

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of January 24, 2018

Board Members in Attendance –

Rose Hidlay – President/By-Laws Committee 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 and Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large

Board Member(s) absent – Patti Litchfield – Vice President/ Membership Chair and Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large

Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:04 PM EST

1. **Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes for December 27, 2017** – Lance made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes from December 27, 2017 with the correction to change the word from valid to invalid under the CHIC update. Lynne seconded the motion. All attending board members voted to accept the minutes with the change as outlined above. The minutes from December 27, 2017 approved with change.

2. **Approval of the Treasurer's Reports:**

Mike made a motion to approve the **December 2017 Treasurer's Report**; Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted to accept the December 2017 Treasurer's report.

Lance made a motion to approve the **January 2018 Treasurer's Report**; Susan seconded the motion. All attending board members voted to accept the January 2018 Treasurer's report.

3. **Reports of Committees:**

A. **Judges Education Committee** – *****No Update at this time*****

B. **Health & Research** –

Good Morning and Happy New Year,

Today I have posted on the PPPA Health Facebook page a call for DNA Test Results for publication on the PPPA Website. Please make sure you share this with all of the PPPA owners in your area and if you know of any who have tested please encourage them to share the information. If they don't wish to publish, it would be good for them to share the results with us in confidence.

I would like to take a minute to share with you a couple of things which have come up within the last couple of months.

1. A few breeders have told me that they are testing but have not reported it because they have used labs not listed on the Form. The labs listed on the form are the only labs currently licensed to perform this test in the US. The process used by almost every lab reveals whether or not the mutations are present. When we set up the free listing, we used only the labs licensed to run the test because if you wish to use the OFA "pay" listing these were the only US labs they would allow. In last month's "Report to the Board", I suggested that we allow these reports to be listed under a lab category of "Other". To me it is important that we have our breeding partner's DNA checked and this provides a way for us to encourage the reporting of same You will see in item 2 why I proposed that. That being said, it still is the responsibility of breeders to request and evaluate all testing of proposed partners. The board did not respond so I will once again ask that they discuss and vote on this issue.
2. Just to make you aware, about three months ago I began to question whether some of our testing under the Optimal Selection program was being used to provide statistical data on

the presence of “prcd/PRA”. The addition of a new website called MyBreedData.com indicated as much and I confirm it with some independent contacts. This was fully described in the first item of the “Report to the Board” for December. If you need a copy of this, please let me know. I have spoken with AKCCHF concerning this as they were unaware of the above website but will do some research.

3. When speaking to the AKCCHF, I also discussed that fact that we have two dogs in the US who have been diagnosed with PRA by at least two ACVO Diplomats and who have been shown through testing to be “Normal/Clear” for both known PRA mutations. We also discussed the presence of Cataracts and Glaucoma as other eye issues we face. They have agreed to recommend to us experts who are currently researching these conditions in other breeds similar to our situation and I am awaiting their response. Note: I did not give them any information concerning who the dogs were as this again will be done in concert with the Owners and/or Breeders to decide if they wish to participate. All of this information is available in the ACVO “Blue Book” along with information on all other breeds.
4. Finally, Margaret had copied me on an email and subsequent mailed information of the Purina Pro Club’s decision to terminate the mail-in “Weight Circle” Program and change to a “take a picture of your receipt and email it to us” (“Receipt Scanning”) Program. Having been a member of the “Pro Club” since 2005 and NOT having received any of this information, I called Purina Pro Club to discuss this. Prior to my making the call, I looked at their website and saw no mention of it in the “News and Announcements” section at the bottom of their home page.

When I spoke to the lady she informed me that this was in fact going to happen sometime in the Summer. When I informed her that two of the last three receipts I had received from Petco did not mention Purina or Pro Plan, she told me “I would have to speak to Petco to get them to change their receipt”. This was the original purpose of my call to AKCCHF and they knew nothing about it either. As you should be aware, the Purina Pro Club in addition to giving breeders rebates also give a percentage in equal amounts of to the Parent Club Health Fund (PPPA) and AKCCHF. This is one of the major sources of income for CHF so they are very concerned about this change. The CEO of CHF is already in contact with Purina.

Mike made a motion to use the word “other” in the lab column on the result database; when a different lab is used than what is recommended by the PPPA Club. Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted to accept the motion.

- C. **Media – Facebook – Website** – We are starting work on the next issue of the PiP Newsletter. We are looking for pictures from Royal Canin and the upcoming Westminster Kennel Club Show.

