

# Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

## Minutes for Board Meeting of December 30, 2015

### Board Members in Attendance –

John Fitzpatrick – Vice President, Penny Schroeder – Treasurer, Michael Hobbs-Ohlinger – Interim Secretary, Stacy Faw – Media Chair, Patti Litchfield– Board Member at Large, Rose Hidlay – Board Member at Large and By-Laws Committee Chair

Meeting was called to order by Vice President John Fitzpatrick, at 6:02PM PDT

1. **Minutes of the prior Meeting of October 28, 2015:** Were not presented, as per Roberts Rules we are unable to make any motions or votes.
2. **Report of the Treasurer of October 28, 2015:** Were not presented, as per Roberts Rules we are unable to make any motions or votes.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
  - A. **Judges Education** – Update unavailable at this meeting.
  - B. **Health & Research** – Rose read the Health/Research report that Bud had prepared. The report will be sent to board following the meeting.
    - The long awaited PPPA Health survey is almost complete. Henriette Folke of Swedish Podengo Portuguese Club has entered three of her dogs and is very excited that this information can be shared.
    - Henriette has also sent an English language copy of the Breeding Strategy for Podengos in Sweden. If you would like to have a copy, please email Bud.
    - The OFA yearly reports should be available by the middle of January.
    - Finland Kennel Club and the Swedish Kennel Club have open pedigree databases (see Bud’s email for links). Within the last week Norway and the Netherlands have also made their databases public.
  - C. **Media** –

Status of Newsletter – Stacy is now the editor of the newsletter. She is going to try something new, “farm” out pages of the newsletter to different members, as to get more of the membership involved in the communication with the newsletter.

Website – No update on the website at this time.
  - D. **Membership** – Update unavailable at this meeting.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. **Versatility Program** – It was suggested that we will need to find someone to take over the Versatility Program. This will be put on the Agenda for the January meeting as new business.
  - B. **2015 National Specialty Report** – Report was given at the October board meeting – no follow up.
  - C. **2016 National Specialty Report** – Update unavailable at this meeting.

There was discussion that the board has not received the applications for either of the specialties for 2016; as the board needs to review and approve the applications. This will be put on the Agenda for the January meeting as new business.
  - D. **By-Laws Committee** - Chair Rose Hidlay reported the committee has not meet in December, but they are planning a meeting for January.

## 5. New Business topics:

- A. **Standing Rules** – Update unavailable at this meeting.
- B. **Sunshine Committee** – Update from Rose, we have one member interested in participating in the Sunshine Committee. Rose also stated, we currently do not have birthdates of members and suggested we wait until the new membership role is released and then ask members for their month and day of birth, but not the year.
- C. **Position Descriptions** – John to follow up with Nancy to see what she has received in regards to the position descriptions.
- D. **Ethics Statement with Membership renewal** – John to follow up with Nancy to the progression of the Ethics Statement with the renewal of memberships.
- E. **General Discussion** – The following topics will be listed on the January meeting Agenda as old business:

- Standing Rules
- Facebook Page
- The idea was brought up, when a communication is sent out by the secretary to request a delivery/read receipt, so we as a board know the intended communications are reaching the membership.
- Why would I want to become or remain a member of the PPPA club? What do we have to offer the members.
- We need a new updated website.
- Board Meetings – Changing the meeting dates/times?
- A question was raised by Patti if the club was looking into a Pedigree database.

Rose brought up for discussion; Meet The Breed at Westminster. Margaret has approached a board member requesting that she be allowed to present the breed at Westminster. It was suggested that an email be sent out to the board to ask for a vote to allow Margaret to be the liaison at Meet The Breed. It was also suggested that an email be sent to the general membership asking for volunteers to help at the booth as well as have their dogs be part of Meet The Breed.

Patti questioned how we were going to handle the applications for the open board position. It was suggested that an email be sent on January 2, asking for a vote from board to fill the open position.

Additional discussion of Agenda items to be added for the January meeting:

- Ambassador program
- 2015 National Treasurer Report
- 2015 National Meeting Minutes – should these be approved at next year's nationals or should they be approved before, so the members have an update of the nationals.
- AKC submission of Pequeno registrations – to have AKC stop sending the information to Judy Bradley....who will be the new contact for AKC to send the information.
- Pedigree Database – Patti will ask her friend which database she prefers; also Rose will follow up and update the board on which program Bud uses
- Website – set up a committee to work on a new website.
- Membership Chair – what is the responsibility? should be expand those duties
- Certificate of Appreciation for Alice's work with the club and board.

The next board meeting is set for Wednesday, January 20, 2016

## 6. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:58PM PDT