, Diane Conyers- Legislative Liaison., Shannon Oliver- Board, Jean Evanoff- Board Member At Large

Absent: Michelle Collingwood- Secretary, Kay Atkinson- Board Member At Large

Called to order: 6:00pm PST

Approval of minutes from October, 2023 Board meeting: Motion to approve meeting minutes made by J. Evanoff and seconded by B. Pina. Motion carried.

Approval of Report of the Treasurer: Motion to approve made by P. Litchfield and J. Evanoff second. Motion carried

Approval of August 2023 GM Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve made by B. Pina and S. Brown second. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- a. Judges Education (Jean Evanoff): Jean reported that she completed one zoom meeting for judges' education for 2 judges on the same call. She will also be putting the judge's education seminar on the AKC Seminar page.
- b. Health and Research (Bud Hidlay): No report
- c. Legislation (Diane Conyers): No report
- d. Futurity/Maturity (Bekki Pina): No changes from the last report.
- e. Media Committee (Shannon Oliver): The submission deadline for the Winter PIP IS due by the end of November.
- f. Meet The Breeds (Andrea Roy): No report.
- g. Public Education (Sandra Garner): No contact since the last report.
- h. Membership (Patti Litchfield): See the attached.
- i. Sunshine (Chris Schmidt): No report
- j. Historian (Carol Sowders): No report.
- k. Code of Ethics Committee (Bekki Pina): Feedback was received from the membership and reviewed by the Committee. Responses to the feedback was developed by the Committee and forwarded to the Board for review and feedback.
- l. Junior Liaison (Sherry MacLennan): No report

Unfinished Business

A. AKC Bylaws- Diane Conyers: Highlights of the delegate meeting:

- a. Reports submitted by Tom Davies. The key takeaways are that a lot of people are talking about there are too many dog shows, and that there are too many in the same area. Data supports that shows are not taking away from each other because people are not traveling long distances, except for professional handlers. AKC does not think there is a negative impact thus far.
- b. There is a new data collection system being used by AKC for reporting data. It makes it easier to provide information from the outside requests. It allows for data abstraction with narrowly defined data criteria.
- c. Performance events: There are now meet the breed in the field. There are educational videos that include interviews with performance judges and conformation judges discussing form and function.
- d. Archivist discussed the position role and the process underway to digitalize historical information about the AKC. There are resources to help club historians complete this process. D. Conyers will share the information with C. Sowders.
- e. Committee members talked about the AKC dog detection taskforce which promotes the AKC registered detection dogs. They work closely with Congress and breeders. There have been over 500 dogs that have been through the program. The program is similar to the See Eye Dog Program. The taskforce can financially support over 250 dogs per year with placement with grants.

B. Code of Ethics: The Board agrees with the COE Committee Response. M.

Collingwood will send out the information to the membership with the November meeting minutes. Next steps are to begin the process of the membership vote after the first of the year. There was a discussion regarding how to complete the voting process electronically and in a manner that meets the bylaws. S. Oliver will research electronic methods of voting used in other clubs.

C. AKC Market Place: S. Oliver will verify that those advertising on AKC Market Place are verified as PPPA Members in good standing.

New Business

A. Meet the Breed Approval Process: There was a discussion regarding the process to gain Board approval for meet the breed opportunities without delaying the process. J. Evanoff made a motion that the PPPA apply every year to meet the breeds offered by AKC at whatever venue they hold the event. The motion was seconded by S. Oliver. The motion carried.

B. Membership Application: There was a discussion regarding the Junior membership fee to PPPA. The Bylaw state that the Junior membership fee will not exceed ten dollars. There was a question as to whether or Junior membership should be free. There was a motion made by S. Souza that Juniors will have a separate application that has a guardian permission signature. The Junior can submit the application with or without an adult being a member of the club. There will be no processing fee or membership fee charged to Juniors. The change in the fee will be effective January 1, 2024. The motion was seconded my S. Oliver. The motion carried.

C. Small Dog Club Helpers: There will be an online auction to fundraiser for the 2024 PPPA Top Twenty event. This will be done through the Small Dog Club Helpers Business.

Ajournment: 7:14pm PST



Report of the Membership Chair

For November 29, 2023, Board Meeting

As of today, 11/14/23, we have a total of 148 Members

92 Single Memberships

28 Household Memberships = 56 members (includes 3 juniors!!)

One Pending Household Membership Application – vote due 11/27/23:

Francis and Diane Marsh

Invoices for 2024 Membership Dues are being mailed tomorrow 11/15/23.

I will send an email to the membership to let them know they are being sent.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Litchfield
Membership Chair