Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of February 22, 2017

Board Members in Attendance –

Rose Hidlay – President/By-Laws Committee Chair, Patti Litchfield – Vice President/ Membership Chair, Margaret Boisture – Treasurer/Sunshine Committee, Michael Hobbs-Ohlinger – Secretary, Stacy Faw – Board Member at Large and Media Chair, Lance McGinness – Board Member at Large and Robin Kirtley – Board Member At Large, Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large and Susan Souza – Board Member At Large

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

- 1. **Approval of the minutes from January 24, 2017** Tonda made the motion to accept the minutes; Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the January 24, 2017 Board Minutes; Minutes approved
- 2. **Approval of the Treasurer's Report for February 2017** The club had a \$200.00 deposit from our new bank for opening the account, the board decided to leave the \$200.00 in the main account. Patti made the motion to accept the Treasurer Report; Stacy seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the February 2017 Treasurer's Report; Treasurer's Report approved.
- 3. Reports of Committees:
 - A. Judges Education Committee Suzanne Faria submitted her resignation as the Chairperson for the Judges Education committee, the resignation is to take effect immediately. Tonda made a motion that the board accept the Suzanne's resignation, Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor to accept Suzanne's resignation as the Chairperson for the Judges Education Committee. The board will act as the interim Chair for the Judges Education Committee.
 - B. **Health & Research** No update at this time.
 - C. **Media Website:** Bud is doing an incredible job updating the website. Bud is working with GoDaddy to have the Pedigree Database added to the website. Each committee will be listed on the website with a brief description of each committee with contact information; if members or non-members are interested in the club and/or committees they can contact the chairperson. **Newsletter:** The newsletter was released; we have received a lot of wonderful feedback. **Facebook:** The new open FaceBook page has taken off. We have received friend requests from many people within the club and from people interested in our breed. The following verbage will be added to the public FaceBook group: "This is an open group created by the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America for all those that have or are interested in Portuguese Podengo Pequeno. This is a place where anyone can post pictures, ask question, and talk about anything PPP. Please keep it nice and civil, if not your post will be removed. This is not the proper place to post anything for sell including puppies or dog supplies, those types of post will also be deleted." The board has decided to retain the "Secret" FaceBook page for an underdetermined amount of time. There will be an announcement prior to the closure of the "Secret" FaceBook group.
 - D. Membership Cheryl Fales Steinmetz new member packet was mailed today. As of today we have a total of 114 Members and 2 Junior Members, 56 Single Memberships and 58 Household Memberships

We have 3 new member applications pending:

Miranda Waterman & Spence Ramsdell Vote due 03/02/17 Bekki Pina & Martin Del Prince Vote due 03/07/17

The following people did not renew for 2017:

Barbara Colucci Sallie Cummings

Melinda & Bob Faria Kalista Ganser (off to college)

Bonnie Gorman Gina Griner
Kay Pedisich Paige Port
Alicia Rescek (deceased 02/08/17) Paula Richards
Jane Tusten Allen Whitmore

- E. **By-Laws Committee** Rose will send out a revision of the By-Laws to the Board. Once they are received we will set a date for further review of the By-Laws.
- F. **Sunshine Committee** The February Birthday cards were sent out the end of January. Get well cards will be sent out throughout the month of February and March.
- G. **Versatility Program** There has been very little progress made within the Versatility Committee (VC). A couple of people submitted programs that other clubs have come up with, however, there has been no comments on how to tweak those programs to fit the PPPA. Jean will come up with a strategy and present it to the VC for comments and suggestions. If none I will submit it by the March Board meeting.
- H. Awards Committee Susan and Rose sent out the awards program information that was previously sent out last fall. Susan has ordered the reports from AKC for the 2016 top 25 for conformation, obedience, lure coursing and agility. Susan is working to find out if Barn Hunt has a point system for top dogs; AKC does not have a tracking system for Barn Hunt. The board discussed several qualifications to receive a Club Awards, the decision has been tabled until the next board meeting. Once the decision has been made on the qualifications, they will be communicated to the membership. Susan will send to the board a suggested set of qualifying rules for the board to review; as well as a listing of suggested awards for future years.

4. Unfinished Business:

- A. Committee Chairs Rose sent to the board, suggestions of realign of committees. Outlining the expectations of the committee and the committee chair, such as monthly report to the board, the committees expected goals for the year and the committee members. Once the board has finalized the realignment, each committee chair will be contacted for their input of the committee they chair. The board discussed in length the Judges Education Committee, reviewing possible different aspects of the committee that may need to be improved for our seminars. Mike will contact Suzanne, asking for information and qualifications that are currently in place for the Judges Education Committee. The information should include tests, subject matter presented at a seminar and a list of current members of the committee. Please review Rose's proposal and send your thoughts and ideas to Rose.
- B. Club Incorporation State of Nevada Our annual update of Officers is due to the State of Nevada by June 2017. Tonda will review our current By-Laws against the rules outlined with the State of Nevada, to be sure that we are up to date and meet all of their requirements.

5. New Business:

A. Westminster Meet The Breed – the meet the breed went very well. Our booth won a group 4! We had a great turn out for the Meet The Breed; the booth looked fantastic! Thank you to everyone involved in pulling the event together and volunteered their time! The board discussed putting together a binder of dogs looking for forever homes that can be shown at Meet The Breeds or other venues that we present our breed. This is NOT a rescue, adoption service or a

place to sell puppies; rather having information for people that maybe looking for a Pequeno. A network to help members place family companion dogs out in communities. Should the club decide the network is a viable option, there will be specifications outlining what can and cannot be presented by the club. Possible names for the network.....Pequeno Retirement Project or Pequeno Match.

- B. **2017** National Update We are moving along with the Nationals. The order form is in process will be out within a couple of weeks. There will be a page set up on our website outlining all of the details for the Nationals.
- C. **2018 National** An email blast will be sent out requesting applications for the 2018 Nationals. An application must be received 18 months prior to the requested date of the Nationals.

Adjournment – Margaret made a motion to adjourn at 11:14 pm EST