

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of December 27, 2017

Board Members in Attendance –

Rose Hidlay – President/By-Laws Committee Chair, Patti Litchfield – Vice President/ Membership Chair, Michael Hobbs-Ohlinger – Secretary, Robin Kirtley – Board Member At Large, Susan Souza – Board Member At Large, Lynne Spencer – Board Member At Large and Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large and Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large

Board Member(s) absent – Margaret Boisture – Treasurer/Sunshine Committee

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

1. **Approval of the minutes from November 29, 2017** – Patti made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted; Susan seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the November 29, 2017 Board Minutes approved
2. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for December 2017** – *****No Update at this time*****
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** – *****No Update at this time*****
 - B. **Health & Research – DNA Update**

1. **MyBreedData Update**

It has now been confirmed both in Finland and the USA that information on the website MyBreedData was collected from testing conducted by Genescoper and others. The information shown for Portuguese Podengo – Wirehaired Miniature showing percentages of “Carriers” and “Affected” dogs of prcd/PRA was done prior to them having an official license, so they could not legally inform customers of the results. The information was published in the above reference database so the public could be “informed” of the existence of the mutation in the breed.

Genescoper through MyDogDNA now has a license and charge an additional 189 € charge for the single prcd/PRA test to be added to the 99 € Panel Test in the EU. The Optimal Selection panel, which has been run on many of our dogs in the USA, does not have the option to include this test. Just recently several breeders in the EU are using Paw Print Genetics for testing for the three known mutations using our discounted cost of \$105 and getting results in two weeks.

Note: It is probable that some of our dogs were tested and are included in these percentages and we would not have been informed.

See Addendum A which shows the current copy of our Voluntary Disclosed DNA Testing for our three known mutations. I will post a notice for anyone to include their test information and then post a year end copy next week.

2. **Paw Print Genetics Update**

Lisa Shaffer of Paw Print Genetics has confirmed that our discounts will still be in effect for 2018. I have included the discounted pricing as Addendum B.

Here are the statistics as of today: (Totals to be sent out as soon as I receive them).

3. **Other Testing Labs Update**

Several of our Members and Non-Members have used other labs for DNA Testing. Many have forwarded test results from other labs so I could see they did test. I have heard comments like “We know you don’t like the other Labs but they are less expensive for a single test.” The fact is that these Labs ARE NOT licensed to run the test. OFA will not

post a test from a lab who is not licensed. There is also some concerns about the OC of these labs.

Requested Board Action: I would like the board's permission to list these labs as "Other" with a note that the breeders should review copies of all reports (from any lab) prior to breeding.

EYE Update

1. 2016 Blue Book

The 2016 Blue Book is now available on the OFA website:

<https://www.ofa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/BB-2016-v9-DRAFT-5.pdf>

The PPPequenos pages are 782-785. See Addendum C.

This was just published and I have not had a chance to take a close look at it.

CHIC Update

1. 2017 End of Year Review

There are currently 83 CHIC numbers listed for PPPequenos. Sixteen (16) are shown to be invalid due to lack of current eye test. Some have been spayed or neutered and some may have passed. We all need to check our dogs to make sure all information is correct and valid. Here is a link:

http://caninehealthinfo.org/results.html?num=&namecontains=N&part=&breed=PPD&variety=&sex=&birthday_start_month=&birthday_start_year=&birthday_end_month=&birthday_end_year=&birthday=&clear=&submit=Begin+Search

By clicking your dog's name, you will be directed to the OFA record and if the chick logo behind the name is redish color you status if valid. If the logo is gray colored, you eye test is probably over 1-year-old.

C. **Media – Facebook – Website** - Bud is still working on the website. Margaret is getting pics of the Meet The Breed and National Dog Show for the PiP. Nothing else in the works at this time

D. **Membership** – As of today, we have a total of 127 Members and 2 Junior Members

65 Single Memberships

31 Household Memberships = 62 members

2 Junior Memberships

Jonathan Waterman was changed to a single membership (DOB 10/16/99)

Debbie Kahla was added as a single membership

Monica Lanatta was added as a Junior Member

An email was sent to the membership on 12/13/17 confirming that the renewal forms were mailed on November 15, 2017, and if they have not received theirs to let me know right away. Suzanne Faria is the only one who has said she has not received hers. I mailed it again today 12/13 after verifying her address twice. If she does not receive it by next Tuesday I will mail it with signature required.

There are no other membership applications pending.

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

E. **By-Laws Committee** – We are waiting on the rewording of the 3-year portion if a board member vacates their position.

F. **Sunshine Committee** – *****No Update at this time*****

G. **Versatility Program** – *****No Update at this time*****

H. **Field Trial Committee** – *****No Update at this time***** At the Board Meeting, the question came up if the Field Trial events the committee is looking into are geared towards the sight hounds, such as the events other sight hound breeds participate in. We were interested in the types of events the committee were contemplating for our breed? These questions will be asked of the committee for clarification.

- I. **Awards Committee** – *****No Update at this time*****
 - J. **National Specialty Guidelines Committee** – The outline has been submitted to the board to review and discuss at the next Board Meeting.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **2017 Meet The Breed at Westminster** – Margaret Boisture has volunteered to organize the Meet The Breed booth held at Westminster 2018. The AKC 9th Annual Meet the Breeds ® will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Meet The Breed booth, please contact Margaret at margaretboisture@gmail.com
 - B. **Donation for Natural Disasters** – A check has been sent to the Broward County Humane Shelter to aid in the assistance of animals and their owners that were affected by the natural disasters that occurred in Puerto Rico and Florida.
 - C. **Principle of Integrity Revision of Code of Ethics** – A committee will be formed for the review our current Code of Ethics. Lance will be heading the committee.
 - D. **2018 Nationals Update** – The show committee had a monthly meeting on December 19, 2018; we have increased the number of the hotels blocked to 35 rooms. We started the discussion of the awards for the show; Neva will be putting together sample pictures for different types of awards for the committee to review. We have several volunteers for the auction and hospitality. We are starting to review options for the sweepstakes judge. We will be focusing our search on judges that are working towards their AKC license for the Pequenos. We have 2 judges that have volunteered to ring steward (inside and outside) for our Nationals, we have accepted their gesture. Our next meeting will be held in January.
 - E. **2019 National Specialty** – We have received 1 application for the 2019 National Specialty. The application is for Reno, NV, the proposed dates would be August 16 - 19, 2019. We will hold the application for other applications and for a vote in January 2018.
 - F. **PPPA Advertising** – The breed flyers have been made up, they were available at the AKC National show in December. A suggestion was made for a change in the health section regarding the eye testing. The change will be made and additional flyers will be available to use for Meet The Breeds and other functions. We will use parts of this for the flyer that will be inserted into new puppy registrations through AKC. Rose will send Susan flyers to be used at the Cow Palace show in California.
5. **New Business:**
- 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.”
 - B. **Volunteers** – How do we as a club get more club members to volunteer to promote our breed? Part of supporting the parent club is volunteering at Meet The Breeds and other functions to promote our breed.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm est.