

**Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 31, 2023**

**Attendees:** Susan Souza-President, Shawn Brown -Treasure, Bekki Pina- Vice President, Michelle Collingwood- Interim Secretary, Jean Evanoff- Board Member At Large, Kay Atkinson- Board Member At Large, Patti Litchfield- Board Member At Large, Shannon Oliver- Board Member At Large, Diane Conyers- Legislative Liaison.

**Date:** May 31, 2023

**Called to order:** 6:05pm PST

**Approval of minutes from March, 2023 meeting:** Motion to approve made by K. Atkinson and second by B. Pina. Motion carried.

**Approval of Report of the Treasurer:** Motion to approve April 2023 Treasures report made by B. Pina and second by K. Atkinson. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

1. Judges Education (Jean Evanoff): Four judges have signed up for judges' education at the Nationals in Wilmington. There has been a request asking for judge's education in conjunction with a show in Pheonix Arizona 2026. The Board agrees to confirm that judge's education will be provided at the 2026 Pheonix Arizona shows.
2. Health and Research (Bud Hidlay): see addendum
3. Legislation (Diane Conyers): D. Conyer requested input from the Board on which Delegate committees she should join in her representation of the club delegate. There was a recommendation to join the Parent Club Committee.
4. Futurity/Maturity (Bekki Pina):
  - 2023 Bitches 8 - no change
  - 2024 Bitches 5
  - 2023 Whelping notifications: 7 - no change
  - 2023 Futurity Notifications: 14 - no change
  - 2023 Maturity Notifications: 11 - no change
  - 2024 Maturity Notifications: 7- no change

5. Media Committee (Shannon Oliver): No Report
6. Meet The Breeds (Andrea Roy): Currently communicating with other members and the club to generate interest in future MTB events. There are two in the upcoming months, 1 in conjunction with the international kennel club of Chicago, IL in late August and 1 in Columbus, OH in mid-October. More information will be provided in the future, however if any club members are interested, feel free to contact the BOD or Andrea Roy. No matter how small the favor, we are grateful. Nothing further to report.
7. Public Education (Sandra Garner): There have been six requests for information: 1) A request for information about a rescue adopted dog that originated in Texas wanting to know if it's a PPP, 2) Requesting info on where to find a rescue or puppy, 3) a person interested in getting a PPP, 4) someone looking for PPP people in their area, 5) A person asking for information about how to tell if their rescue was a Podengo, 6) A person who has a PPP wanted to know about joining the club.
8. Membership (Patti Litchfield): As of May 26, 2023 there is 140 total members, 86 single members and 27 household membership. There are no memberships pending at this time.
9. Sunshine (Chris Schmidt): Cards were ordered and received. All April birthdays and handmade care card for Nola Boy were mailed.
10. 2023 Nationals (Sarah McCollum): I have updated the premium for the 2023 National and given that information to Our show super/secretary. Susan Souza published an updated schedule of events on the FB page. (Mine was ready to publish but she beat me to the punch.) All the trophies are sponsored at this time. As trophy chairman I have spent club funds approximately under \$1200.00 We are waiting, still, for the menu from The Roberts Center. They have a new food vendor and don't have a set menu as this time. Debby Adams has secured the T-shirt and sweatshirt vendor and this will be done all online. They have our logo and come in white or sport gray. Respectfully submitted, Sarah McCollum
11. Historian (Darlene Devaney): No Report
12. Code of Ethics Committee (Bekki Pina): The committee has been meeting via email. Due to timing, an actual meeting has not taken place. More work needs to be completed, so will need to extend out to May Board meeting to submit approval. There was a recommendation from COE Committee members to get legal guidance regarding

verbiage. Once the Board reviews the final draft a determination can be made with regards to seeking legal counsel.

13. Junior Liaison (Sherry MacLennan): I am working on getting somethings together to try to get more juniors involved.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Historian discussion: There has been multiple attempts to reach out to the Historian Chair without a response. A proposal was made to reach out to the club for volunteers to become the club historian. A recommendation to define the job prior to soliciting volunteers was made. S. Souza will reach out to other clubs for information about historian responsibilities and report back at the June meeting.
2. PPPA Supported Entry and Designated Specialty Application and Guidelines. Reviewed by the Board. Motion to approve made by B. Pina and S. Brown second. Motion carried.
3. National Specialty Request Guidelines and Request: reviewed by Board. Motion to approve made by B. Pina and S. Brown second. The motion carried.

