

**Minutes for General Membership Meeting – September 15, 2018
2018 Nationals – Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO**

Board Members in Attendance –

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

Board Member(s) absent – Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large and Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large

Attendee list attached

1. **Reading of the Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting** – The Secretary read the minutes from the General Membership Meeting held in September of 2017 in Lexington, KY. The General Membership Meeting minutes were approved in March 2018.
2. **President Address** - President Rose Hidlay addressed the membership; thanking each judge for doing an outstanding job judging our 2018 National Specialty. Rose than turned the floor over to Judge Mr. Garry Newton. Mr. Newton spoke about experience and honor of judging our 2018 National Specialty. Rose spoke about the need for volunteers for Meet The Breeds around the country. We have a sign in sheet for the Meet The Breed in Orlando.
3. **Treasurer Report** – The Treasurer’s report was presented by the Treasurer:

Breakdown of funds by account:

General Account.....	\$13,387.29
Health and Research.....	\$ 2,163.86
PayPal (National Specialty Funds).....	\$ 1,802.99
Total.....	\$17,354.14

We have Shirts and Books for sale, each are \$25.00; please see the Treasurer if you would like to purchase. Margaret explained the use of PayPal, we plan to keep the PayPal account for members to purchase Shirts, Books and other items that the club may have available for sale.

4. **Report of Committees:**

- A. **Judges Education** – In 2018, we will have a total of five (5) judges education seminars. We are looking for members to volunteer to mentor or to become part of the judge’s education committee. We are looking volunteers from different areas of the county.
- B. **Health and Research** – Bud presented information regarding the Health and Research Committee. He stressed if you are breeding, please do the DNA testing; it is important to test for PRCO, Cataracts and other eye degeneration issues. Anyone that has used Optimal Selection your dogs have been tested for PLL; so far there has not been a reported case in the United States. There is research happening on use CBD Hemp oil with dogs having issues with seizures; they are having good success with the use of this treatment. All Health and Research reports are available on our club websites.
- C. **Media** – Lynne addressed the members as the new Media Chairperson. She would like any and all members to submit information and photo for the PiP Newsletter. Bud addressed the membership regarding the website, explaining all reports current and archieve are on the website. Using the members only section will you gain access to all reports and have the availability to use the Pedigree Database. Bud explained how to gain access to the Pedigree Database and how to different areas of the database. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact Bud and he will walk you through the use of the database.
- D. **Membership** - As of today, we have a total of 109 Members and 3 Junior Members
59 Single Memberships
25 Household Memberships = 50 members
3 Junior Memberships

- E. **By-Laws Committee** – The revised By-Laws are under review by an independent lawyer, when he finishes reviewing and making suggestions, we will pass these onto the membership.
 - F. **Sunshine Committee** – The committee would like to send Birthday cards, Sympathy cards and cards for the other occasions. Please update your information, so we do not miss important events such as birthdays.
 - G. **Versatility Committee** – It is possible that applications for certificates could have lost in the transition of committee chairs; if you have not received a certificate that you have applied for please get in contact with Charlene.
 - H. **Awards Committee** – Susan presented the award to the recipients for 2017 and awards to the winners of the 2018 National Specialty.
 - I. **Field Trial Committee** – the committee held their first Field Trial Workshop. There were 9 dogs that participated in the workshop, of the 9 the judges felt 3 of the dogs would have passed the workshop. Sandy turned the floor over to the judges. Karen felt the workshop went very well; better than anticipated. She felt it was very interested in how many of the dogs had different styles how they found the rabbit. Karen felt that we need to stay true to the Portuguese standards hunts but alter the hunt for AKC standards. The second judge felt good about how some of the dogs tracked. She explained the best way to train a dog for a hunt test. Sandy thanked the committee, the participants and spectators that came to be a part of this first hunt workshop. The committee hopes to move forward with this event. Anyone that one has questions, please send your questions to Sandy Gillen.
5. **Unfinished Business:**
There was no unfinished business from 2017
6. **New Business:**
- A. **2019 Nationals** – it was announced the 2019 National Specialty will be held in Reno, NV on Thursday, August 15, 2019 and Friday, August 16, 2019 as an Independent Specialty at the Ramada Reno Hotel and Casino. The entire National will be held at the Hotel in a Banquet Room, the Top 10 on Thursday and National on Friday. We will hold supported entries at the All-Breed Show over the weekend. The hotel room rate is \$85.00 per night.
 - B. **2020 Nationals** – Now is the time to be thinking about entering an RFP to host the 2020 Nationals. The By-Laws state the RFP must be present no later than 18 months from the date of the National Specialty. Our National specialty must be held within the months of August, September and October.
 - C. **Club Website** – please take advantage of our Club Website; there is a lot of information available for members.
 - D. **Futurity/Maturity Program** – Susan presented an overview of the Futurity/Maturity Program. This program would be limited to membership and to Futurity nominated litters. This is a showcase to show off your breeding's; the litter must be nominated BEFORE the litter is born. If you have any questions, please contact Susan.
 - E. **Top 10/20 Event** – Susan asked for feedback from the membership what our Top 10 Event should look like going forward.
 - F. **Open Discussion from the floor** – Many club members felt the Regional Specialty in Muncie, IN was a huge success. It was suggested that we hold Regional Specialties in the East region of the United States. Regional Specialties will NOT conflict with our National Specialty.
A member raised the concern that the Show Chairperson should not be allowed to exhibit dogs owned or co-owned by them. After much discuss, this was tabled and will be discussed amongst the board.

The 2018 General Membership Meeting was Adjourned.

Sign In
Member

Non-Member

Margaret Boisture

Patti Hitchfield

Dorothy Adams

Janet McCullum

Jyl Scott

Bekki Ping

Lynne Spencer

Bod Hidalgo

William Boyd

Nola D Boyd

Connie Blake

Susan Faw

Stacy Faw

Henry Deuling
Nwa Mather

Carol Souders

Reborah Kallen

Pat Seminary

Sandy Gilten

Karin Saze

Miki Ohlenger

Shawn Brown

Susan Souza

Will Souza

Rose Hilday

Jean Evans

Carlin Nodley

~~Tom Steinmetz~~

Tom Steinmetz

Karen Terry

Rich Terry

← Robin Kitley

← Peggy Bradley

Members

Harriet Hadlow

Kimberly Ragsdale

Suzanne

D'Ann Jones Frank

Non-Members

DIANA FARTHING

Steve Citzinger

Darcy Litzinger

Sarah Williams

DIANNE GRAHAM

Jane Brooks