

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of January 22, 2020

Board Members in Attendance – Susan Souza – President, Jean Evanoff- Treasurer, Nola Boyd– Board Member At Large, Patti Litchfield – Board Member At Large, Karen Oglesby – Board Member At Large, Kaye Atkinson – Board Member At Large, Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large,

Board Member(s) absent: Bekki Pina – Vice President.

Meeting was called to order by President Susan Souza, at 6:05 PM PST

1. **Approval of the minutes from October 23, 2019** – Patti made a motion to accept the minutes, Lance seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. **Treasurer Report**-Jean reports Wells Fargo: General \$11,663.61; Health & Research \$2,550.64 Total \$14,214.25 Donor Advised Fund 1/1/19 bal \$70.07, PPCPP contribution \$324.98, Investment earnings \$44.91 Total \$417.96 and PayPal \$4,651.08.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** – Judges Education Update 1/22/2020
 1. We are working on updating and finding all the AKC sites for correct contact information and adding planned judges Ed seminar opportunities to relevant lists.
 2. A JE group has recently reached out wanting to add the PPP to their slate of presenters for the fall and we happily report the PPPA is now on their schedule for JE presenters in September. So apparently there is info on AKC sites for other clubs to reach out.
 3. Would like a quick discussion of cost/no cost to judges/members to attend seminars. Do we charge? Who do we charge? How much? Do we drop the fee? Do we have a fee for just paperwork and if not where does that money come from to cover publishing fees? When did the club start charging a fee or has it always?
So hopefully it can be a quick discussion as there was something posted on social media wondering about the cost for Edison NJ.
Respectfully submitted,
Nola Boyd and Jean Evanoff, Judges Education Co-chairs
 - B. **Health & Research** –Attached
 - C. **Membership** –Patti Litchfield- New members Sunnie Fair and M.Alice Milwid has been voted in by the Board. Voted in on 1/20 are Judith Arnold, and Vicki Antonio. New membership list will be out soon.
 - D. **Sunshine Committee** – No report.
 - E. **Futurity/Maturity Committee** – Bekki Pina reports 19 bitch nominations, 15 whelping notifications and 26 puppy nominations.
 - F. **Media**- No report
 - G. **Meet the Breeds** – Rose Hidlay reports the MTB booth in Dec at the AKC National Specialty was a huge success even though most of the volunteers did not show up. Special thanks go out to Kaye Atkinson and Sarah McCollum for their help all day and a very special thank you to Linda Raphael with Jett, who stayed with the booth during our show time. Without her help we would have had to close during that time. Unfortunately, because of circumstances beyond her control, Margaret Boisture was unable to attend the MTB at the Javits Center. No other members volunteered to do this. The MTB Committee, with the Boards approval, would like to add D’Arry Jone Frank to the committee.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **AKC Member Status** –Susan has complied all the needed information requested by AKC and will turn it over to Shawn to prepare the letter and mail off.
 - B. **2020 National Updates:** Nothing new to report

- C. **2021 National:** Susan noted we will need a logo for 2021 and a request for a proposal to host the 2022 National Specialty, Top20 and Futurity/Maturity will go out at the end of February with a June 1st deadline. If no proposals are received the National Specialty will be held at Purina Farms in MO. Tabled until February meeting.
- D. **Top Twenty Committee:** Susan sent out some minor corrections to the judging and score sheet. There will be an initial go around scoresheet for the judges "First Impression", which can be used as a tie breaker. Jean made a motion to accept both, with wording changes as needed going forward. Second by Shawn, Passed.
- E. **Moving to a Top Twenty Competition:** Discussion about letter from Margaret and Bruce Boisture's letter regarding the Boards approval to move to a Top 20. Along with the reasons given last month in the minutes, Susan gave the Board some background on the original proposal for the program, as well as some statistics. Fact #1 – The program changes were made to allow for the program to pay for itself. In its current form the program does not. Though we may have 10 dogs qualified, in 2019 we 7 participate and that didn't even cover the cost of the rosettes, let alone rental space, food, etc. Which means the difference come from the club's general fund. The facility space for 2021 is at a minimum \$500.00 for the Top 20. Fact #2 – This program was meant to be inclusive to the members that spent the time and money to promote the breed nationwide and to allow the competition amongst their peers annually. To be scored based on the individual dog's merits using the total score given by three different judges. It was not meant to be exclusive. Fact #3 – It was the intention of the previous board to revisit and leave it open to increase to a top 20 in the future, should the numbers warrant it. When the competition started in 2017 Lexington National (using 2016 stats) there were a total of 21 dogs in total competition nationwide including non-members, with the lowest number of dogs defeated of 28 for member owned dogs. 2017 = 19 dogs in total competition nationwide including non-members, with the lowest number of dogs defeated of 21 for members owned dogs. 2018 = 20 dogs in total competition nationwide including non-members, with the lowest number of dogs defeated was 44 for member owned dogs. In 2019 the number jumped to **46** total dogs competing for breed points nationwide including non-members. With the lowest number of breed points at 40 in a top 10 competition and 14 in a top 20. While that number doesn't seem like a lot compared to other breeds it is a fact indicative to a breed growing in popularity. It is also just 6 points difference then the acceptable number for 2 years before. The actual number of dogs defeated changes annually and shouldn't be as much of a factor as the competition itself. By increasing to a top 20 it would give the club the revenue necessary to continue the event and it would allow 9 additional club members to compete. (only 2 of which happen to be board members) All of which spent the time to promote the breed nationwide. The Board discussed at great length the pros and cons of Top 20 vs. Top 10. We hope that the membership understands the reasoning for the decision to change and we welcome additional discussion for future changes. The Board then agreed unanimously to uphold last months' decision to move forward with the Top 20.
- F.