### **New Business**

1. Supported Entry Request- Sacramento Valley KC. S Brown request permission from the Board to hold a Supported Entry for October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion to approve by P. Litchfield, second S. Oliver. Motion carried.
2. Canine Chronicle Article rebuttal. M. Collingwood request the Board review the article written by J. Evanoff and vote on approval via email by Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board was in agreement with the recommendation.
3. Eye Clinic at Nationals: The eye clinic has been set and will be held on the day of the Futurity competition. There was a question regarding fee for the service. A discussion occurred regarding the use of the club's health fund to subsidize the eye exam fees. There is a recommendation that the fee for eye exam to be \$45.00/dog. PPPA Club members fee will be \$35.00/dog with the club subsidizing \$10.00/dog. No decision made at this time. Will be revisited at the next Board meeting.
4. Microchip Clinic at Nationals. There was a discussion regarding having a microchip clinic at the Nationals. P. Litchfield will investigate the cost associated with purchasing microchips and provide the information to the Board for review and approval.



5. ROM/ROMX listing on the website: There was a discussion about whether to list ROM and ROMX on the club's website. Board was agreement to list the names of the ROM/ROMX recipients on club's website.
6. Parent Club AKC Judge Selection for AKC Nationals: The Board agrees to send 5 judge recommendations to AKC based on AKC requirements. The methodology of picking judges was based on membership national judge nominations from the past three years that meet the AKC requirements for selection. These names will be used as a recommendation to AKC for the 2025 AKC Nationals.
7. AKC Sportsmanship Award: M. Collingwood to send out email to the membership for AKC Sportsmanship Award nominations. Email votes from the membership are to be sent to M. Collingwood and B. Pina.
8. Standing Rules: The Code of Ethics Committee (COE) discussed health testing requirements and the appropriate location where it should reside (COE vs. Standing Rule). Request from B. Pina that standing rules include CHIC requirements for OFA as the requirement for health testing may change over time. Motion to list the health conditions that affect our breed and the requirement for CHIC testing in the Standing Rules was made by S. Souza. K. Atkinson second. Motion carried.
9. 2025 National. There were no proposals submitted from the membership for the 2025 Nationals. The Board will pick the location of the 2025 Nationals as a default. The Board agrees that the 2025 Nationals will be held in Kansas. S. Souza made a motion to reach out to host hotel for a contract. Seconded by S. Oliver. The motion carried.

**Adjournment:** 7:15pm PST

**PPPA Health and Research Committee Report to the Board  
April 26, 2023**

**Report of Testing Price change of Paw Print Genetics:**

I received the following email from Paw Print Genetics last Friday, April 21, 2023

Hello,

*Thank you for being a continuous partner breed club with Paw Print Genetics. Neogen® is excited to announce and implement new technology that is allowing us to change the pricing of Paw Print Genetic® tests. Neogen is dedicated to research and development, customer feedback, and affordability. With those guiding principles, Neogen has made this change. This change also comes at the request of you, our loyal customer, for consistent and affordable pricing. You will no longer need to wait for a sale or use a specific coupon code to receive the best price possible. The price for one single test is \$55, and we discount the price of our tests with each additional test ordered for the same dog. Due to our pre-existing relationship, we have reviewed and renewed your club's discount with updates. Codes can be used on any Paw Print Genetics order, exclusions apply.*

**CODE – PPPA23**

*Details – Save 20% off any order including diseases, coat colors & traits. Included the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno panel(s). Code does not apply towards DNA profiling, parentage, clear by parentage, or collie DMS testing.*

*Valid – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

*For the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno the new panel price is \$181.00. With your discount applied that would bring it to \$144.80 at 20%.*

*If there are any questions or concerns, please direct all questions to Caitlin Swingley at [cswingley@neogen.com](mailto:cswingley@neogen.com) or at 509-241-8367. We are happy to hear your voice and do what we can to make this change go as smooth as possible.*

Thanks

*Danielle Ray & Caitlin Swingley*

In evaluating this change, it appears that this is a substantial increase for testing. My recommendation is that we now encourage the members to use Optimal Selection which gives us far more testing for \$129.99. Some breeders are also using Embark currently listed at \$139. They will receive the same test we currently get from PPG plus 200 other potential conditions. Color is another advantage you get with these panels.

If you have any questions or want more information, please let me know.

Respectively Submitted,

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