

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.
Minutes for Board Meeting of April 24, 2019

Board Members in Attendance – Rose Hidlay – President/By-Laws Committee Chair, Patti Litchfield – Vice President/ Membership Chair, Margaret Boisture – Treasurer/Sunshine Committee , Michael HobbsOhlinger – Secretary Susan Souza – Board Member At Large, Robin Kirtley – Board Member At Large, Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large, Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large and Lynne Spencer – Board Member At Large

Board Member(s) absent –

Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:04 PM EST

1. **Approval of the minutes from March 27, 2019** – Lance made a motion to accept the April 24, 2019 minutes with corrections; Rose seconded the motion. All attending Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

2. **Approval of the Treasurer Report for April 2019** – Tonda made a motion to accept the April 2019 Treasurer Report; Susan seconded the motion. All attending Board Members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Reports of Committees:

A. **Judges Education Committee** – Robin contacted AKC, they will update their website with Robin as the Judges Education Chairperson. Robin contacted AKC to notify them of the Judges Education at the 2019 Nationals.

B. **Health & Research** – No update at this time.

C. **Media - FaceBook – Website** – The PiP Newsletter has been released. We received really good feedback from the membership. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Lynne Spencer.

D. **Membership** –. As of today, we have a total of 124 Members and 2 Junior Members

68 Single Memberships

28 Household Memberships = 56 members

2 Junior Members

We currently have one new household membership application pending: Glenda and Paul Bruneau

E. **By-Laws Committee** – No update at this time.

F. **Sunshine Committee** – There were a couple of condolence cards sent over the weekend. A check was sent as a donation to the AKC Health Foundation in memory of Sally Poole.

G. **Versatility Program** – No update at this time

H. **Field Trial Committee** – Since the Field Trial Committee (FTC) is a very recently formed group, we have yet to hold our first meeting. I returned Monday, April 15th from Portugal and the seminar that was held there. Sadly, one of my travel companions got ill at the end of the first day and we were unable to attend at all on the second day. One of our FTC members (Margaret B.) did attend both days and I'm sure she will be very helpful in sharing the information she learned on that second day, regarding hunt tests, with the rest of the FTC before and during our

first meeting (TBD). In comparing the "TAN" that is done in Portugal with the demonstration that the original PPPA field trial committee put on last year I observed only a few differences (mainly concerning how the rabbit is caged). I also spoke with the judges regarding qualifying "scores" and have a better feel for how that is done in Portugal.

I feel our biggest hurdles will be animal rights activists and working within AKC acceptable guidelines. I overheard several PPP enthusiasts commenting "poor bunny", so the way the rabbit is caged in Portugal is likely to cause some concern even though the bunny was NOT injured. I feel we will need to make contacts and gain insight from some other breed clubs that already hold field trials, etc. in order to successfully move forward. I will be contacting the other FTC members in the next week to set up a time to talk and share info.

Karen Sage has resigned as the Chairperson for the Field Trial Committee and as a member of the Field Trial Committee. The Board has decided to table the topic of Chairperson until the May board meeting.

I. **Code of Ethics** – No update at this time

J. **Futurity/Maturity Committee** –

5 bitch nominations

2 whelping notices

Previously reported that 2020 would not be offering Maturity stakes because the timing wouldn't have dogs old enough. Doing the calculations and that was an incorrect report. Happy to say we will have dogs eligible for both the Futurity/Maturity Stakes. On May 1st, the reminder notice will go on the FB page and sent to the secretary to send by email to the membership. No concerns addressed to the committee this month.

4. **Unfinished Business:**

A. **AKC Member Status** – Before we cannot proceed until we have the start year for all members, we are missing 2011 through 2015. Margaret will photocopy the material and send to Patti.

B. **Donation to AKC Health Foundation** – A donation was made to the AKC Health Foundation in memory of Sally Poole.

C. **Audit of the financial records** – AKC has been contacted to see if they have recommendations of Financial Auditors; the Secretary will contact Club Relations for the list.

D. **National Specialty Guidelines** – Susan updated the National Specialty Guidelines; she presented the updated version to the board for approval. The board approved the updated National Specialty Guidelines, the revised version will be posted on the club website.

E. **2020 National Specialty** – Susan is working with the show committee to possibly change the schedule for the Futurity/Maturity. Susan will update the board if the change is possible.

F. **2019 National Specialty** – We have 5 rooms reserved so far for the Nationals. The Reno Kennel Club will need Ron Spritzer to judge on Saturday. The Reno Kennel Club will pay for one-night hotel for Dr. Spritzer; if the Reno Kennel Club should use him to judge on Sunday, they will split the travel expenses with our club. Susan is looking for a vendor to make the Top 10 ribbons for the Nationals. Sponsorships for the trophies are starting to come in. The club will send a copy of Carla Molinari's book to the 2019 National Specialty.

G. **Board Nomination Update** – Tonda reviewed the Nevada Code, the code states anything that is not addressed in our By-Laws; the Board of Directors is invested with determination on how

to handle situations. The Board has complete freedom and authority to determine how to handle the withdrawal of nominations and how to move forward with the election. Tonda made a motion, the club send out a new ballot, listing the both nominees for President with a blank in front of the names for the members to vote for President; the uncontested Officer positions and Board Members at Large positions be listed without a blank to vote. Susan seconded the motion. All attending Board Members voted in favor of the motion, motion passed. Tonda will draft a letter to be sent as email blast to the membership. The nomination ballot shall be mailed to each member in good standing a ballot listing all the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, with the names of the states in which they reside, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary (or designated professional firm) marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking their ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope that in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Secretary (or designated professional firm). H. Club Legal/Officer Insurance – Margaret checked with Hartford; the representative stated that they could not provide as reasonable rates as our current club insurance.

5. New Business:

A. **Club Facebook Page** – Recently, we have had a couple of legitimate posts on the our open FaceBook page, the comments and replies to these posts spiraled out of control. The comments on the posts were shut off and finally removed. The purpose of the open FaceBook page is to entice open and honest discussion for members and non-members to learn about our breed and share information about our breed....a site where non-members that maybe interested in pursuing the breed. The board discussed changing the name of the page to Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America Information Page, also to change the group to Board approved sharing only. Lance made a motion that the open FaceBook be available for posts by the board only with the comments closed. Margaret seconded the motion; all attending board members voted in favor of the motion, motion passed.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:06 pm est.