

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of September 30, 2020

Board Members in Attendance – Susan Souza – President, Shawn Brown-Secretary, Jean Evanoff – Treasurer, Patti Litchfield — Board Member At Large, Nola Boyd - Board Member At Large, Kaye Atkinson – Board Member At Large, Bekki Pina- VP

Board Member(s) absent: Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large, Karen Oglesby Board Member At Large

Meeting was called to order by President Susan Souza, at 6:01 PM PST

1. **Approval of the minutes from August 26, 2020** Kaye made a motion to accept the minutes, Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. **Treasurer Report-** None
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** –Closing in on the seminar date. Sept 30 is the cutoff date. Right now we have 7 who are signed up for the JE with the AKC certificate. These people will receive the handout/thumb drive for their \$25 payment. There are 2 PPPA members wanting to Audit for no charge. 2 others are pending. Our 2020 Jr Handler judge would like to also audit, no charge as a courtesy. Nola will send an email when the room location is known. Attendee have been advised to bring their own snacks and drinks due to COVID. Should non-members wish to attend there is a \$15 charge for no material and \$25 with material. Members are free to attend.
 - B. **Health & Research** –No report
 - C. **Membership** –Patti Litchfield- at present, we have 143 members; 81 single and 31 Household. Welcome new members Holly Hunter Christovao, and Rebecca Armstrong. Pending membership application for Flinn McCreery vote on 10/12 and Ashley Lowery on 11/3
 - D. **Sunshine Committee** – No report
 - E. **Futurity/Maturity Committee** – Bekki reported one new 2021 bitch nomination. Ribbons are ordered.
 - F. **Media-** Susan will do a short PIP for October with just a National schedule and one article, and a full National results PIP for November.
 - G. **Meet the Breeds-** No report due to no activity, but for Public Ed Rose reports that she had to tell someone there was no breeder referral in their area. Short discussion, no action given.
 - H. **2020 National-** Debby has put updates on the FB page. The show will go on.
 - I. **Legislative** – I received 19 Legislative alerts between the time frame of 7/20 and 9/22. 9 involved specific states/counties/cities/towns where we have no members. 3 were state specific and related to COVID 19 Liability protection. Michigan, Virginia and Georgia. Although they are worded differently they all essentially protect persons, businesses, and other entities, planners of events conventions and sporting events from liability for the contraction of COVID 19 as long as there was no gross negligence on the part of the sponsors This protection applies to clubs sponsoring dog shows. 3 Michigan alerts. One was specific to proper care of rescues. One which was received too late to forward to Michiganders had to do with asking a committee to support a ban on breed specific legislation. The third was a bill sponsoring a ban on docking, cropping and de-barking of dogs. I forwarded the alert to our Michigan members. 3 California alerts. 2 reported the progress on legislation which would except competition judges from California's requirement that those who hire independent contractors are required to provide them with the same benefits as full time employees. (1) related to proposed legislation that bans sale of dogs and cats

by pet stores which may only provide space to showcase animals for adoption. Further, the bill stated that animals could not be sourced from any rescue affiliated with a breeder in any way. The AKC was able to get the sponsor of the legislation to amend it to say that any rescue that is sourcing to a pet store may not breed animals and no longer includes a provision that breeders can't be affiliated with a rescue. The governor signed both bills.

Finally, the AKC has provided a 2020 election guide as a tool for members to use to identify dog friendly candidates to elect those who will protect the rights of responsible dog owners. That was sent to the entire membership today.

Unfinished Business:

- A. AKC Webinar:** Tabled
- B. Logo Wear:** No report as Karen was absent.
- C. Audit:** Jean contacted one company with no response, she will contact another.
- D. Sire and Dam Program:** Tabled until after National.
- E. Pedigree Data Base:** Susan reported that we now can add pics to the data. There are over 680 dogs now listed.
- F. Awards:** Susan sent the Board a price breakdown, and after discussion it was decided that the medallions will remain as the awards for now due to price. Shawn made a motion to have Susan purchase the medallions, Second by Bekki; passed.
- G. AKC Membership Club:** Bekki will prepare the suggestions as needed, and this will go out to the membership for a vote as soon as done.
- H. Pedigree Data Base:** In July, the Board held a special meeting, following a presentation by Bud Hidlay, about the data input. During this meeting the Board agreed to make the data base public to generate more participation to build information.

New Business:

- A. Membership renewal update:** Patti has made a few tiny adjustments to the renewal form to clean it up a bit. A motion was made by Bekki to accept the changes, Second by Shawn; Passed.
- B. Futurity:** Bekki reported that she had special awards made up to award to the participants of the inaugural program, and will give them out at the dinner.
- C. Earth Dog:** Shawn reported that a member asked about adding Earth Dog as a PPP event through AKC. After much discussion, it was decided to not add it at this time as the PPP is not a "to earth" hunter. Almost all the eligible breeds currently are terriers, with just Dachs and Min Pins as other breeds.
- D. Honorary Memberships:** Nola wanted to ask about the possibility of adding some Portuguese hunting kennels as HM's. The current HM's were instrumental in gaining full AKC recognition, and since we do not yet have any hunting trials, there was no interest in expanding that list at this time. No action taken.
- E. Regional Specialties:** Bekki asked about the procedure to host a local or regional Specialty. The BOD main concern is that the show must be self supporting. The PPPA will not contribute to such an event. Bekki will do more research, and revisit this issue at a later time.
- F. 2022 National Judge:** Shawn reported that only one judge received the needed 10 nominations to be listed on the ballot, so according to our guidelines, that judge will be contacted for availability, and will be the 2022 judge. Going forward, to avoid this issue again, there was discussion about updating the guidelines in this area. The suggested change is to allow every member to nominate up to Five (5) choices, and the top Five (5) judges nominated will be considered as on the ballot. This could mean that there could be over 5 choices due to a "tie", but after contacting for availability, we should be right around 4 or 5 choices. Since there was a date change needed in the guidelines, Susan will update them and send a copy out to the BOD for approval.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM PST
Respectfully submitted by Shawn Brown