

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of August 23, 2017

Board Members in Attendance –

Rose Hidlay – President/By-Laws Committee Chair, Patti Litchfield – Vice President/ Membership Chair, Michael Hobbs-Ohlinger – Secretary, Margaret Boisture – Treasurer/Sunshine Committee, 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

Board Member(s) absent –

Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large

Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:02 PM EST

1. **Approval of the minutes from July 26, 2017** – All attending board members voted in favor of the minutes. July 26, 2017 minutes approved.
2. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for July 2017** – The Board reviewed the income and payments. The income for the month were mostly for the National Specialty. The report has been changed a little to make it easier to read. All attending board members voted in favor of the Treasurer Report. The Treasurer report has been accepted.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** – We have received 8 responses back from the Houston Judges Education. The reports from the judges were very favorable. The Judges Education for 2017 National Specialty will be given by Bud Hidlay. Photographers from AKC will be attending the Lexington show, they will be working with our club to take photos, video footage and interviews for the Canine College that AKC is putting together. Rose and Mike will have the details for club members to participate while in Lexington. They will film the whole Top 10 competition. The Santa Rosa Judges Education, we have three (3) judges that have signed up. Susan is ready for the judge’s education and will provide information back to the board after the Judges Education. Breed mentors, the board has put together guidelines to be a Breed Mentor. The guidelines have been posted to the member section on the website.
 - B. **Health & Research – DNA Testing Update**

Testing continues for the three known markers. The latest list of tested PPPs is dated 08/18/17 and now has the results from 32 dogs. You will notice that the first entry of some of the dogs who have tested as “Carriers” of DM have been added. The list can be seen by clicking the link on the PPPA website health page:
<http://www.portuguesePodengopequeno.org/health.html>

Within the last two weeks I have been notified of a new “Carrier” of DM and two new prcd/PRA “Carriers”. I have not been given DNA Release forms for this dogs yet. We need to encourage owner to release the results for listing. I have also been aware of breeders demanding to see test reports prior to breeding. This is the only way we can begin to eliminate these markers. There has also been a “Carrier” of prcd/PRA identified in Portugal but so far there has not been a formal notice. You will also notice that when you go to the Health Page link above there is a link to the Finland Portuguese Podengo PRA List. Just scroll to the bottom of the page and no translation is necessary. You will also notice that they have added a link to our list at the bottom of the page.

Remember the discount for testing for the three mutations (crd4/PRA, prcd/PRA, and DM) is significant. All three tests a \$210 value are \$105 with the PPPA17 discount code.

In Summary, the crd4/PRA has only been found in one line of smooths. Prcd/PRA has predominately been found in wires with only one smooth found here in the US. DM has only

been found in one wire line; however, the Europeans have only tested 4 or so. They are now looking to increase testing for DM.

DNA Webinar

The DNA webinar presentation is now ready and I will discuss dates at the annual meeting. If the board would like to have a special presentation just let me know.

- C. **Media – Newsletter** – no update at this time.
 - D. **Membership** – As of today, we have a total of 120 Members and 2 Junior Members
 - 60 Single Memberships
 - 30 Household Memberships = 60 membersSusan Carter resigned from the club on August 1, 2017
We welcomed Kelly Neeley to our group on August 22, 2017
We have one pending membership application for Shannon Oliver from Fernley, NV, the vote for her is due on Sunday September 10th. No other membership applications have been submitted at this time
 - E. **By-Laws Committee** – Good News.....we have sent the revised By-Laws to the Parliamentarian. He was very impressed with our Revised By-Laws. He recommended a couple minor changes. Once the changes have been made, the Revised By-Laws will be sent to the Board for review. Standing Rules, we have put together a listing of standing club rules. These will be posted to the club website.
 - F. **Sunshine Committee** – The Sunshine committee is up to date for the month of August. We will ask the membership for a volunteer to help with the Sunshine Committee.
 - G. **Versatility Program** – Great news with the Board approving the tenants for the Versatility Program. We appreciate the Board's input and moving forward on this important program and thank them for their consideration and approval, as we believe this Program will recognize and reward the outstanding achievements obtained by PPP and promote further participation of PPP in a wide variety of venues. The Committee is developing an application for submission for award request and are awaiting official permission to use the Club logo before submitting for approval to the Board. The Committee is also looking into recognizing an Ambassador to the PPP post humerus to see which Versatility level he obtained. In addition to the Versatility Program, request is made to offer a Versatile Dog of the year, possibly named in Honor of Spanky, which is awarded and recognized each year at the Nationals, to the PPPA member-owned (in good standing) PPP who had obtained the most Titles/certificates for the year (likely 9/1-8/31). The titles/certificates would be those recognized in the Versatility Program and would be cumulative for that time period only. Mike made a motion the club offers a Versatility Dog of the Year and name the award in honor of Spanky. Rose seconded the motion; all attending Board Members voted in favor of the award.
 - H. **Awards Committee** – The awards are sorted, packed and ready to be mailed. The programs are going to printer and will be ready for the annual dinner Great job Susan! The program will be a historical piece for the club, this year will have title winners back to January 2013.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **Committee Chairs** – Susan is working on a synopsis of the guidelines to be the Show Chair for a Specialty. Susan will send out the updates to the board for review. We need to finalize the guidelines for future nationals. The election of judges for 2019 and 2020 will be sent out after this year Nationals. The board discussed asking for a volunteer to start on the 2019 Nationals. Susan stated, there is talk of a possible location and date, more information to follow once a Specialty Application has been outlined. The Board discussed different options to alleviate the 100 dog limit without the club having to rent their own venue to hold an independent show. The board will explore options for future Nationals.

