

## Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

### Minutes for Board Meeting of March 27, 2019

**Board Members in Attendance** – Rose Hidlay – President/By-Laws Committee Chair, Patti Litchfield – Vice President/ Membership Chair, Michael Hobbs-Ohlinger – 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** – Margaret Boisture – Treasurer/Sunshine Committee

**Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:02 PM EST**

1. **Approval of the minutes from January 23, 2019** – Lance made a motion to accept the January 23, 2019 minutes as presented; Patti seconded the motion. All attending Board Members voted in favor of the motion.
  2. **Approval of the minutes from February 27, 2019** – Lynne made a motion to accept the February 27, 2019 minutes as presented; Lance seconded the motion. All attending Board Members voted in favor of the motion.
  3. **2018 General Membership Meeting** – Robin made a motion to accept the 2018 General Membership Meeting Minutes as presented and to send to the membership for approval; Lynne seconded the motion. All attending Board Members voted in favor of the motion.
  4. **Approval of the Treasurer Report for March 2019** – No update at this time.
  5. **Reports of Committees:**
    - A. **Judges Education Committee** – Robin has provided an updated Mentor List and Judges Education Presenters; Robin will follow up with AKC to make sure the website is updated.
    - B. **Health & Research** –
      - PLL Update** - There has still been no formal release from AHT on the study undertake after last year's posting of the presence of the PPL mutation in a Pequeno in the UK. Individuals have been notified of their test results, but no formal statement have been released.
      - Free DNA Test Results Listing** - I have updated the latest copy of the Free DNA Test Results Listing on the PPPA website. There are currently 68 dogs listed and can be accessed from the lower left-hand side of the Health page as well as pages from Finland, Sweden, Norway, The Netherlands, and Germany. Quick link PPPA List.
- Paw Print Genetics latest statistics show the following results:

#### **Degenerative myelopathy**

Dogs Tested	Normal	Carrier	At-risk
40	39 (97.50%)	1 (2.50%)	0 (0.00%)

#### **PRA-crd4/crd1**

Dogs Tested	Normal	Carrier	At-risk
47	47 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)

#### **PRA-prcd**

Dogs Tested	Normal	Carrier	At-risk
75	63 (84.00%)	12 (16.00%)	0 (0.00%)

As you can see DM and crd4/PRA numbers are low as most of the Carriers were discovered using Optimal Selection. Prcd/PRA was not available on OS until this year and must be ordered after the panel is run. Contact me if you need more information.

Please note that only 3 dogs on the list are shown to be carriers and yet 12 dogs were identified by testing. Not all tested dogs are listed so it is important for breeders to ask the breeding partner's owner to give you copies of the tests. If you have tested your dog(s) and

wish to take advantage of the free listing the Release Form and Instructions are located in the lower left had page of the PPPA website Health page.

I you have any questions concerning testing please let me know.

**AKC Stud Book Report** - Last week I sent the Board a review of the three reports available to Parent Clubs. I have completed by review of this report and looked at the dogs (male and female) who were on the reports last year (2018). Remember that the dogs on the report are the individual dogs having their FIRST AKC registered litter.

There were 29 dogs on this list of which 6 were Foreign dogs (All Males) with the balance being 7 Males and 16 Females.

I then compared the OFA testing results to those listed in our COE (Code of Ethics). 11 (37.9%) had EYE examinations listed (all current); 7 had HIP tests (1 prelim); and 5 had patellar luxation test. Perhaps the most important was there were only 2 that had CHIC numbers (all current) and the 1 who had prelim Hips would have qualified if two years old.

That means that only 3 dogs had completed all three tests prior to breeding.

The COE also requires that both breeding partners should have AKC Parental DNA prior to breeding. The only dogs tested were the six Foreign Registered dogs, which are required by AKC for Litter Registration. None of the other 23 dogs were tested prior to breeding,

The other requirement that cannot be checked is to have all Pequenos microchipped (tattooing is not mention but is accepted by AKC). The registration of this identification is very important when dogs get separated from their owners.

Again, if you have any questions please let me know.

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The question was asked, when our Code of Ethics was implemented with the request that all dogs be DNA tested prior to breeding; was this due to the importing of foreign dogs? Lance, who was a member when these were developed, stated yes as AKC also mandates foreign imports to be DNA tested.

C. **Media - Facebook – Website** –Currently working the new PiP Newsletter; the plan is to have the next edition out in April.

