

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
January 2024

Attendees: Susan Souza-President, Shawn Brown -Treasure, Bekki Pina- Vice President, Michelle Collingwood-Secretary, Jean Evanoff- Board Member At Large. Kaye Atkinson- Board Member At Large, Shannon Oliver- Board Member at Large, Karen Oglesby- Board Member At Large

Absent: Patti Litchfield- Board Member At Large, Diane Conyers- Legislative

Called to order: 6:07pm PST

Approval of minutes from November, 2023 Board meeting: J. Evanoff requested a correction to the minutes regarding committee reports to state "nothing to report" when a report is made stating that there is no report. M. Collingwood to make corrections to the meeting minutes to reflect the verbiage. A motion to approve meeting minutes as corrected by J. Evanoff, seconded by S. Oliver. Motion carried.

Approval of Report of the Treasurer: A motion to approve the January 2024 Treasurer report as written made by B. Pina. A second was made by J. Evanoff. The Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- a. Judges Education (Jean Evanoff): Nothing to report.
- b. Health and Research (Bud Hidlay): See report. Of note there has been no additional entries to the PPPA health survey on the OFA website for several years. There was a request was made by B. Hidlay to reset the health survey to start at zero to get a better picture of the current health status of our breed.
- c. Legislation (Diane Conyers): No report
- d. Futurity/Maturity (Bekki Pina): 2024 Futurity/Maturity- 12 nominated Bitches; 7 Whelping; 7 Futurity; 12 Maturity. Of note there were to pay-late fees for maturity that were noted to the Treasurer. B. Pina also updated the Futurity and Maturity rules. The updated rules were sent to B. Hidlay to post to the club's website.
- e. Media Committee (Shannon Oliver): No new business to report.
- f. Meet The Breeds (Andrea Roy): No report
- g. Public Education (Sandra Garner): There were 2 new requests from the last report; 1 Rescue possible 3P, and "Is club membership open to pet owners?"
- h. Membership (Patti Litchfield): See report attached.
- i. Sunshine (Chris Schmidt): Sunshine Committee Report for January- 13 Birthday Cards went out; 4 Well Wishes Card went out (Gillens, Whittons, Kirtley & Bradley)
- j. Historian (Carol Sowders): C. Sowders is working on a couple of things and will have an updated report later.
- k. Code of Ethics Committee (Bekki Pina): moved to unfinished business.

- I. Juniors Liaison (Sherry MacLennan): no report

Unfinished Business

- A. Small Dog Club Helpers update: The fundraiser was completed. The payment will be sent by Kathy Knoles soon.
- B. Electronic voting: S. Souza; We received bids from Simply Voting and Carl Holder. Carl Holder will provide the service at 60 cents a vote. If all members voted it the cost would be around \$96.00 per event. His service is much less expensive than Simply Voting which charges a minimum of \$200.00 per event. A motion was made by S. Brown to use Carl Holder's electronic voting services on a trial basis. The motion was seconded by J. Evanoff. The motion carried.
- C. Versatility Awards Update: S. Souza provided an updated draft of the point scale for versatility awards. The draft was reviewed by the Board. There was a motion made by J. Evanoff to accept the new versatility points document as presented. The motion was seconded by S. Oliver. The motion carried.
- D. Code of Ethics: There was a motion to accept the new Code of Ethics as presented by the COE Committee was made by S. Souza, and seconded by S. Oliver. The motion carried. B. Pina will work with S. Brown to get the vote out to the membership

New Business

- A. National Specialty Committee Responsibilities: The Board is the show committee this year. S. Oliver provided a status update of the 2024 Nationals current state. There are several positions that still need to be filled. S. Oliver to post to the FB for volunteers.
- B. National Specialty Breeder Education: The Board discussed potential topics for membership education. Tabled until next meeting.
- C. National Specialty bid proposal for 2026: M. Collingwood will send out an email to the membership requesting bids for the 2026 Nationals. The AKC approved date for the Nationals is August 1 - October 31st annually. Bids should be submitted by May 2024.
- D. Reset the OFA Survey: There was a motion made to accept the recommendation to reset the OFA Survey by S. Oliver and seconded by K. Atkinson. The motion carried.

Adjournment: 6:38 PST

PPPA Health and Research Committee Report to the Board

January 24, 2024

OFA Portuguese Podengo Pequeno Health Survey:

In 2014 we initiated the PPP Health Survey on the OFA Website. There have not been any additional entries for several years, so I downloaded the results and posted them on the bottom left corner of our website Health Page. I think we should reset the Survey to Zero and start a new collection of data. This will allow us to get a fresh current look at our breed's current health status.

I am requesting that the Board consider this at their earliest convenience.

Orivet DNA Testing:

The National Dog Show in Philadelphia was sponsored by Orivet. This is the show that was broadcasted after the Thanksgiving Day Parade. We tested a dog which we are interested in breeding to and discovered they do not test the same as Optimal Selection or Embark. The differences became apparent very quickly when they listed the breed as Portuguese Podengo.

The Orivet Panel was developed in Australia so the Mutation Panel for each breed is as identified there. Australia only has registered Pequenos all Smooth except for 3 Wires. I spoke with a breeder there to verify that there still do not have any Medio or Grandes as she said there were not. The Kennel club there does list all six FCI varieties.

The only two mutations checked for are PRCD PRA and DM in Portuguese Podengos. At my request they added PLL and MDR1. They do give you the color Locus results, and you can see the full panel on their website. The normal panel is now available for \$119.

If you have any questions, please let me know; however, for now I would recommend we should test with Optimal Selection, Embark or Paw Print Genetics.

Respectively Submitted,

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Report of the Membership Chair
For January 31, 2024, Board Meeting

As of today, 01/29/24, we have a total of 132 Members

78 Single Memberships

27 Household Memberships = 54 members (includes 3 juniors)

One Pending Membership Application:

Laura A. Licht

I will be emailing out the letters to the membership tomorrow for 2024, and mailing one to Sharon Curry.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Litchfield
Membership Chair



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Information For The Board Only

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The following members are not renewing:

Mary Bachner
Lynne Ezzell
Diana Farthing
Lance McGinness
Kristen Ouellette
Susan Pickerill
Lynne & Mike Spencer
Laura Winders

The following members I have not heard from:

Holly Christovao
Martin Del Prince
Martine Hinrichs
Loretta Iazzetti
Laurie LaValley
Miranda & Spencer Ramsdell
Tracy Sanborn
Thomas Steinmetz

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Litchfield
Membership Chair