

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
December 27th, 2023

Attendees: Susan Souza-President, Shawn Brown -Treasure, Bekki Pina- Vice President, Michelle Collingwood-Secretary, Patti Litchfield- Board Member At Large, Jean Evanoff- Board Member At Large. Kaye Atkinson- Board Member At Large; Diane Conyers- Legislative Liaison

Absent: Shannon Oliver- Board Member at Large; Karen Oglesby- Board Member At Large

Called to order: 6:10 PST

Approval of minutes from November, 2023 Board meeting: Motion to accept the meeting minutes with changes of time from EST to PST made by P. Litchfield and seconded by B. Pina. Motioned carried.

Approval of Report of the Treasurer: Motion to approve the November's treasures report made by K. Atkinson and second by J. Evanoff. Motioned carried.

Committee Reports

- a. Judges Education (Jean Evanoff): Nothing to report
- b. Health and Research (Bud Hidlay): No report
- c. Legislation (Diane Conyers): Nothing to report
- d. Futurity/Maturity (Bekki Pina): Nothing to report
- e. Media Committee (Shannon Oliver): No report
- f. Meet the Breeds (Andrea Roy): Currently, have reserved space for January 27th-28th MTB at the Javitz Center in NYC. Expecting 4 of my own dogs (smooths) and potentially a wire or two from Scarlet Scire depending on availability. Will be putting out another post about headshots and pictures of our members' dogs to accompany our display at MTB. There will be credit given under each picture. Also still looking for volunteers if anybody else is interested or can make even 1 of the 2 days!!
- g. Public Education (Sandra Garner): There were 4 new requests from the last report. (1) Someone looking for anyone near them with Podengo. (2) Someone asking if there was a breed rescue. (3) someone wanted to know if there was a diagram on stacking, foot placement and gaiting podengos, (4) A Pedigree website access question.
- h. Membership (Patti Litchfield): Nothing to report
- i. Sunshine (Chris Schmidt): Sunshine Committee Report for December: 6 Birthday Cards and 2 Well Wishes Card went out.
- j. Historian (Carol Sowders): No report
- k. Code of Ethics Committee (Bekki Pina): Nothing to report
- l. Juniors Liaison (Sherry MacLennan): No Report

Unfinished Business

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A. Small Dog Club Helpers update: S. Brown: There was a question as to whether clubs can do more than one fundraiser. There was a recommendation to do a fundraiser in spring to see how things go. S. Brown to find out if this is possible.

B. Electronic Voting update: S. Oliver- S. Souza contacted Simply Voting. There was a discussion regarding the cost associated with mailing ballots vs. the use of Simply voting. Simply Voting cost is \$200.00 per voting event or a flat fee for how ever often the club wants to vote per year. Simply Voting is a secured way to vote. It may be cost prohibited to use at this time. S. Souza will research for more information from the company and bring back the information to the next meeting.

New Business

A. Designated Specialty Application: There was an application submitted to hold a Designated Specialty on July 6th and 7th 2024. The Specialties would be held at the Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club All-Breed Show in Ottumwa, Iowa. S. Souza made a motion for the Board to accept and approve the request for the designated specialty to be held July 6th and 7th 2024. The motion was second by P. Litchfield. The motion carried.

B. Bred By Exhibitor Award: Best Bred by In Show Award would receive a free litter registration from AKC. To receive the award, the club needs to notify AKC to receive the award. M. Collingwood to notify AKC that our club would like to register for the free litter registration award.

Adjournment: 6:29 PST