D. **Membership** –. As of today, we have a total of 123 Members and 2 Junior Members  
67 - Single Memberships  
28 - Household Memberships = 56 members  
2 - Junior Members

We currently have one new membership application pending:

Jane Curry Brooks – vote due 04/05/19

On a sad note, I received an email that Sally Poole passed away on March 25, 2019. She was one of the founding members and held membership through 2015.

E. **By-Laws Committee** –The Club is working on the paperwork for AKC to apply for Members Status. The membership list needs to provide the year each club member became a member of the club. The treasurer has provided the data for through 2010; we need 2011 through 2015 to complete the paperwork.

F. **Sunshine Committee** – No update at this time

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

H. **Field Trial Committee** – We have several members that have volunteered to revive the Field Trial Committee; the volunteers are Jean Evanoff, Karen Sage, Margaret Boisture, Candace Hanscom and Michelle Sweeney. Robin made a motion to nominate Karen Sage as the Chairperson for the Field Trial Committee; Lance seconded the motion. All attending members voted in favor of the motion. The Secretary will send an email to the volunteers, stating that Karen as been nominated for the Chairperson and provide the email contact for each committee member.

- I. **Code of Ethics** – No update at this time
  - J. **Futurity/Maturity Committee** – Susan’s report Bekki has helped automating the applications. Some verbiage had to be updated for clarity, these changes did not change the structure of the program. There was feedback that Bekki responded negatively when a member tested the automated form. Members can use the automated form and pay by with PayPal or a member can print out an application and mail the application with payment. There are currently 2 litters nominated for the first Futurity/Maturity Show in 2020. Susan will work with the 2020 Show Committee for space to allow for the Futurity/Maturity.
6. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **2020 National Judges** –The 2020 National Judges selection has been completed. Stacy Faw has accepted the judging assignment. Congratulations Stacy!
  - B. **AKC Member Status** – this was covered in the By-Laws section above.
  - C. **Judges Selection Process** – Tonda has provided an update to the proposed Judges Selection Process – as follows:

**NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGE SELECTION PROCEDURE**

In January in the year preceding a National Specialty, the PPPA secretary shall send by email to each PPPA member a request for nominations. The instructions shall indicate that each member may nominate up to three judges approved to judge the PPP by either the AKC or a foreign registry to be the judge at the following year’s National Specialty. Nominations shall be returned to the Secretary by email received no later than fifteen days after the original email was sent out by the Secretary.

The Secretary and Vice President shall independently count the nominations received from the membership. Any Judge receiving nomination by ~~five~~ **ten** club members shall appear on the ballot to judge the following year’s specialty.

The Secretary shall contact in the name of the Club each person so nominated and provide him or her with the date and the location of the Specialty. The Secretary shall also request that the nominee reply with whether he is available on the specified date, at the specified location and what the requested fee for judging would be.

After receiving replies from the nominees, the Secretary shall send by United States mail to each member of the PPPA a ballot with all nominees who indicated they would be available together with the fee proposed by said nominee. The instructions accompanying the ballot shall include an envelope addressed to the official tallier and direct that the member vote for one nominee as judge of the coming year’s National Specialty, by marking that individual’s name on the ballot and mailing the ballot to the official tallier, who shall not be a club member. The instructions shall also include a date by which all ballots must be received in order to be considered.

The judge receiving the most votes from the membership, shall be hired as the National Judge.

Susan made a motion to accept the National Judges Selection Process with the change from ...five club members... to .....ten club members shall be considered....; Lance seconded the motion. All attending Board Members voted to accept the motion with the change. The change shall be made and added to our website.

- D. **Board Nomination Update** – Thank you Lance for Chairing the committee. The last date for nominations from the floor will be April 8, 2019. Due to personal circumstances the nominated Secretary for the 2019 Board, has withdrawn his acceptance of the nomination. The nominating committee will begin work right away for another nomination for the 2019 Board with the term starting in June of 2019.
- E. **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.

7. **New Business:**

- A. **Donation to AKC Health Foundation** – An original member of the club, Sally Poole has passed away from cancer. Lance made a motion to donation \$100.00 to the AKC Health Foundation in the name of Sally Poole a founding member of the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.; Lynne seconded the motion. All attending members voted in favor of the motion.
- B. **Club Legal/Officer Insurance** – Tonda briefed the board regarding Officer/Board Liability Insurance. Our club currently has this coverage, Rose will contact the Treasurer to approach other insurance vendors for quotes for our club's complete insurance package. Tonda indicated Hartford offers this type of Liability insurance at what she feels is a reasonable rate.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm est.