

## Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

### Minutes for Board Meeting of November 30, 2022

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

**Meeting was called to order by** President Susan Souza, at 6:08 PM PST

1. **Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes September 2022** – Shawn motioned to accept; Patti 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion carried.

**Approval of the General Membership Meeting Minutes – September 2022** – Bekki motioned to accept; Kaye 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion carried.

2. **Treasurer Report** – No report. Will have October, November, and National report by December meeting.

3. **Reports of Committees:**

A. **Judges Education Committee** – Jean Evanoff – JE AKC/DJAA Advanced Judges Institute – December 15 – Orlando, FL

B. **Futurity/Maturity** – Bekki Pina –

- 2023 Nominated Bitches: 8
- 2023 Whelping Notifications: 5
- 2023 Futurity Nominated: 6
- 2023 Maturity Nominated: 11
- 2024 Maturity Nominated: 4

C. **Health & Research** – Bud Hiday – Every month I receive the AKC Stud Book Report. This report lists each Sire or Dam which has recorded their first litter. So far this year, there have been 15 entries and I've taken the time to check each entry regarding whether they have a CHIC number. The results of study showed only 4 had received the designation with 2 showing partial tests and 9 had NO test recorded. I also checked the Sire and Dam of each one and the results were as follows:

Sires:

- CHIC 2
- None 7
- Partial 6 (3-All Eyes Only)

Dams

- CHIC 9
- None 3
- Partial 3 (All Eyes Only)

There are 98 listings of CHIC numbered dogs on the OFA website from 2011 to 2022. We currently have 74 listed on the PPPA-database online. I will check and make sure these are all marked correctly. It did; however, cause me to look at our "Code of Ethics" again. The word "CHIC" does not appear there, but the individual tests need to qualify are all listed there as well as the requirement to identify all dogs with Microchips or Tattoos (not mentioned in our Code of Ethics.) The required tests are Hip Dysplasia (OFA Eval or PennHIP Eval), ACVO Eye Exam,

and Patellar Luxation OFA Eval. You can read about this here: <https://ofa.org/chic-programs/browse-by-breed/?breed=PPD>

I would like to suggest that the Board of Directors as well as the Health Committee schedule a Zoom Meeting to discuss the “Code of Ethics” in greater detail. The document has remained on-touched since August 1, 2009, when we were still in FFS. I have attached a copy of the “Code” with several highlights to start the conversation. If you have any questions, please let me know..

- D. **Legislation** – Diane Conyers –
- E. **Media** – Shannon Oliver –
- F. **Membership** – Patti Litchfield –
  - 146 Members
  - 92 Single Memberships,
  - 27 Household Memberships = 54 members

No Pending Membership Applications.

October’s Membership report should have said 146 members not 149.

All 2023 Membership Dues Invoices were mailed on 11/15/22

- G. **Meet The Breeds** – Andrea Roy – MTB – January 28-29, 2023, at the Javits Center NY. Patti Litchfield reported that she, Becky Armstrong and Susan and Stacy Faw all participated in the MTB held in Columbus OH in October. They had a full day with lots of public traffic.
- H. **Public Education – TBD** – Need a member volunteer to respond to emails sent to the club’s website.
- I. **Sunshine Committee** – Nola Boyd – All November birthday cards have been sent. Working on six for December.
- J. **ROM/ROMX** – Bekki Pina – The 2022 qualifying certificates were also posted on the Club’s FB page.
- K. **2023 National Specialty** – Patti Litchfield reported – All going as planned. Will provide copy of logo by next meeting.
- L.

#### 4. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. **Judges Selection Process** – Shawn reported that the ballots for the 2024 National Specialty Judge have been sent. Mailed on November 15, 2022. Results due by December 9, 2022.
- B. **2023 Regional Specialty Judge** – Jean reported she has not received the returned contract from Jamie Hubbard. No response via email. Will need to call him.
- C. **MTB** – Bekki motioned to accept Andrea Roy as the new Meet the breeds Chair. Kaye 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion carried.
- D. **Versatility Award form update** – Susan reported that the Versatility Award form has been updated and sent to Bud to post to the website.
- E. **Zelle Account option** – Shawn reported that our account is not eligible.
- F. **New Club Historian** – Welcome Darlene Devaney. Thank you.

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

- A. **Change to the Standing Rules** – Susan reported per AKC it was suggested to remove “Attending the Annual Meeting” as a club privilege. Discussed. Susan made motion; Patti 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.
- B. **Public Ed Chair needed** – person to answer emails sent via the club’s website. Susan to include request when minutes are sent.

- C. **Judges Selection Process Update** – Susan made a motion to make specific updates to the guidelines regarding communication to the membership and to add the verbiage the Sweepstakes judge is selected one year in advance. Discussed. Patti 2<sup>nd</sup>; Motion carried.
- D. **Awards Committee Member** – Susan reported that she would like to add 1-2 ppl to the Awards committee to assist with the Annual Awards program
- E. **Secretary Position** – Per email from Jean Evanoff, she is unable to continue as the club Secretary and needs to resign. Discussed. No other board member volunteered to take on the assignment. Susan to fill in until we receive a volunteer from the membership. Susan to announce open position when minutes are sent.
- F. **Code of Ethics** – It was suggested by member Bud Hidlay that we review and update the Club's Code of Ethics. Not done since inception. Board Agrees. Bekki volunteered to chair the committee and invite Bud to participate. Discussed have 3 or 5 members. Other names were suggested. Bekki will reach out to members and report back to the Board who the members are.
- G. **AKC Pupdate** – Bekki will work with AKC to get the breed newsletter completed. This will be sent to all new puppy registrations.
- H. **Club Disciplinary Action and Suspension** – The Board filed charges against members Margaret Boisture, D'Arry Jone Frank and Rose Hidlay for actions taken by them that were "prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed", (see Article VI - Section 3 of the Constitution and Bylaws) They elected not to attend their individual hearings that were conducted regardless of their presence. As a result the PPPA Board determined the defendants guilty and has set a club suspension from all club privileges, effective immediately, to last until the next Annual Meeting dated August 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at which time we reserve the right to present the evidence to the membership with a request for expulsion from the club.
- I.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM PST

**Next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023**