

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of April 28, 2021

Board Members in Attendance – Susan Souza – President, Bekki Pina- VP, Shawn Brown-Secretary, Jean Evanoff – Treasurer, Patti Litchfield — Board Member At Large, Nola Boyd - Board Member At Large, Kaye Atkinson-Board Member at Large: Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large

Board Member(s) absent: Karen Oglesby-Board Member At Large

Meeting was called to order by President Susan Souza, at 6:04 PM PST

1. **Approval of the minutes from February 24;** Lance made a motion to accept the minutes, Kaye seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. **Treasurer Report-** Sent by Jean: Beginning balance \$16589.89 PayPal balance of \$5,569.40 Motion to accept by Bekki, Second by Shawn, Passed.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** –Jean received a request to do a JE at the Labor Day show in Raleigh, which was scheduled for last year but had to cancelled.
 - B. **Health & Research** –Nothing to report
 - C. **Membership** –Patti Litchfield- at present, we have 131 members; 79 single and 26 Household. Welcome new member Betsy L. Bucks. Membership pending for Mary Bachner with vote due on 5/3/21, Christy Metallo vote due on 5/10 and Laura Winders vote due on 5/10.
 - D. **Sunshine Committee** – Nola reports all April Birthday cards sent at beginning of April and one condolence card sent.
 - E. **Futurity/Maturity Committee** – Bekki reports 37 bitch nominations for 2021, 11 puppy nominations for 2021 and 13 Maturity nominations for 2021. Bitch nominations for 2022 are 2.
 - F. **Meet the Breeds-** No report.
 - G. **Media-** Susan reports the PIP is out, the new section on Seniors was great. The next deadline is June 25, and will be the last one before the National.
 - H. **Legislative – FEBRUARY**

12 legislative alert emails were received with multiple states covered in a couple of them.

9 alerts were either not significant or were not applicable to States or cities where we have members.

3 were significant but did not get sent to members. One of those was a follow-up of a previous alert which was recently sent to NJ members because it got put over to a future date which has not yet been scheduled. This legislation is seeking to appoint legal advocates for dogs and other animals. This seems to be a trend which is not good. AKC has good info on why this is a bad idea. I will be sending out the AKC talking points and insights to the entire membership since it may be just around the corner that the same type of legislation is proposed in their state.

MARCH

21 legislative alert emails were received with multiple states in a few of them

17 reports were either not significant or not applicable to States or cities where we have members.

4 were significant and were shared. Of those 2 were for RI so only 2 others were sent out.

3 were significant but were reviewed too late to share. Any that had follow-ups in April they were sent out them.

Comments:

This has been a work in progress. We were recently given the opportunity to have alerts sent by text which is much better for me because I look at them more frequently than emails and too often the alerts are for issues that need attention in the next day or 2. With the text alerts I will get to them as they come in. (aspirational)

I am working on figuring a way to make the monthly report more informative. It will likely be in excel. I will roll it out for the next report and look forward to any feedback. Please let me know what kind of information you would like to see in the report.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **2021 National:** The order form is nearly complete, waiting for the final info on the merchandise. Kaye offered to pick up extra products to have for sale at the show. Top 20 is nearly set, just waiting to hear from last judge. Kaye will help with hospitality bags as well.
- B. **AKC Membership:** Susan will send Jean the final Bylaws to be included in the packet and it's ready to go.
- C. **Logo Wear:** Site is up and running, several items have already been purchased.
- D. **Sire and Dam of Merit:** There has been some confusion, and questions about the program. After a lengthy and detailed discussion, a committee will be formed, with Bekki as Chair, Jean and one other person to be added. The goal is to simplify the program.
- E. **Elections:** Shawn reported that the OFFICERS running unopposed are Pres: Susan Souza; VP: Bekki Pina; Secty: Jean Evanoff; Treasurer: Shawn Brown. The Board positions being decided by ballot on May 15 are Kaye Atkinson, Nola Boyd, Patti Litchfield, Lance McGinness, Karen Oglesby and Shannon Oliver. The 5 vote recipients will be the new Board as reported by Carl Holder on May 16.

New Business:

- A. **Top 20:** Susan sent out an email to the Board to clarify the wording in the judges selection process. Shawn made the motion, second by Bekki, to accept this wording into the guidelines. Approved.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM PST

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Brown, Secretary