

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of December 28, 2022

Board Members in Attendance: Susan Souza – President, Shawn Brown – Treasurer, Nola Boyd – Board Member At Large, Karen Oglesby – Board Member At Large, Kaye Atkinson – Board Member At Large, Patti Litchfield – Board Member At Large. **Guest:** Diane Conyers – AKC Delegate. **Absent:** Bekki Pina – Vice President and Shannon Oliver – Board Member At Large.

Meeting was called to order by President Susan Souza, after minor technical issues. at 6:10 PM PST.

1. **Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes November 2022** – Patti motioned to accept; Kaye 2nd; Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer Report** –October, November, and National report – Susan motioned to accept all reports; Kaye 2nd; Motion carried.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** – Jean Evanoff – Susan Souza reported that the Orlando event went well. Between 15-20 attendees for the presentation or workshop. Thank you to all of the members for bringing dogs of both coat types. The next scheduled judges ed event will be at the National Specialty at the Roberts Center in Wilmington, OH August 15th, 2023.
 - B. **Futurity/Maturity** – Bekki Pina – No report, no changes?
 - 2023 Nominated Bitches: 8
 - 2023 Whelping Notifications: 5
 - 2023 Futurity Nominated: 6
 - 2023 Maturity Nominated: 11
 - 2024 Maturity Nominated: 4
 - **Health & Research** – Bud Hidlay – Per my recommendation to remove PRA-CRD4 from the Paw Prints Genetics panel of tests. Board to discuss under new business.
 - C. **Legislation** – Diane Conyers – Nothing specific – reminder to membership to sign up for AKC legislative reports so they do not something important in their area.
 - D. **Media** – Shannon Oliver – No report.
 - E. **Membership** – Patti Litchfield –
 - 146 Members
 - 92 Single Memberships,
 - 27 Household Memberships = 54 membersOne Pending Membership Application. Barbara Dubois. Groveland, GA Voting on January 16th, 2023.
 - F. **Meet The Breeds** – Andrea Roy – We had volunteers for the January 2022 Meet the breeds in New York City. Unfortunately, the deadline was missed to submit our application for representation at the January 28/29 Meet the breeds in New York City. Multiple attempts were made to contact AKC to remedy this problem, however, they went unanswered. We're looking forward to the future MTB. Once AKC releases the schedule for the future, we will be reaching out for volunteers, who are willing to participate in their local Meet The Breeds.

- G. **Public Education – TBD** – Susan reported two inquiries made through the website; one request for the 2023 national schedule, replied and another “do you think my dog is a PPP”, referred them to Embark DNA.
- H. **Sunshine Committee** – Nola Boyd – All December birthday cards have been sent and a new box of cards for 2023 has been ordered.
- I. **ROM/ROMX** – Bekki Pina – No report.
- J. **2023 National Specialty** – Sarah McCollum reported the following are members of the National Show Committee. Sarah – ShowChair; Patti Litchfield – Assistant Show Chair; Debbie Adams and Sarah McCollum – Trophies; Kaye Atkinson – Hospitality; Jyl Scott – Raffle/Auction; Kaye Atkinson – Judges’ Liaison; Bekki Pina – Emergency Response Coordinator. Susan Souza – Regional Specialty. Secured veterinarian on call and EMS is Care First. Both located in Xenia, OH. Will be setting up FB page after the new year. Seeking help to format logo.
- K.

4. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. **Judges Selection Process** – Susan reported that the 2024 National Specialty Judge results have been reported to the membership and a judge’s contract has been mailed to Sheila Paske. Sarah McCollum will be the Sweepstakes judge for 2023
- B. **2023 Regional Specialty Judge** – Susan reported she has received the returned contract from Jamie Hubbard. He is committed to judging the regional Specialty August 13th.
- C. **Public Ed Chairperson** – Two members volunteered to assist. Board discussed and decided to accept Sandra Garners offer. Patti motioned; Shawn 2nd; Motion carried.
- D. **Code of Ethics – Tabled until January meeting.**
- E. **Bylaws and Standing Rules** – Shawn reported that AKC Parliamentarian, Carl Holder has agreed to review the club’s bylaws and standing rules at no cost. Mostly to assure that the standing rules are in no way a conflict to the bylaws.
- F. **Secretary Position – Michelle Collingwood** volunteered to be the interim secretary. Her first meeting will be January. Susan will communicate to Michelle. Susan made motion to accept; Shawn 2nd; motion carried.
- G. **AKC Pupdate – Tabled until January meeting.**

5. **New Business:**

- A. **AKC Delegate Report** – Diane Conyers reported that she attended her first AKC Delegates meeting in Orlando, FL as a representative of the PPPA. There are 4 candidates running to fill 3 open positions on AKC board. AKC looking to review Veteran classifications. Minor bylaws for grammatic clarification. AKC looking to improve the AKC brand to the public. Highlighting the Breeder’s Tool Kit. Expanding the digital library that currently has 9000+ entries. Next Delegate meeting in March at which time she will be voting on board members. PPPA Board okayed Diane to communicate directly to the membership each candidate to solicit feedback. Patti will send Diane the updated membership list.
- B. **Awards Committee Members** – Susan reported that she would like to offer the position to Madeline Wilson, who also volunteered to be the Public Ed chair. We still need one more.
- C. **Pawprint Genetics DNA Panel Change** – Reviewed Bud Hidlay’s recommendation to remove the PRD-CRD4 test from the breed panel to go back to the 3 major issues

that affect PPP. Discussed and requested additional information. Susan will reach out to Bud and report back at January meeting.

D.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM PST

Next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023