

PPPA General Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 26-2016

Attendees:

Suzanne Faria, Susan Souza, Shawn Brown, Susan M. Carter, Diane Conyers, Carol Sowders, John Fitzpatrick DVM, Penny Schroeder, Sandy Gillen, Harriet Haydon, Nola D Boyd, Lance McGinness, Candace Hanscom, Debbie Leoni, Darlene Devaney, and Anne-Marie Arthur. Vicki Ganser and Kalista Ganser.

Meeting brought to order by President Suzanne Faria at 5:33 PM

Minutes (2015): ~~Suzanne Faria asked to view the minutes for changes. The membership discussed changes to include: adding the list of attendees present at the meeting. Remove details pertaining to Jean's comments. It should only read that Jean Evanoff (secretary at the time of Carol's application) presented the side of the board. All info before and after that paragraph were okay. Discussed again. Susan Carter motioned made to accept minutes with changes, and before publishing to include a list of the attendees. Sandy Gillen second, so moved.~~ The minutes from the 2015 General Membership Meeting were approved by the membership and finalized by the Officers and Board members at the February 24, 2016 Board Meeting. The 2015 General Membership Minutes will stand as approved.

President's Report: No report

Secretary's report: No report

Treasurer's report: 2015 National found error and corrected, discussed. Balance January 1, 2015 \$10,692.62 – December 31, 2015 \$13,992.14.

Media Committee: No report

Health Committee: John Fitzpatrick advised the membership that the board recently approved a pedigree service that would also provide coefficient information. The cost to the club \$499.00 that includes one year of support and updates.

Judges Education: Next scheduled judges' education will be held the weekend of January 18-21, 2017 in Portland, OR. Susan Souza will be attending the event.

Old Business: John Fitzpatrick reported that the board had reviewed several pedigree services and that one was purchased.

New Business:

Susan Carter asked for the many board members were present; Suzanne Faria, Penny Schroeder, John Fitzpatrick DVM, and Lance McGinness. Missing were; Michael Ohlinger, Patti Litchfield, Robin Kirtley, Rose Hilday, and Stacy Faw. Discussed reasons provided to the board members for their absence. Susan Carter motioned for a possible by laws change to include

requirement for board members to attend the annual general membership meeting as they are the representatives of the club. It was agreed that it certainly should be the expectation for those accepting office. Lance McGinness agreed to check with AKC to verify what requirements can and should be imposed on the officers and board members. Membership discussed. Carol Sowders; second, so moved.

Susan Souza reported that she had presented a list of ideas to the board in January 2016. Those included possible changes to the by-laws, National show committee guidelines, and an awards program;

She was happy to announce that the board had approved a portion of the awards and those would be presented at the banquet the next night, for top 10 in several categories of performance and conformation. A new title holder was also in discussion but had not been approved yet. Need to determine which new titles qualify for the award. Membership discussed ideas including self-reporting verses buying AKC reports.

She reported that the National Specialty Show Guidelines were still pending a response. The idea is to develop a check list of sorts, so that anyone could feel comfortable offering to host a National. Discussed what the guidelines would include; the announcement of the next year's National Specialty at the general membership meeting; hotel negotiation, meeting space, judges' communication, etc. Susan Souza volunteered to lead a National Guidelines committee. Carol Sowders motioned. Nola Boyd; second. So moved.

Nola Boyd asked that communication and details pertaining to the National be more specific and in one location easy to find for the membership. Discussed and agreed all info should be posted to the club's website first and updated regularly. Postings to face book only as back up and should always reference the website. In addition, the membership asked for details regarding the 2017 the only known info at the time was the location; Lexington, KY the date September 3-5, 2017 and the judge: Steven Gladstone. There is so much more information needed; hotel location, room rate, etc.

Lance McGinness reported that the first draft of changes to the by-laws have been presented to the board for review.

Suzanne Faria announced that she was stepping down as president effective immediately. John Fitzpatrick DVM would be the interim president while the board fills other slots until the next election.

Meeting adjourned: 6:45PM