

## Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

### Minutes for Board Meeting of November 28, 2018

**Board Members in Attendance** – Patti Litchfield – Vice President/ Membership Chair, Michael Hobbs-Ohlinger – Secretary Susan Souza – Board Member At Large, Lynne Spencer – Board Member At Large, Robin Kirtley – Board Member At Large and Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large, Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large

**Board Member(s) absent** – Rose Hidlay – President/By-Laws Committee Chair  
Margaret Boisture – Treasurer/Sunshine Committee

**Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Patti Litchfield, at 9:03 PM EST**

1. **Approval of the minutes from October 24, 2018** – Susan made a motion to accept the minutes as with a change to state “Chairperson”; Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the October 24, 2018; Minutes approved
2. **Approval of the Treasurer Report for November 2018** – No update at this time.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
  - A. **Judges Education Committee** – Why is the Board the head of the Judges Education and the Chairperson? Does it look bad to the membership or give the impression the board is controlling this committee? Currently, all board members are members of the Judges Education Committee with Rose Hidlay as the Chairperson. We need a specific list of committee members who are approved to present the Judges Education Seminar. Should we update our records and have current Presenters take the Breed Test to be qualified to present the seminar? How are our survey’s coming back from Judges regarding our Seminars? Lance made a motion, that we send out a letter with the survey to the judges that attended the Nationals Judges Education; so we as a club can get feedback and learn. Susan seconded the motion; all attending members voted in favor of the motion.
  - B. **Health & Research** – No update at this time.
  - C. **Media – Facebook – Website** –We are working on the PiP; please send information and photos to Lynne Spencer at [lynnespncr@gmail.com](mailto:lynnespncr@gmail.com)  
We discussed the possibility of having a fault section in the breed; so we can educate our members for breed standard.
  - D. **Membership** –. As of today, we have a total of 113 Members and 3 Junior Members
    - 61 Single Memberships
    - 26 Household Memberships = 52 members
    - 3 Junior MembershipsWe currently have one membership application pending, Jeanine Dell’Orfano, vote is due on 12/12/18.  
All the 2019 dues notices were mailed on the 15th of November.
  - E. **By-Laws Committee** –Have the members of the Board reviewed the response from AKC regarding A Members Club? Based on the response from AKC, they will not look at our By-Laws until the Board request to be considered as an AKC Member Club. The guidelines state, AKC will review our By-Laws to be considered. Why are we going forward with the By-Laws if we have not requested approval of a AKC Member Club? Susan made a motion for the Board to vote to move forward with AKC and the Member Status of Club. Robin seconded the motion; all attending board members voted in favor. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to AKC as outlined in the motion, this will negate the need for us to have our members go through the By-Laws twice, but will allow AKC to suggest changes prior to

- going to our membership for approval. The Board voted, all attending members voted to accept and move forward to request AKC Member Status.
- F. **Sunshine Committee** – No update at this time.
  - G. **Versatility Program** – One new novice versatility certificate was awarded in the past month
  - H. **Field Trial Committee** – This will be listed as a vacant and non-active committee.
  - I. **Code of Ethics** – The Board has decided to hold on the Code of Ethics committee until we have finalized the Revised By-Laws. At this time the committee volunteers will remain in place and shall resume once the By-Laws have been completed.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **PPPA Clothing and Jackets** – Patti and a couple of club members are working on a clothing proposal. – This will be on hold until further notice from Patti.
  - B. **Futurity/Maturity** – We are looking for a volunteer for the Chairperson for the Futurity/Maturity program. We will need a chair in place by March 2019.
  - C. **2019 Westminster Meet/Compete** – Request for volunteers was entered into the PiP and an email blast will be sent out to the membership asking for volunteers. Charles and Victoria Cantor have volunteered to assist at the Meet The Breed.
  - D. **Top 10 Guidelines** – The guidelines have been sent to the Board; we will discuss at the December meeting.
  - E. **2020/2021 National Judges** – A decision has not been made if we are separating 2020 and 2021 for judge's selection. Lance made a motion to send the Judge's Selection out for 2020 only and will send out the selection for the 2021 National Judges in the Spring of 2019. Susan seconded the motion; all attending board members voted in favor. Motion passed.
  - F. **Specialty Liaison** – Susan send out the updated Guidelines. The guidelines have been updated and email to Bud to be put on the website. Vicki Ganser will be the 2019 Judges Liaison.
5. **New Business:**
- A. **.Morris and Essex Show** – From a club member - Every five years, M&E asks Clubs to support their show with Specialties or supported entries. I am requesting that the Board refuse this request based on the anti-racing rhetoric that the President, of both M&E and KC of Philadelphia, Wayne Ferguson, put forth at the National Dog Show. This is directly against the stand taken by AKC. I would also ask, that the refusal be in the form of a letter, explaining the reason PPPA is not participating. Maybe if they hear this from enough Clubs, they will truly understand.  
The board discussed the request; was this an ethical move by the President of the Morris and Essex Show? As a club we do not tolerate this type of behavior from club members and board members. Mike made a motion a letter be drafted and sent to the Morris and Essex Club, stating based on the actions and statements of the Club President, we formally withdrawal our supported entry from their show. Tonda seconded the motion; all attending board members voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.
  - B. **2018 Meet The Breed Orlando** – The liaison for the Meet The Breed has contacted the club, offering the PPPA to hold our Meet The Breed on Saturday only as long as we leave material for Sunday. The board discussed the option, we feel as a club we should hold our Meet The Breed on Saturday as outlined by the liaison. The volunteers for Saturday are Margaret Boisture, Sandy Gillen Cheryl Steinmetz, D'Arry Frank and Linda Raphael. We will ask Margaret to be the club liaison to organize the Meet The Breed.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:42 pm est.