

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of April 22, 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, Karen Oglesby Board Member At Large

Board Member(s) absent: Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large

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

1. **Approval of the minutes from March 25, 2020** – Bekki made a motion to accept the minutes, Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. **Treasurer Report**-Jean sent the report for March 2020 for the April meeting: **went out with March minutes.** Motion to accept made by Shawn and Second by Bekki, Passed
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** –Nola reported all upcoming seminars have been cancelled due to Covid-19. A potential PPP Judge contacted Nola asking to be tutored. Jean conducted an hour and a half tutoring session with Johnny Shoemaker. A suggestion was made about looking into doing an AKC webinar. After a short discussion, Bekki said she would get the AKC contact person over to Jean to see if we could offer one.
 - B. **Health & Research** –No report
 - C. **Membership** –Patti Litchfield- Two new applications are in. Cherie McDaniel vote due 4/27, and Arthur C. Medeiros vote due 5/5. Total of 137 members (75 single, 31 households)
 - 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. She has suggestions about the timelines and voting to bring up under new business.
 - F. **Media**- Susan has the PIP almost done!
 - G. **Meet the Breeds** – Linda Raphael and Sheryl Owen have volunteered to join the committee, and another suggestion was made for a West Coast person to join, that will be contacted.
 - H. **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. **Volunteers:** Diane Conyers has stepped up to be Legislative Liaison, Rose Hidlay has committed to be Public Ed Chair, and Jean Evanoff will be the AKC Gazette columnist. All have the full Boards approval.
 - B. **2021 Logo** – A logo is being worked on, and will go to the Board soon for approval.
5. **New Business-**
 - A. Letter from Carol Houlihan asking to eliminate the health test requirements set forth by a former Board to be eligible to be listed on the Members Breeder Referral list. This was placed by the Board at the formation of the club, and approved by the membership, as a privilege of membership. The valuable information gathered by the testing data is of utmost importance to a small genetic pool, and it was noted that the requirement for testing did NOT include a “pass” score. The Board feels there is no action to be taken on the request at this time. Her second request

was to award an “Honorary” membership to an individual. At this time, there is NO honorary membership available per our By Laws that this person qualifies for, so no action can be taken on this. She is welcome to submit a signed application if she wishes.

- B.** PPPA New Titles awards update: Susan reported that there were 164 new AKC titles earned in 2019. Of those, 135 were owned by PPPA members. We have enough medallions for this year but will need to order more for future. Susan will get bids and report back to the Board for ordering approval. She also shared the numbers of winners for previous years: 2018-153, 2017-72, 2016-64, 2015-54, 2014-61 and 2013-56
- C.** Bekki asked if she could tweak the Futurity judge nomination rules a bit to make the process smoother and more timely. She will write up her suggestions and get back to the Board for final approval.
- D.** Patti asked about the PPPA pedigree data base. Bud Hidlay has the ability to upload ALL the PPP’s info onto his, and Patti asked if we could ask him to do so. Members often forget to add their info and this would be most helpful. Bekki will get the legal wording to Bud that states pedigree’s are not private info, and the Board will see if he can get this done.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PST respectfully submitted by Shawn Brown