

## **Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.**

### **Minutes for Board Meeting of March 28, 2018**

#### **Board Members in Attendance –**

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

**Board Member(s) absent –** Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large

**Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:06 PM EST**

1. **Approval of the minutes from February 28, 2018** – Robin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Patti seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the February 28, 2018; Minutes approved
2. **Approval of the Treasurer Report for March 2018** – Mike made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Rose seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the March 2018 Treasurer Report; Treasurers Report Approved
3. **Reports of Committees:**
  - A. **Judges Education Committee** – The judge’s education for the 2018 Nationals will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018 starting at 8:00 am. This will be held in a conference room at Purina Farms. The board discussed keeping the \$20.00 fee for each judge to attend the education. The board decided to keep the \$20.00 fee as discussed in 2017. In December at the AKC Nationals in Florida; there is a plan for Judges Education for the hound breeds; we as a club will need to make arrangements to hold a judged education at that time. Robin will work with the Ice Tea Cluster in Muncie, IN to inquire about holding a judged education. This cluster is held in August.
  - B. **Health & Research –**

**EYE Update**

This past Thursday there was a new group started on Facebook in the UK. It is the” Portuguese Podengo Pequeno U.K. Health Group” created by Betty Judge, the Health Coordinator for The Portuguese Podengo Club of Great Britain.

An owner mailed a letter to club members stating that her dog had to have an eye removed due to Glaucoma and it was sent to Animal Health Trust and found to have two copies of the mutation for Primary Lens Luxation (PLL). She further stated that it was the second case discovered there in 2017 in PPPs. The mutation is ADAMTS17.

I have checked with Optimal Selection and all the dogs tested under their panel were in fact tested for this mutation. All the test reports I have seen so far show “Clear” for this mutation. I have also written an email to Dr. C. Mellersh at AHT to verify the owners letter and see how many cases may have been identified. I hope to have her answer sometime Thursday.

I will notify the PPPA Board and Health Committee as soon as I hear from Dr. Mellersh

**DNA Update**

There are now 57 dogs listed on our voluntary list of DNA testing for the three identified mutations. The list continues to grow; however, it still appears that several owners are not publishing test results for dog having a status of “Carrier” or “Affected”.

We are still in need of a member for the Health and Research Committee from California. The ideal person should live in the northern part of the State and should be someone who attends dog shows on a regular basis and health tests their dogs.

- C. **Media – Facebook – Website** – The Winter Issue of PiP has been released. The work on the next PiP will start within the next couple of months.

The PPPA Pedigree Program is up and running with a couple of issues yet.

There is be a link on the Members Only page to the Login screen.

The user must login in and create a password then submit it to the Administrator for verification.

Once the user is validated, they can begin filling out dog entries.

Issues:

- a. The trial matings and the single line search are displaying an error. Advance search is working fine.
- b. The current time for me to enter a 4 generation pedigree is about 1 ¼ hours each.
- c. We should also have a meeting to discuss the parameters of the information and number of dogs. Because of my have a Board Meeting on the same night as PPPA, perhaps we should try another night for this single purpose.

Bud would like to hold a webinar of the Pedigree Database on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 9:00 pm est.

- D. **Membership** –

As of today, we have a total of 104 Members and 3 Junior Members

56 Single Memberships

24 Household Memberships = 48 members

3 Junior Memberships

We have one membership application pending – Connie Presley – vote due 04/15/18

I have a check and a renewal form from Elizabeth McPherson for a household membership and from Dawn & Bob Eisele for a household membership both that I could not accept since it was well past the final date to renew. Lance was going to get with Elizabeth to have her send a membership application and I contacted Dawn and sent her a membership application to fill out. As of today, 03/27/18, I have not received anything from either. Patti will send an email to these members which will include a membership application.

- E. **By-Laws Committee** – The By-Law revision was sent to the membership for comments; the comments close on April 7, 2018.
- F. **Sunshine Committee** – We are using an automatic card service; which sends Birthday cards automatically. There were a couple of Get Well cards sent out.
- G. **Versatility Program** – Karen Conrey has resigned as the Chair Person for the Versatility Committee. An email was sent to the current members of the committee to inquire if any of the current members would like to become the Chair Person. Charlene Wigglesworth has contacted the board stating she does not want to see the program go away and she would be willing to step up as the Committee Chairperson. The board has accepted Charlene as the Chairperson, she will have help from Robin as the board liaison and Susan Sousa has also stepped up to assist the committee with statistics and paperwork for the annual awards banquet.
- H. **Field Trial Committee** – As you know, the long term goal of this Committee is to establish an AKC sanctioned Breed Specific Field Trial for Portuguese Podengo Pequenos that simulates the way Pequenos actually hunt. As a kick-off to this effort, we have proposed having a mock field trial event/hands-on workshop at our National Specialty in September. The Committee reviewed the Specialty Schedule and suggest that the best time for holding this event would be Friay, September 14, 2018, between the Specialty and the

Meet/Greet...Top 10... This would work best if the Meet/Greet is moved to 7:00pm enabling those interested to attend both events.

We would then contact Purina Farms to see if we could use their snow fencing to find an appropriate place close to where they hold their Coursing and other sorts of performance events to set up in an area where there could be a type of Field Trial experience for some of our Pequenos. There are wooded areas at Purina Farms and we would have to augment the underbrush with straw (opened bales).

Question 1: Who are the Judges?

We have talked to several fully qualified AKC Field Trial Judges who would love to be involved with getting a Field Trial for Pequenos. We won't know whether they are available until we have a set date and venue.

Question 2: Are they qualified for Sight Hound Field Trials? There are no Breed Specific Field Trials for Sight Hounds.

Question 3: What exactly will the "hands on" Seminar entail?

