

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of August 22, 2018

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 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 and Robin Kirtley – Board Member At Large

Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:03 PM EST

1. **Approval of the minutes from July 25, 2018** – Tonda made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Margaret seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the July 25, 2018; Minutes approved
2. **Approval of the Treasurer Report for July 2018** – Susan made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented for July; Patti seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the July Treasurer Report.
Susan made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented for August; Patti seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the July Treasurer Report.

3. **Reports of Committees:**

- A. **Judges Education Committee** – The Judges Education was conducted at the Ice Tea Cluster in Muncie, IN; we had five (5) judges that the attended the seminar. The next Judges Education will be held at the Santa Rosa Shows in Mensona, CA.

- B. **Health & Research** –

PPPA Health and Research Committee Report to the Board

MyBreedData Update

The appearance of both prcd/PRA and DM in the Smooths as reported in our June report, has caused an increase in testing especially in the Nordic countries. This has caused the overall percentage of “Carriers” to drop by about 1% but has found another “Carrier” of crd4/PRA outside of the initial family where it was first found. There are some close ancestral ties in the pedigree of this new find and our previous “ground zero”. This reinforces the need to test ALL breeding partners for our previously defined panel at the very least.

The Pequeno Wirehaired numbers are still basically the same as was reported in our June Report to the Board, 15% for prcd/PRA “Carriers” with 2.74% “At Risk” and 11.7% for DM “Carriers” with less than 1% “At Risk”.

The MyBreedData is a statistical report from tests run by Optimal Selection and Genoscooper so unless results are made public we do not know what dogs are involved. This also means that none of the testing being done at PPG, VHL (Netherlands) or other US labs are included. Here are links to the MyBreedData information:

Smooth:

http://www.mybreeddata.com/crm/index.html#breed/519248a83cd390a0520000d4/portuguese_podengosmoothhairedminiature/

Wire:

http://www.mybreeddata.com/crm/index.html#breed/519248a83cd390a0520000d1/portuguese_podengowirehairedminiature/

Free DNA Test Results Listing

We are planning to update our Listing on the first of September in preparation for our National Specialty.

Please, if you have tested your dog for the three known mutations, we would encourage you to make those results public by listing them on the Free DNA Test Results on the Health Page of the PPPA website. Currently there are 59 dogs listed. If you have any questions, please let me know. Here is a link to the listing:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/99f4b7e9cedde1a94edcad30766343c9?AccessKeyId=36548DCF9EE779CB56B&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

PLL Update

Five months ago, we reported the first case of PLL (Primary Lens Luxation) based on information from a new UK PPP Health Page. There has been no new information released; however, the Northern Portuguese Podengo Association (UK) just had their 8th Open Show where AHT collected DNA samples and performed eye examinations. They will be holding another collection at another show shortly. We will keep you informed.

OFA Update

The second quarter OFA Reports have been posted on the PPPA Website and are accessible from the Health Page. Here is a direct link to these:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/25557918508b9544a13120619e4c2faf?AccessKeyId=36548DCF9EE779CB56B&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Respectively Submitted,

Robert "Bud" Hidlay

Chairman, PPPA Health and Research Committee

C. Media – Facebook – Website –

The summer edition is due out September 15, 2018.

Bud is working hard to keep the website up to date and getting new content added as necessary.

We do not have anything else new in the works at the moment.

I would like for the board to look for someone new to be the chairman of the Media Committee. I like being on the committee, but would prefer not to be the chairman any more. I think we need to get someone new. I have been doing this for years and would like to try my hand at other committees as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Faw

Media Chair

Lynne Spencer has volunteered to assume the responsibility of the Media Chairperson. Thank you Lynne for volunteering your time.

Here is the current status of the PPPA-Pedigree Database:

- The Database currently has 274 Dogs already loaded in.
- We have 9 Approved Users.
- There are currently 6 BOD Members who are Approved Users.
- Any current Approved User can request to have their dog(s) entered.
- I have started developing a Power Point Instruction Presentation/User's Manual
- We have not currently published to the membership the availability of this database

I am proposing that we do the following:

- Release the database to the membership at the National Specialty.
- Limit the dogs being entered to only dogs which owners intend to breed or offer to be bred.
- Limit the entries to only AKC registered dogs or Foreign dogs awaiting AKC registration.