- B. **2017 National Update** – The show committee met on Monday; we are ready for the Specialty. We will meet on Thursday morning to wrap up any last minute issues.
 - C. **2018 National Update** – Mike will talk with the Three Rivers Show Showchair to break up our Nationals, to possibly hold Sweeps, 4-6 month, Brood Bitch and Stud Dog on Friday with the Nationals on Saturday. More information to follow.
 - D. **Microchips** – We have the microchips. We are planning on holding the clinic in the grooming area. We will have the clinic available all days of the show.
 - E. **Club Suspension** - The complainant Sheila Schweit filed charges against the defendant Jean Evanoff, in accordance with the club's bylaws and AKC rules; as a result of a disciplinary hearing, the Hearing Board determined the defendant shall be suspended for a period of three (3) months.
 - F. **Club Privileges** – The board discussed what a club privilege is. We as a board need to decide and outline in writing what privileges comes with the membership of the club. Lance made a motion, the club privileges decided by the board will be listed and start from completion of the privileges; Rose seconded the motion. All attending boards approved. The board has decided to communicate their thoughts on club privileges via email.
 - G. **Club Logo** – The club has reimbursed the individual who purchased the club logo. The board has been in contact with Jonathon Little, the artist and copyright owner of the club logo. Talking with Jonathon, we the board understand our legal rights for use of the logo and we have every intention of remaining within our legal rights
5. **New Business:**
- A. **Field Trials** –Sandy Gillan approached the board, she and Kim Ragsdale would like to research what it will take for our club to hold performance events. Patti made a motion to have Sandy and Kim research what it will take for our club to hold performance events. We will need a report from the Field Trial Committee for the September board meeting. Mike seconded the motion; all attending board members voted in favor. Tonda volunteered to be the club liaison for the committee.
 - B. **Supported Entry** – Nancy Hall has emailed the board to hold a Supported Entry in California in the month of March. Per our guidelines, we can hold 3 supported entries per region per year. A supported entry, the person requesting to hold the supported entry lines up all the trophies....the club has no financial obligations for the supported entry. Nancy was asked to fill out the supported entry request form and submit the form to the board. The application is located on the website members section of the website. All attending board members were in favor of Nancy holding the supported entry. The supported entry will be advertised on our club website once an application has been received.
 - C. **Agenda for meeting** – Any club member can ask to have an issue addressed at any board meeting. The board will review the information presented and make a decision based on the provided information.
 - D. **Standing Rules** – A listing of standing rules has been pulled together and emailed to the board. Please review the Standing Rules, once approved we will post to the club website. As we adopt new Standing Rules we can add or subtract to our current listing. When a change is made to the Standing Rules, a revision date will be updated at the time of changes. The list of current Standing Rules has been approved today, August 23, 2017.
 - E. **History of Nationals** – Patti suggested that we as a club, post the history of the nationals; such as where the Nationals were held for each year, the judges and the winners. Patti, Mike and Susan will pull together the information for each year's Nationals and have the information added to the website.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 pm EST.