5. **New Business:**

- A. Patti wanted to discuss the ever-growing problem of late membership renewals. The Bylaws state the dues are DUE Jan 15. This means they are late on the 16th. Much discussion about using a due date as opposed to a post mark. Patti made the motion the assess a late fee for renewals received after the 15th. Dues not received by her by January 31 will be lapsed. Seconded by Shawn, passed. The amount of the late fee will be determined.
- B. Judges Ed: Discussion about charging prospective judges for JE. Taking into account the expenses of the materials, Jean moved to charge \$25 at a National JE only, Second by Lance, passed. All other JE will be free of charge. Patti asked about who exactly is approved to

present at a JE. There was discussion about a previous list of approved presenters. It was also discussed about whether AKC has any control over a parent club having “approved mentors”. The board decided any future JE presenters should have attended at least one JE seminar, as well as other qualifications to be determined later. Discussion about approved Mentors is tabled until next month.

- C. Susan Souza reported that she received an email from Sarah McCollum that she has reigned from the Top 20 committee but will stay on show committee. Susan agreed to work on the Top 20 for the 2020 National. She also had presented a question about whether a Top 20 Judge could also judge Sweeps. The Board was unanimous in that no, one person could NOT judge both competitions at the same National. Susan will be looking for another Top 20 judge.
- D. **The MTB Committee:** Rose Hiday requested to add D’Arry Jone Frank to the committee. Tabled until February meeting.
- E.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM PST

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Brown, Secretary.

PPPA Health and Research Committee Report to the Board January 28, 2020

PLL – Primary Lens Luxation (ADAMST17) Update:

There still has not been a report made public by AHT of the study that was carried out, now almost two years ago. Some breeders in the UK are already placing test results for PLL on their websites and pedigrees. I have written to AHT again to see if the statistical information

I have been made aware of 2 reported “Carriers” of the Adamts17 mutation here in the US: however, I have not received copies of the test reports yet. Mars Veterinary has reported that one dog has tested as a “Carrier” and I would assume that the other used another test lab or test panel. **Note:** *If you tested with Optimal Selection you have already been checked for PLL (See Optical Section).* If your dog was a Carrier or Affected, you would have seen it listed on the front page of the report.

Please, if you have or know of someone who has received a test report of a “Carrier” of PLL ask them to contact me. The father of the “Affected” dog in the UK has had at least 21 litters with 74 offspring. Contact me if you have any questions.

OFA and CHIC Report (including AKC Stud Book Report):

I received word from OFA today that the final reports for 4 Quarter and all of 2019 will not be available until later this week. When I receive them, I will post them on the PPPA FB Health Page and the PPPA Website.

I did have a chance to look at the total CHIC numbers and can report Portuguese Podengo Pequenos have been issued 112 CHIC numbers in the last 10 years. Of the 112 only 28 are currently active. We must continue to remind all owners that the eye test must be done yearly to keep a CHIC number active. When looking on OFA the CHIC logo is Red for Active and Gray for Inactive.

The AKC Stud Reports for the first 10 months of 2019 show that 36 dogs (male and female) have participated in their first registered litter. There were 15 Dogs and 21 Bitches. **Note:** *Dog and Bitches only ever appear on this report once in their lifetime.*

The most interesting thing is looking at the OFA required tests that make up our CHIC rating. The following are the number who had these tests:

EYE	16 (44.4%)	6 D	10 B
HIP	12 (33.3%)	4 D	8 B
Patella	12 (33.3%)	5 D	7 B

One quarter (9) of all listed were foreign born and only 10 (27.8%) out of all 36 have CHIC numbers indicating that they have performed all 3 required tests. There were no dogs who performed all three tests and were not awarded a CHIC number because of not having a Microchip or Tattoo. There were twelve dogs who had AKC Parental DNA results as required for registration of litters where one or both partners are Foreign born. It should be note that our “Code of Ethics” requires us “To DNA all Pequenos used for breeding” and “To microchip all my Pequenos, both show and pet quality”.

I will post a reminder to the Facebook Health Page of what is recommended by the “Code of Ethics” that members of the club are to support.

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DNA Testing Update:

All of the percentages of test result remain at the same levels. We have updated the Free Results List and it will be live tomorrow on the website. We still appear to have a great many of people testing but not reporting. I people are using other labs; we will still post them on our free list but the are not counted in the percentages we received regularly from Paw Print Genetics and Mars Veterinary.

Respectively Submitted,

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