

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023

Called to order: 6:01pm PST

Attendees: Board Members in attendance: Susan Souza-President, Shawn Brown -Treasure, Bekki Pina- Vice President, Michelle Collingwood- Interim Secretary, Kay Atkinson- Board Member At Large, Patti Litchfield- Board Member At Large, Shannon Oliver- Board Member At Large, Karen Oglesby- Board Member At Large. Diane Conyers- Legislative Liaison.

Absent: - Nola Boyd Board Member At Large

Approval of minutes from January 2023 meeting: K. Atkinson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and P. Litchfield made a second. Motion carried

Approval of Report of the Treasurer: B. Pina made a motion to approve the Treasure report as written. K. Atkinson second the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

1. Judges Education (Jean Evanoff): Review of the judges education seminar provided in Orlando Florida is as follows. There were 24 people signed in for the presentation (based on signatures) and 20 for the hands on portion.

Evaluation of the program is as follows.

Criteria	Rating 5	Rating 4	Rating 3
Organization of materials and handouts	10 participants	3 participants	1 participants
Depth of information provided on the breed	11 participants	3 participants	
Use of visual aids to illustrate and clarify breed information	12 participants	3 participants	
Overall presentation	12 participants	3 participants	
Use of live dogs for demonstration	11 participants	2 participants	1 participants

Written comments included:

- Better understanding of breed type.
- Good discussion of head and coat.
- Good information on the amount of grooming.
- Helped understand proportions.
- Good handouts. (this had the most comments)

Eight participants provided further feedback stating that it was the best seminar that they had attended through the week. They were able to stay focused on the information being presented.

Judges education for the 2023 PPPA National has been submitted to Kathy Caruana.

2. Health and Research (Bud Hidlay): No report
3. Legislation (Diane Conyers): No report

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023

4. Futurity/Maturity (Bekki Pina):
 - 2023 total number of Bitches nominated: 8
 - The last day to nominate a bitch for 2023 was Feb 14th.
 - 2024 total number of nominated Bitches: 1
 - 2023 Whelping notifications: 7
 - 2023 Futurity Notifications: 11
 - 2023 Maturity Notifications: 11
 - 2024 Maturity Notifications: 5
5. Media Committee (Shannon Oliver): S. Oliver shared with the Board ideas for the PIP to include spotlighting a breeder. She is looking for ideas to add more content to the PIP. There was a recommendation to post on the members Facebook page soliciting for articles and ideas for the PIP.
6. Meet The Breeds (Andrea Roy): No report
7. Public Education (Sandra Garner): There has been one request for contact information from someone who is not a Pequeno club member. S. Souza posted on the Facebook public page stating if you have any questions to contact Sandra Garner.
8. Membership (Patti Litchfield): 1 additional membership application.
9. Sunshine (Nola Boyd): All February Birthday Cards were sent. N. Boyd notified the Board via email that she would be resigning from the Board after the March meeting.
10. 2023 Nationals (Sarah McCollum): S. Souza reported that she has taken request donations for the awards. She will start asking for donations soon. The trophy list has been updated to include those who made donations with the membership dues. There has been \$530.00 in donations for the Nationals through the membership dues donation process. The committee is currently looking for a photographer for the Nationals.
11. Historian (Darlene Devaney): No report.
12. ROM Committee (Jean Evanoff): No submissions for the 2023 National as of yet. Have had a few people message to ask for access. Question as to whether there needs to be a committee. The program is in place.

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023

13. Code of Ethics Committee (Bekki Pina): Members submitted their edits. A merged document was created. A tentative meeting has been set to continue the review process. Goal is still to have COE updated no later than Apr 2023.

Unfinished Business

1. Simply voting: It seems that Simply Voting works great for really large clubs who have a membership total around 300. PPPA membership is fairly small. It does not seem to make sense for PPPA due to the volume of membership.
2. Committee Incentives: A poll was taken on the club's Facebook page. There was an overwhelming amount of feedback from the membership that they did not want their dues paid for them to volunteer for committee chairs.
3. Historian discussion: Patti Litchfield will reach out to D. Devaney for follow up conversation regarding developing an historical archive on the membership page of the PPPA website.
4. Code of Ethics - Bekki Pina: Members submitted their edits. A merged document was created of the committee recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday Feb 27 to begin reviews. The goal is still to have COE updated no later than Apr 2023.
5. Junior Handler Chairman: Bekki Pina reported that Sherry McLennan offered to become the Juniors Coordinator. S. Sousa made a motion to accept Sherry's offer to be the junior's Coordinator and Liaison to AKC. P. Litchfield seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Standing rules update- Review of proposed updates to the Standing Rules for the meet the breed reimbursement from AKC was completed. There was a request to include a separate standing rule for a 60 day after the event deadline to submit requests for reimbursement using the reimbursement form. S. Sousa to update the form and send it to the Board for electronic approval.
 - a) The Board approval of the updated Standing Rules that reflects the requested change was approved electronically on February 23, 2023.

New Business

1. PPPA Awards Program Job Description: S, Sousa submitted a job description for the PPA Awards Program for the Board to review. Approved by the Board as written.
2. Breeders Directory:
 - a. There has been a request from member Johnathan Waterman to be listed on the breeder page of the PPPA website. There is a requirement that Breeders may be listed on the website only if their dogs have OFA CHIC Numbers. S. Souza has requested documentation CHIC numbers for the

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023

dogs that Johnathan owns. It is the consensus of the Board that there needs to be verification that a breeder's dogs meet the requirement prior to authorizing a Breeder Directory website listing. The consensus of the Board is to wait for documentation that Johnathan's dogs meet the CHIC number requirement.

- b. It has come to the attention of the Board that a bitch owned by Star Mountain was recently advertised as being bred. The bitch in question is listed on the OFA website as not having a CHIC Number. S. Sousa requests from the Board to remove the Star Mountain from the Breeders Directory because they are not keeping up health testing as the PPPA website requires. The consensus of the Board was to remove Star Mountain from the breeder's directory until such time that there is evidence of compliance to the Breeder Directory requirements.
3. ROM Program: the award is given for dogs that finish through the calendar year. Due to the timing of our national specialty S. Sousa requests that the board make a deadline for submitting the ROM requests by June 1st so that they can be included in the awards program. If the deadline is missed, they will receive their award in the following year. B. Pina will update the program to include the request.

Adjournment: 7:10 PM PST