- Release on the Facebook Members Only page November 1st.
 - We limit the Listed Titles too only AKC Prefix Titles. <https://www.akc.org/sports/titles-and-abbreviations/#suffix>
 - I will update all Prefix Titles from the Monthly New Titles Report (i.e. GCH from CH etc.) as shown on the AKC site.
- 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 By-Law has meet and reviewed all comments/suggestions submitted for the By-Laws. The By-Laws have been updated and currently are in the process of legal review.
- F. **Sunshine Committee** – We are up to date on birthday cards. We send out a condolence card and a retirement card.
- G. **Versatility Program** – Four new versatility certificates were processed since the last update- three novice and the first master level.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Charlene
- H. **Field Trial Committee** – Field Trial Committee Report
- Kim has been working to get an AKC Field Trial Judge to be with us on Saturday, September 15, 2018 for the Field Trial Workshop.
 - It has been difficult as September is the beginning of Field Trial season.
 - I have talked to Nuno Ferro by phone several times to get his ideas on how to structure a Field Trial Workshop based on the Instinct Skills Test that is used in Portugal. He has been very helpful in advising us on the best ways to work with Pequenos in introducing them to the hunt. He will be a great resource in coming up with a way to grade individual Pequenos.
 - I have a place where I can get a rabbit for the Workshop and I have a metal crate to use in the Workshop.
 - If we are unable to get an AKC Field Trial Judge to work with us, we will use Kim and Kim's Dachshund friend to run the practice. They are both very experienced in participating in Dachshund Field Trials.
 - We will have a handout for everyone attending the Field Trial
 - Workshop that will include the Portuguese Instinct Skills Test. I will share my conversations that I have had with Nuno relating to the Instinct Skills Test.
 - I am going to ask all of the Field Trial Committee Members to let me know all of the Pequenos that they own or co-own that will be coming to the Specialty so that we have a line-up of the Dogs that will be participating. We will have fliers to hand out at the Purina Farms venue.
 - We are excited about this adventure into getting a Breed
 - Specific Field Trial for Pequenos.
- During the board meeting there was a lot of discussion of the Field Trial Seminar; the chairperson has not followed through with many of the items that she has promised that would be completed. The board has concerns the committee is not ready to hold the Seminar. The board feels the Field Trial Seminar is a fantastic idea, as a club we need to be sure that we present a realistic demonstration with an actual judge. Tonda made a motion to spend up to \$2,500 to have Nuno come to the Field Trial Seminar to present how an actual Natural Skills Test for the Pequeno should be conducted. Rose seconded the motion; all attending

board members voted in favor to have Nuno present the Seminar. The board will invite the Field Trial Committee to a conference call to explain our concerns.

- I. **Code of Ethics** – The Board has decided to hold on the Code of Ethics committee until we have finalized the Revised By-Laws. At this time the committee volunteers will remain in place and shall resume once the By-Laws have been completed.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **2018 Nationals Update** – We have a few loose ends to tie up, but everything will be ready for the Nationals. All of the trophies are done. Margaret made a suggestion that we send the judges the Carla Molinari book as a gift from the club. The committee members will arrive on Thursday to get things set up. We have purchased 12 grooming spaces for the club.
 - B. **PPPA Clothing and Jackets** – Patti and a couple of club members are working on a clothing proposal.
 - C. **Futurity/Maturity** – Susan has a rough draft of the proposed Futurity/Maturity Program for our Club. Please review and we can discuss at the next Board Meeting. The plan is to have the program in place for the 2020 Nationals. THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN TABLED UNTIL AFTER THE 2018 NATIONALS.
 5. **New Business:**
 - A. **2020 Morris & Essex Kennel** – The club has been invited to hold a Specialty or a Support Entry for the 2020 Morris & Essex Kennel Club show in 2020 in New Jersey. The Board has decided to hold a Supported Entry; Margaret will contact the club to let them know that we will hold a Supported Entry.
 - B. **2020/2021 National Judges** – We will start the process of the voting of the 2020/2021 Judges Vote for the Nationals. This year we will include International Judges. This will be started after the 2018 Nationals.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:03 pm est.