

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of March 23, 2016

Board Members in Attendance –

John Fitzpatrick – Vice President, Penny Schroeder – Treasurer, Michael Hobbs-Ohlinger – Interim Secretary, Stacy Faw – Board Member at Large and Media Chair, Patti Litchfield– Board Member At Large and Membership Chair, Rose Hidlay – Board Member at Large and By-Laws Committee Chair, Lance McGinness – Board Member at Large and Robin Kirtley – Board Member At Large

Meeting was called to order by Vice President John Fitzpatrick, at 6:02 PM PDT

1. **Minutes of the prior Meeting of February 24, 2016:** The meeting minutes were presented for approval; Lance made a motion to accept the minutes, Rose seconded the motion. All attending members in favor, minutes approved.
2. **Report of the Treasurer of February 24, 2016 through March 21, 2016:** The treasurer's report was presented for approval; Mike made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Lance seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor, minutes accepted.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education** – No report at this time.
 - B. **Health & Research** – Bud submitted his monthly report, outlining the survey and Bred with H.E.A.R.T. Rose suggested to have the Recording Secretary to send an email blast to all members with the Health and Research report. All board members in favor.
John suggested that we contact the UKC club to have their members take the survey on the OFA website. Rose and Bud will discuss the opportunity with Margaret. John also suggested that we have the breeders visit the sites of their placed puppies; then enter information into the health survey database.
Bred with H.E.A.R.T - When AKC comes for a kennel inspection, you must show compliance of the health tests. The health requirements listed for our breed do not match the requirements to become CHIC certified. Lance made a motion, for the secretary to write a letter to Mr. Mark Dunn; requesting the testing requirement for AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T match the testing requirements outlined to obtain a CHIC Certification for our breed rather than our code of ethics stated health requirements. Patti seconded the motion, all board members in favor. A letter will be composed and sent. Bud also reviewed that Canine Health Foundations will have a study on tick borne diseases. AKC will match dollar for dollar up to \$250,000 for the study.
 - C. **Media** – Website: A few changes have been made to update the website. The article that AJ will write on the Podengo's, Stacy will send out the questions that AJ has presented that will be in the article for Show Site Magazine and Sight and Scent Magazine. He would like to do a 2-year online edition; the club will have opportunity to submit articles for the online edition.
 - D. **Membership** – New packets have been mailed to the approved members. We have 2 members pending acceptance, they are Ann Gould and Tom Birse. They are due for board vote on April 4, 2016.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Versatility Program** – Stacy has been in contact with 2 members that would like to be on a versatility committee or performance committee if one is set up. Stacy will talk with Susan

to see if she is interested in becoming a part of the committee or interested in volunteering for the Chair position for this program.

- B. **2016 National Specialty Report** – No update at this time.
 - C. **By-Laws Committee** – A meeting was held in February, the committee is working on the By-Laws, with a target date of late summer early fall for completion. The club will go for member status as a parent club.
 - D. **Sunshine Committee** – The Sunshine Committee has had a very busy first month. Unfortunately, we had to send out three condolence cards to members who lost their beloved pets. It also, acknowledged members who had birthdays in the end of February and all of March. We set up a very user friendly excel sheet with birthday dates and addresses. We are in the process of custom cards to send to members. Margaret is doing an excellent job!
 - E. **Ambassador Program** – Mike has talked with Victoria Canter, she is extremely interested in becoming the Ambassador. Victoria is a member of several all-breed clubs and volunteers as an Ambassador for other breeds. Mike will contact AKC to see if a parent club can have an Ambassador.
 - F. **AKC submission of Pequeno registrations/litters** – No update at this time.
 - G. **Pedigree Database** – Patti, Robin and Bud participated in an online demonstration of Paw Village Database. Paw Village is very labor intensive to add the Pedigree's. Paw Village is an open database and the club would not have control over submissions. If the program crashes the club will lose the data that has been input. PetServe the club would own the database; Bud's current database would be transferable to this database. PetServe is a much more user friendly database; the database will allow the user to produce a trial pedigree. John made a suggestion that we have an online demonstration at the next board meeting. A motion was made by Penny to move the April board meeting to **Thursday, April 28, 2016**; this would allow Bud the opportunity to present a 15 to 20-minute presentation of the pedigree database program. Patti seconded the motion; all board members were in favor.
5. **Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM PDT**