

## Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

### Minutes for Board Meeting of July 22, 2020

**Board Members in Attendance** – Susan Souza – President, Shawn Brown-Secretary, Jean Evanoff – Treasurer, Patti Litchfield — Board Member At Large, Karen Oglesby Board Member At Large, Nola Boyd - Board Member At Large, Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large

**Board Member(s) absent:** Kaye Atkinson – Board Member At Large, Bekki Pina- VP

**Meeting was called to order** by President Susan Souza, at 6:04 PM PST

1. **Approval of the minutes from June 24, 2020** Patti made a motion to accept the minutes, Jean seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. **Treasurer Report-** report **ATTACHED**
3. **Reports of Committees:**
  - A. **Judges Education Committee** –Nothing to Report
  - B. **Health & Research** –No report
  - C. **Membership** –Patti Litchfield- at present, we have 141 members; 79 single and 31 Household. No pending membership applications at this time.
  - D. **Sunshine Committee** – No report
  - E. **Futurity/Maturity Committee** – Bekki reported 3 new Bitch nominations for 2021, 1 whelping notification for 2021 and 31 puppy nominations for 2020.
  - F. **Media-** **Still need a committee for this!**
  - G. **Meet the Breeds-** No report due to no activity.
  - H. **2020 National-** Debby has put updates on the FB page.
  - I. **Legislative** – Diane Conyers reports that there was 10 legislative alerts between 6/24 and 7/20. 4 involved specific cities, none of our members live in any of those cities. 4 were State specific and related to Covid 19 liability protection. They were Louisiana, Mississippi, Utah and North Carolina. Although 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. 1 Michigan alert regarding proposed regulating of Rescues and fosters to ensure proper care and such. Forwarded to members who live in Michigan. 1 Washington alert, The WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife was seeking public comment on proposed changes to the regulations for hunting contests. Forwarded to members living in WA.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. **Pedigree Data Base:** Current one has limitations, and Bud is still working on getting photo addition available. He is unable to simply download his data base into the other. People should be able to add their dogs at this time.
  - B. **Non Allowable colors:** Susan had a detailed conversation with AKC. Her letter to the Board is as follows: Dear Board –  
I spoke to AKC (Chris Weiss) this morning for nearly an hour reviewing the options for allowing the registration of the tri-color dog as Lance had requested at the last board meeting. Here is what I was able to find out. We have a couple of options. **REQUEST TO CHANGE THE STANDARD** – To remove the disqualifying colors from the standard would require a 2/3 vote approval from the membership. This could be done but not list them on the registration form requiring ‘special’ registration process. (see alternative color registration requirements) **ALTERNATE COLOR REGISTRATION** – Adding the disqualifying colors to the registration form (as alternate colors) can be done at the request of the parent club board in writing to AKC. No membership vote is required. Registration would not be automatically limited as AKC does not police that and is it possible for a breeder to register the alternative

colors with full registration for breeding purposes. The dogs would still not be eligible for conformation showing. This registration process would require 2 photos to be submitted with the registration form and a letter of request to register the dog as an alternate color. We cannot add the colors to PAL (purebred alternative listing) without adding them to the full registration form as alternate color. Pros – the parent club would be able to track these dogs’ registration with AKC. (I cannot think of anything else) Cons – neither AKC nor the parent club would be able to police the future breeding of these dogs and it would be left up to the breeders to register on limited registration to avoid future generations of dogs being bred and litters registered, etc. AKC does not have an automatic limited registration for off/disqualified colors. (Though I did put that in their suggestion box, so to speak.) The alternative to full or PAL registration is to register the dog as AKC All American. No breed name would be listed. However, we could work around this as exception to offer awards to members we know have purebred PPP that are competing on dog sports. (this could be added to standing rules) It was also mentioned that dogs are registered as the wrong color quite often and AKC does not police that either. Lastly, one of the original points to registering the individual dog was so that it could compete in Lure Coursing however, I wanted to point out that regardless of registration the Lure Coursing rules are as follows... SECTION 4. BREED DISQUALIFICATIONS. Hounds with breed disqualifications, as listed in the AKC Breed Standards, are ineligible to enter lure coursing trials and tests. PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS—Behavior – Aggressive or overly shy. Eyes – Of different color. Jaws – Undershot or overshot. Ears – Folded or hanging. Color - Brindle, Black and Tan, Tricolor, Solid White. Which means that even if we did add the color to registration the dogs are ineligible to compete in lure coursing trials. We will certainly discuss further at the next scheduled board meeting. Nola made the motion to NOT take any action on this at the present, Second by Jean, passed.

#### 5. **New Business:**

- A. **Awards:** Susan is near completion of the Awards Booklet. She shared a story of a “History Making PPP”, and discussion followed about offering a special award for such a prestigious accomplishment. Without spilling the beans of what this accomplishment is, the minutes will only reflect that much was discussed, and ideas are being checked on for availability as a permanent award.
- B. **Top 20:** 3 entries so far, deadline is Aug 15.
- C. **ANNUAL MEETING:** Will be held before the banquet on Saturday evening. We know this is not the preferred time slot, but the tight schedule and lack of meeting space has made this happen this year.
- D. **Email from Member:** brought up 3 items. The first was their concern about 3 of their 4 dogs having some type of possible “seizure”. Bud was able to identify 6 dogs being reported with some data on possible CECS. One dog on that list is related to this members dogs. Bud, and the Board, feel there is simply not enough dogs affected, and in our data base for the club to be able to take any action at this time. The Board would always urge any member with a health question, or issue, to please contact the Health Committee. Discretion will always be used, but unless breeders are open and honest there will never be viable solutions to health problems. Susan will contact Bud to see if he is willing to put together a “Health Survey”. It was also noted that there are MANY issues that can cause these kinds of behavior, such as environmental, and food sensitivities. Gluten in particular can be an issue. The second question was about the AKC webinar series for Judges Education. This was brought up last meeting and Bekki was looking into it. Jean will follow up on it and get it moving forward. The third inquiry was about the club offering some kind of official “logowear”. The Board discussed Café Press, and it was mentioned that Karen had a connection to someone well versed in that. She will follow up and get back to the Board.

- E. **Email from Member:** It was asked if we do anything with Embark genetic testing. According to Embark, we do not have enough dogs in their database to make an offering at this time.
- F. **Performance Event at 2021 National:** Chris Allen sent a note offering us the availability to have a supported agility trial on Tuesday and Wednesday prior to our show. Our only cost would be any special awards or ribbons. The board was unanimous in support of this. Chris also stated they hold OB & Rally on a per capita basis divided between all the clubs that participate. While we presently have few to no entries in these, it would not cost us anything to offer this in case a member decides to participate. These would be on Wednesday morning.
- G. **2022 National:** The Board is holding off on any info for this until after we pull off 2020.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM PST  
Respectfully submitted by Shawn Brown