

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of August 26, 2014

Board Members in Attendance –

John Fitzpatrick – Vice President / Health & Research Committee Chair, Penny Schroeder – Treasurer, Nancy R. Hall – Secretary, Mary Ellen Barragan – Membership Committee, Stacy Faw – Media Chair, Patti Litchfield– Board Member at Large, Rose Hidlay – Board Member at Large, By-Laws Committee Chair and 2015 National Specialty Co-Chair

Meeting was called to order by V. P. John Fitzpatrick in the absence of the President, at 6:04PM PDT

1. **Minutes of the prior Meeting of June 24, 2015:** Minutes were approved by motion as submitted
2. **Report of the Treasurer of June 24, 2015:** Treasurer’s report was approved by motion as submitted
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education –** This topic was addressed during the 2015 National Specialty update, due to the absence of Chair, see below.
 - B. **Health & Research –** John Fitzpatrick and reported by Robert “Bud” Hidlay, advised the “Report” had been submitted to OFA, June 25, 2015, and he and the committee are awaiting a return for the draft; to date -0- blood samples have been submitted by PPP owners, though requests have been made; Penny did note a prior registration problem with OFA regarding submissions as PP vs. PPP, wherein she contacted OFA for the correction; noted were the committee members of Robert “Bud” Hidlay as Chair, John Fitzpatrick DVM Board Liaison, Sandy Truitt, Shannon Glines, Patty Litchfield, Vicky Ganser and Diane Conyers.
 - C. **Membership -** Mary Ellen Baragan reported the previously noted pending member applications had been approved for Shawn Brown, and the family of Margaret/Bruce Boisture along with Jonathon Waterman as well as Kaye Atkinson, Charla Gordon, and Sarah McCollum. At the request of the Board,

Mary Ellen agreed to contact the Newsletter Editor, Karen Conrey, regarding these new members. Additionally, a discussion ensued regarding a former member, currently serving on a committee, and the need to reinstate this membership. A motion by Rose Hidlay carried to process the reinstatement in the same manner as past reinstatements of 2015.

D. Media— Stacy Faw reported the current web design is continuing to be “reworked” by Webmaster, Alice Mirestes; the newsletter needs additional support regarding submission of information including the committee reports, a letter from the President and any applicable health information. John Fitzpatrick agreed to get information to the editor accordingly. Susan Sousa has offered to draft an article for the online quarterly AKC Gazette, which would be approved by the BofD prior to its submission; the suggestion was for inclusion in the next hound publication. A motion by Rose Hidlay carried regarding the offering of Susan Sousa.

4. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. **Versatility Program** – Tabled due to the absence of the program author of the proposed changes
- B. **2015 National Specialty Report** - Co-Chair: Rose Hidlay reported the event is moving along smoothly; trophy sponsorship continued to be available, however, the deadline was fast approaching. Rose noted she would also be contacting a select group for more information. An additional Certificate of Insurance was also being requested due to instructions per AKC, for show chairs with the “cluster weekend” and for both PPPA show chairs to have on hand the date of the event. Rose also discussed the schedule of events for the “day of the Specialty” which included the timing for the dinner, auction, the Annual Meeting, and where these would occur, i.e. a reserved room on the site of the Specialty. She also noted, due to the overwhelming size of the Premium List for this event weekend, the Onofrio site has all information online, with our Specialty noted on page 50. A question was posed if a separate catalog would be available for the Specialty and were advertisements still available, the answer was yes, with information online for costs and sizes; also

questioned was the availability of a marked catalog, yes, but needed to be pre-paid. Also a question arose regarding a video of the Specialty, none is available due to the expense, however, a dedicated copy was available for all the winners of the weekend event.

C. **Standing Rules** – following a diligent search of all prior BofD minutes via the website and newsletters, it was noted, none exist. The discussion for having Standing Rules included how these would be agreed to going forward, and it was understood these were not to be part of the By-Laws. The discussion also addressed if a special committee should be set-up. A suggestion was offered that these be forwarded to all new members along with the By-Laws and Membership Listing as well as to renewing members. A request was made to acquire copies from other clubs as a template for ‘format’ and ‘informational’ use only.

D. **2016 National Specialty Report** - John Fitzpatrick reported in the absence of the President and Co-chair, the 2016 National Specialty would be on conjunction with the Mensona Kennel Club, occurring in Santa Rosa, CA. The judge for the Friday Specialty is scheduled to be Vitor Veiga, from Portugal, with Gabriella Veiga judging the subsequent day.

E. **By-Laws Committee** - Chair Rose Hidlay reported the committee had met two separate times, and the progress was moving well with a considerable amount accomplished; the changes would include a simplified format and more readable language. It is also understood once these revisions were approved by AKC and at the completion of the third Specialty, the Club would be eligible for a Delegate to AKC.

5. **New Business topics:**

A. **Pedigree Book Availability** - John Fitzpatrick addressed concerns regarding the availability of the Pedigree Book and current AKC representation on behalf of the Club including how this information is offered. A lively discussion occurred following the expression of many members regarding costs, availability and concerns regarding the current designee.

6. **Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:17PM PDT**