

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of September 25, 2019

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

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 6:06 PM PST

1. **Approval of the minutes from August 28, 2019** – Bekki made a motion to accept the August 28, 2019 minutes, with corrections; Jean seconded the motion. Motion passed. Corrections are noting new members voted in, Julie Hanners and Matt Wildridge (Family) and David & Kathryn Winslow (Family)
2. **Treasurer Report**-Jean reported a balance of \$17,649.41 with just a couple of outstanding checks left.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** –Discussion about letter received from a member regarding excessive grooming witnessed ringside and how to address it in Judges Ed. It was decided to discuss this further under New Business. There will be a JE presentation at the show in NJ.
 - B. **Health & Research** –Bud Hilday- Report will be published on members page.
 - C. **Membership** –Patti Litchfield- As of today we have 70 Single Memberships, 31 Household Memberships and 2 JR members for a total of 132 members, with 1 application (Pat Hodges) pending for October.
 - D. **Sunshine Committee** – No report, but Susan Souza reported receiving a card.
 - E. **Versatility Program** – No report
 - F. **Futurity/Maturity Committee** – Bekki Pina reports we have 13 bitches nominated, and 23 puppies enrolled in the Futurity.
 - G. **Media**- No report
 - H. **Meet the Breeds**- Report sent by Rose, first MTB was held, small turnout but went well. There will be a two-day MTB at Del Valle KC Harvest Moon classic in Pleasanton, CA on Oct 19 & 20 hosted by Susan Souza. The Committee is working on materials to be handed out at MTB. An email will go out about AKC National Championship show for volunteers.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **AKC Member Status** – Susan reported she is working on the ledgers and will have more to report next month.
 - B. **2020 National Updates:** Susan Souza reported nothing new, Jean reported paying the AKC show fee.
 - C. **2021 National:** Susan Souza reported nothing to report.
 - D. **National Judge Nominations:** Shawn reported nominations are slow to come in. There was a small discussion about revisiting the exact method of nominations in the future.
 - E. **Membership Email:** Shawn reported maybe 3 members have asked for hard copies.
 - F. **Top Ten Committee:** Susan Souza reported that Jenna Orvos, Sarah McCollum, Shawn Brown, Stacy Faw and herself have volunteered to serve. The judges, scoresheet has been reduced and updated.

5. New Business

- A. **AKC Reports:** AKC sent out its annual report on low entry breeds, which we are still on.
- B. **Grooming Letter:** Much discussion about how to effectively handle the issue. Nola suggested emailing the members reminding them of what the standard requires, which is “Dogs whose coat has been altered by excessive sculpting, clipping or artificial means shall be penalized as to be effectively eliminated from competition.” It was also decided that the JE committee will contact Tim Thomas, AKC Judges Operations Dept head, about the best way to get this message out to the judges. Members will be reminded to instruct their handlers in proper presentation as well.
- C. **2021 Purina Farms Contract:** Details about which rooms are needed based on proposed agenda of show were discussed. The National is set for Thursday, The Hound Specialties will be held on Friday, and the All Breeds on Saturday and Sunday. Motion by Susan, Second by Patti to pay PF the deposit. PASSED.
- D. **Membership Notation in BOD Minutes:** short discussion about including new and prospective members in BOD minutes to preserve the info as a permanent record of the club. Also, any BOD business conducted via email will be noted where needed. Susan asked BOD’s to please reply to such emails ASAP, even if to say no opinion.
- E. **Limiting Sponsorship of New Members:** After much discussion, and reference to By Laws, it was decided no action will be taken at this time.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PST

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Brown, Secretary