

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of September 26, 2018

Board Members in Attendance –

Rose Hidlay – President/By-Laws Committee Chair, Margaret Boisture – Treasurer/Sunshine Committee, Michael Hobbs-Ohlinger – Secretary Susan Souza – Board Member At Large, Lynne Spencer – Board Member At Large, Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large and Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large

Board Member(s) absent –Robin Kirtley – Board Member At Large and Patti Litchfield – Vice President/ Membership Chair

Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:03 PM EST

1. **Approval of the minutes from August 22, 2018** – Tonda made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the August 22, 2018; Minutes approved
2. **Approval of the Treasurer Report for September 2018** – Susan made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented for September; Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the September Treasurer Report.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** – The Judges Education was conducted at the 2018 National Specialty in Gray Summit, MO; presented by Bud Hidlay. We have nine (9) judges attend the classroom seminar and seven (7) judges attend the hands on seminar. We have a Judges Education Seminar scheduled for December in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the AKC National Show. We currently have twenty-eight (28) judges signed up for this seminar.
 - B. **Health & Research** – No update at this time.
 - C. **Media – FaceBook – Website** – The summer edition is due out October 12, 2018. Please send photos and newsletter information to Lynne Spencer at lynnespncr@gmail.com
A suggestion was made to add on the PiP the date the publication is scheduled to be out and the date that material will accepted for each PiP.
 - D. **Membership** –. As of today, we have a total of 109 Members and 3 Junior Members
59 Single Memberships
25 Household Memberships = 50 members
3 Junior Memberships
We currently have one membership application pending, Sheryl Owen, vote is due on 10/01/18.
Per requests from the people listed below at the National, I have emailed out membership applications to:
Steve & Darcy Litzinger
Diana Farthing
Sarah Willms
Jane Brooks
Karen & Rich Terry
 - E. **By-Laws Committee** –The By-Laws have been updated and currently are in the process of legal review.
 - F. **Sunshine Committee** – No update at this time.
 - G. **Versatility Program** – No Update at this time.
 - H. **Field Trial Committee** – Field Trial Committee Report

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I want to thank the entire Field Trial Committee for their hard work in making the first Instinct Skills Test Demonstration a success!

The staff from Purina Farms and the Field Trial Committee set up the enclosure on September 13th in a shady spot between two stands of trees. The set up was beautifully done by the Purina Farms staff! Snow fencing set the enclosure and a gate was placed for the Dogs and Exhibitors to enter. Two wooden pallets were placed and two wire crates on them. One crate empty and one with the rabbit...crates were hidden with brush and straw from the two bales of straw. Wild rabbit scent was placed around the pallets.

Our first Instinct Skills Test Demonstration was held at Purina Farms on September 15, 2018 at 1:00 pm. The handout to the spectators of the English translation of the Portuguese TAN test was reviewed. We had about 20 at the Demonstration. Dianne Graham and Karen Sage were our two judges. Each had a clipboard to make notes on the behaviors of each Pequeno that would indicate a Pass or Not. We ran 9 Pequenos...8 Wires and 1 Smooth. After all of the runs the judges compared their notes on each dog....both judges had to agree that a dog passed in order for that dog to get a Pass. There were 3 Pequenos that got a Pass. If a Pequeno wasn't hunting, then the handler directed the dog to the rabbit that was in the crate as a training moment. Many, Many Thanks to Bud Hidlay for videotaping the Demonstration and putting it up on the PPPA website! I will be getting photographs from Carol Sowders that we can also put up for people to see. Nuno Ferro asked me to see the videos. I have directed him on how to get to the site and he will be reviewing them and giving feedback, which the Committee will work with and pass on. The first step has been taken. Now we will begin the task of working with what we would need to do for AKC to have an Instinct Skills Test designation for Pequenos.

- I. **Code of Ethics** – The Board has decided to hold on the Code of Ethics committee until we have finalized the Revised By-Laws. At this time the committee volunteers will remain in place and shall resume once the By-Laws have been completed.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **2018 Nationals Update** – The 2018 National Specialty is in the books! All-in-all the National Specialty went very well. Next year, I feel we need additional time to prepare before the judging; timing issue with Superintendent. On the Top 10, I would like for the club to develop a judging criteria sheet for the judges uses to judge the dogs. Base the criteria based on a standard of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest ranking. Suggestion would be to try and break up the Nationals to a couple of days, rather than one (1) day; possibly hold the General Meeting separate from the Annual Awards Banquet. I would like to thank the committee and all of the club members who jumped in and volunteered throughout the day!
 - B. **PPPA Clothing and Jackets** – Patti and a couple of club members are working on a clothing proposal.
 - C. **Futurity/Maturity** – Susan has a rough draft of the proposed Futurity/Maturity Program for our Club. Please review and we can discuss at the next Board Meeting. The plan is to have the program in place for the 2020 Nationals. **THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN TABLED UNTIL AFTER THE 2018 NATIONALS.**
 - D. **2020/2021 National Judges** – We will start the process of the voting of the 2020/2021 Judges Vote for the Nationals. We have the list from AKC; the judges that have attended our Judges Education will be noted on the list. Rose made a motion that we include all judges licensed and provisional for the Pequenos on the list of judges in the running to judge our national specialty, the membership shall select their top 5 judges from the list. Lance seconded the motion; all attending board members voted in favor of the motion. A suggestion was made that we as a club send the Carla Molinari's book to the national specialty judge and the

sweepstakes judge; as a gift from the club. This is a way for our club to introduce and refresh the judges about our breed.

5. **New Business:**

- A. **Westminster Meet/Compete** – The club has been invited to hold a Meet The Breed at the 2019 Westminster Show in February. The Meet The Breed will be held on February 9, 2019; we will need volunteers to hold the Meet The Breed.
- B. **AKC Member Club** – we have received an email from MaryBeth O’Neil; AKC has assigned Connie Butrus as our mentor to help us become a AKC Member Club. Connie will work with us and walk us through the process.
- C. **Show Chair/Show Committee for Specialties and National Specialties** – Margaret made a motion that the Show Chair and Show Committee for Specialties and National Specialties shall be allowed to show their dogs at these events. Lance seconded the motion; all attending board members voted in favor of the motion. We are a low entry breed and we may have a hard time finding a person to chair a specialty if they are not allowed to show. A suggestion was made if possible the Show Chair appoint a judge’s liaison who works with the judge, so there is not a conflict of interest of showing their dog.
- D. **Field Trial Committee Concerns** – Purina stepped forward with an unfortunate incident involving a PPP club member. This member presented our club and members in a negative manner to employees of Purina Convention Center. This type of behavior of club members shed a very dim light on our club; making our club look as though we are hard to work with or do business with....this is an embarrassment to our club! Tonda made a motion, due to unprofessional conduct while dealing with Purina Farm employees, that Sandy Gillen be removed from any leadership roles within the club including remove Sandy as the Chairperson of the Field Trial Committee. Lance seconded the motion; all attending board members voted in favor of the motion. Sandy will be sent a certified letter notifying her of the decision and why. A search for a new Committee Chairperson will be underway within the next month.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:57 pm est.