A "hands on" Seminar basically means that you are NOT in a classroom...you would be "in the field". It would be a demonstration of Pequenos hunting in the field using Dogs of Owners who volunteer to participate. We envision starting with Pequenos in a brace searching for a rabbit in a cage hidden well in underbrush. Frozen rabbits are used for this type of event. We have Field Trial Judges willing to assist with "judging" each brace. A scent trail is layed to the hidden rabbit. This event would be held in a fenced area. It would be an excellent opportunity for members to observe, videotape and take notes to evaluate, with the feedback of the AKC Field Judges to determine if a particular layout works and to help determine what constitutes a qualifying score and what should be NQs. This is a beginning...it would be the initial test run, as well as an opportunity for attendees to learn from the AKC Field Trial Judges about Field Trials and to stress the importance of our Conformation dogs being able to do what they were bred to do. Perhaps a better title would be: Portuguese Podengo Pequeno Field Trial Workshop.

Question 4: How much time will be needed for the Seminar?

Time needed...probably 2 hours happening 45 minutes after the Specialty.

Question 5: How much space will be needed for the Seminar?

I am not good at estimating the space needed...something like a medium back yard that has lots of underbrush?? I will find out.

Question 6: Is there Equipment that will be needed for the Seminar?

I will need to see what Purina Farms has available to us for fencing in an area of underbrush...then a couple bales of straw.

Question 7: Do we have an outline for a Field Trial for the Sight Hounds?

There is NO outline for a Breed Specific Field Trial for Pequenos. This is a project that will take several years to get enough data to design a Field Trial that is Breed Specific for the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno.

**\*Latest updates re: Purina Farms and AKC**

### **PURINA FARMS**

I was able to contact the "right person" at Purina Farms about using their snow fencing to set up an area in the woods with enough underbrush to simulate a place to hold our Portuguese Podengo Pequeno Field Trial Workshop. Once I determine how much space is needed to simulate a Field Trial, I can get the cost from Purina Farms to set up the fencing. We will also perhaps need a couple bales of straw. Then we will need several frozen rabbits and cages to lay tracks and then hide the cages.

I see having the Field Trial Judges help the Braces of Pequenos come into the fenced area and take notes as they hunt...meanwhile we would video all of the Braces! This is really the first

step to see what works and what doesn't. We will gain valuable information from this Workshop in order to move forward.

#### **AKC**

I then talked to the AKC Director of Performance Events. She is sending me some material on Field Trials for Specific Breeds. She will be a great help and was very excited about the PPPA AKC Parent Club supporting and wanting to create a Breed Specific Field Trial.

Best, Sandy Gillen

Portuguese Podengo Pequeno Field Trial

Sandy Gillen – Chair, Kim Ragsdale - Co-Chair, Tonda Curry - Board Liaison, Karen Sage, Diane Conyers

Tonda – the Board Liaison will work with the Field Trial Committee to move forward; designing from the ground up is a good option. Susan made a motion to keep the current members of the Field Trial Committee members and to not make any changes at this time. Robin seconded the motion; all attending board members voted in favor.

- I. **Awards Committee** – 2017 New Title holder update/counts:  
2017 AKC New Title Holders (All) = 105  
2017 AKC New Title Holders (PPPA Members) = 76  
There will possibly be 2 Brood Bitches and 3 Stud Dogs qualify for 2017. We have awards across the board for different companion events. Needed by June, the 2017 BIS awards request need to be turned in.
  - J. **National Specialty Guidelines Committee** – There is one correction that needs to be made; once that is completed a copy will be sent to the secretary to be kept on file. The documents will also be added to the club website.
  - K. **Code of Ethics** – Lance is in the process of getting the committee started.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **2018 Nationals Update** – The committee had a meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018; the committee worked on awards for the National Specialty. We are also working on a store for the nationals to make it easier to sponsor trophies and/or order other items for the Nationals. Hotel update, currently there are 5 rooms left in the block of rooms; once this block is filled we will open up additional rooms. As a reminder, contact the hotel directly to book your room for Nationals to get all of the benefits with group.
  - B. **2017 General Meeting Minutes** – The 2017 General Meeting Minutes has been sent to the membership for approval; the close of comments will be on April 19, 2018.
  - C. **PPPA Clothing and Jackets** – Patti is working with Lance to get information on Club Clothing, Jackets and other items.
  - D. **Specialty/Supported Entry** – Robin is working with the Ice Tea Cluster to hold a Concurrent Specialty and Supported Entries. Robin will submit the proper paperwork to move forward with the events.
  - E. **Separation of Breed (wire and smooth)** – No additional information on this topic. Although our club can contact any show and request the coats be separated in the open class, this must be done prior to the premium list is published for the show. Susan will add this information to the Specialty Guidelines, so anyone that would like to Chair a show, they have all the information. Susan made a motion to change the National Specialty Guidelines, to include the separation of classes by coat type per AKC rules; Rose seconded the motion. All attending board members voted to accept the motion.
5. **New Business:**
- A. **Utilize Club Facebook** – A suggestion was made that we utilize the club FaceBook page to update the members of club/board happenings. An update will be added at least once a month. A topic will be chosen and information will be posted.

**B. Breed Update from AKC** – AKC sent out an update of low entry breeds; this shows the amount of dog entered at AKC events through 2017. In 2017 the Pequenos had 2,781 entries which is up from 2013 the Pequenos had 2,526 entries at events. A total of 174 dogs made up the entries for 2017. The report stems from the 60 breeds that would be extinct based on less than 3,000 entries at an AKC event in a year. In the report, the number of puppies registered will change, as the puppies born in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will increase as they may not have been registered before the end of the year.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:24 pm est.