We have been in touch with an IT professional who knows and understands the Pearl Program that links our Pedigree Database to the GoDaddy Website. The gentlemen can fix the issue to link our Pedigree Database so we can get our program up and running. Rose made a motion to accept the bid of \$65.00 per hour from an outside contractor to link our Pedigree Database to the GoDaddy server; the motion was made with the stipulation, there would be a 4-hour cap on the work performed. Should the work need more than 4 hours, the board must be contacted for approval. Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted to accept the motion for the work.

- D. **Membership** –

As of today, we have a total of 98 PAID Members and 2 PAID Junior Members

52 PAID Single Memberships

9 Single Memberships we are waiting on checks or response

4 Single Memberships that are not renewing

23 PAID Household Memberships = 46 members

6 Household Memberships we are waiting on checks or response = 12 members
2 Household Memberships that are not renewing = 4 members
2 PAID Junior Memberships

We have two pending membership applications, 1 for a single membership (Paula Anne Maloney) and 1 for a Junior Membership (Hunter W. Maloney).

The vote for each of these applications is due on February 13, 2018.

Membership dues are due on the 15th of January, 2018. An email blast will be sent to the membership.

All attending Board Members voted to accept the membership report.

- E. **By-Laws Committee** – We are waiting on the rewording of the 3-year portion if a board member vacates their position. Rose will forward the request to Bruce to have him look at the wording.
 - F. **Sunshine Committee** – The committee has sent out two (2) sympathy cards and a couple birthday cards.
 - G. **Versatility Program** – *****No Update at this time*****
 - H. **Field Trial Committee** – *****No Update at this time*****
 - I. **Awards Committee** – Susan has received the last report of the year; she will work on breaking the report down for awards for 2017.
 - J. **National Specialty Guidelines Committee** – On the RFP under number 2 - We estimate total room nights of 50 to 75 for the duration of the event with an option to increase the number of blocked rooms with notice by **June 1st**. The question was asked if we should change the wording to not include a date; change the wording to 30 days for notice of adding or deleting blocks of rooms. A question regarding number 4 on the RFP - 4. 30 days before the event, any unused blocked rooms will be released and reserved if available for the event. What is the “normal” amount of time a hotel/motel requires? Can this be reduced? Under Room Rates - We request a discounted room rate. Please advise us of your sales and occupancy tax rates. We request the discounted rate be available three days before and for three days after the show. The Board discussed if this was needed in the RFP; the decision was made that we should leave this in. Under Room Concessions - We request 1 complimentary room to host a hospitality for our exhibitors and guests. (this would include having coffee, juice, soft drinks, water, assorted breakfast sweets and snacks supplied by the PPPA and brought in from outside the hotel). This room would be available Mon through Fri from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Board discussed if this was needed; after discussion we decided this should remain; a room for our club to use as meeting place or any type of club use.
Susan will update and return to the board for review. The documents will be kept with the Secretary for interested parties to request when bidding for a National Specialty. The Nationals Guidelines will be reviewed at the February Board Meeting.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **Principle of Integrity Revision of Code of Ethics** – A committee will be formed; Lance will be the Chair for the Committee and a request will be emailed out for volunteers to form the Code of Ethics Review Committee.
 - B. **2018 Nationals Update** – The committee will have a meeting on February 15, 2018; we will have an update for the next meeting.
 - C. **2019 National Specialty** – The Board has accepted the proposal for the 2019 National Specialty to be in Reno, NV, the proposed dates would be August 16 - 19, 2019 with the Specialty to be held on Friday, August 17, 2019. The member picked judge will be contacted to see if they are willing and available to judge our specialty. If the top ranked judge is unavailable, we then go down the list until we find an available judge.

A. **Breeders list on website** – To be listed on the breeders listing on the club website; the breeders listed **MUST** have a valid and active CHIC number of the dogs/bitches of their breeding stock. Our website currently states:

“The breeders listed here have certified that they have and will continue to perform health tests on all breeding partners in accordance with the recommendations as stated in the PPPA Code of Ethics. These tests include Hip Dysplasia by performing either OFA Evaluation or Penn Hip Evaluation, Patellar Luxation by OFA Evaluation, and Eye Examination by a Board Certified ACVO Ophthalmologist with the results registered with OFA CAER within one year of breeding. When in full compliance with the above, the breeder is provided with a CHIC Number for both the Sire and Dam.”

5. **New Business:**

A. **Unsportsmanship Conduct** – The board has been approached with unsportsmanship of members of the club. Members telling other members and NON members that their dogs do not meet standards and should not be in the show ring. It is our job as Board Members and Club Members to support our breed and the exhibitors of our breed. If we as members of our club hear or see members and non-members acting in an unsportsmanship manner; we need to step up put a stop to the behavior. We need support ALL members and non-members involved with our breed.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm est.