

# **Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.**

## **Minutes for Board Meeting of February 24, 2016**

### **Board Members in Attendance –**

Suzanne Faria – 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 President Suzanne Faria, at 6:01 PM PDT**

1. **Minutes of the prior Meeting of January 20, 2016:** The meeting minutes were presented for approval; all members in attendance were in favor, minutes accepted.
2. **Report of the Treasurer of December 31, 2015 through February 22, 2016:** The treasurer's report was presented for approval; all members in attendance were in favor, minutes accepted.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
  - A. **Judges Education** – We have tentative plans for the judge's Education. Suzanne is anticipating a return call. Once all the information is available, Suzanne will notify the Judge and the Judges Education Committee.
  - B. **Health & Research** – Bud presented the Health and Research report via email. Suzanne has entered her information into the survey; Suzanne recommends that all board members and general members participate in the survey.
  - C. **Media** – Status of Newsletter – The newsletter is in progress. Stacy reports the committee is working well together; she anticipates the newsletter to go out Monday or Tuesday next week. Jean and Margaret are working on a page for Meet The Breed at Westminster. Win pictures from the Nationals will be included in this newsletter. Win pictures from Westminster will be included in the next newsletter.  
Website – Stacy and Alice have not had a chance to connect for Stacy to gain access to the website. Stacy is looking into a free trial membership of Dogweb. She is looking into setting up a new website and presenting it to the board.
  - D. **Membership** – The membership list has been sent out to all the renewed and new members. We have 3 member applications. The announcement and request for comments have been sent out; the 20-day period will end on March 9, 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. Charlene Wiglesworth and Jodi Smith, they are a wealth of information and would be good for the committee. At this time, we need a Chair for the committee.
  - B. **2016 National Specialty Report** – Suzanne proposed the date and time of August 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm for the Annual Meeting. The location of the meeting is to be determined, either in the Showcase Lounge or Finley Hall located on the show grounds. Mike made motion to accept the date and time for the annual meeting, Stacy seconded the motion. All attending members in favor. The Annual Meeting date and time has been approved. The National Specialty plans are moving forward. The trophy list for the concurrent specialty has been published and the trophy list for the Nationals will be published soon. Lance has located the left over medallions from the nationals in Reno. He will take an inventory and hold the medallions for the 2016 Nationals.

C. **By-Laws Committee** – Chair Rose Hidlay reports that there is a meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2016.

5. **Old Business topics:**

A. **Sunshine Committee** – Margaret have been in contact with Rose, Margaret has volunteered to be a member of the Sunshine Committee. Patti made a motion to appoint Margaret Boisture as the Sunshine Committee Chair, Rose seconded the motion; all attending members in favor. Margaret has been appointed as the Sunshine Committee Chair. A blast email will be sent to the membership announcing Margaret has the Sunshine Committee Chair, after Margaret has been notified and has accepted the chair position.

B. **Ethics Statement with Membership renewal** – The board has decided that the Code of Ethics will accompany the renewal notices to the members each year. This will be placed on the back of the renewal form, reminding members each year of the clubs Code of Ethics. All attending members in favor.

C. **Ambassador Program** – Victoria Canter has volunteered to be the Ambassador for the PPPA. The interim secretary has reached out to Victoria asking if she a member of an All-Breed club. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

D. **2015 Annual Meeting Minutes** – The 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes have been approved by the general membership and the Officers/Boards of the club.

E. **AKC submission of Pequeno registrations/litters** – Suzanne has been in contact with AKC in regards to Pequeno registrations and stub book information. AKC has asked that we submit a new representative to receive the information from AKC. Bud Hidlay was recommended as the new representative to receive and maintain the information from AKC. All attending members in favor of Bud. Suzanne will contact Bud prior to contacting AKC with Bud's information.

F. **Pedigree Database** – There was a discussion to use Paw Village Pedigree Database. We will table the discussion of the Pedigree Database until Patti has a chance to look into using the Paw Village as a club.

G. **Website** – The website is paid up until August 2016. This will allow the club time to explore our options for a new more versatile website.

6. **New Business topics:**

A. **Crufts Qualifying** – A recommendation was made to designate the 2016 National in Santa Rosa, CA, the 2017 National Specialty and Eukanuba Show, as our Parent Club's Crufts qualifying shows for 2017 and 2018. Recipients of BOB, BOS, BBE, Awards of Merit, and Selects, may each be given an eligibility certificate to enter Crufts. All attending members in favor.

B. **Club Medallions** – A suggestion has been presented to the club, that the club present medallions to members with significant accomplishments throughout the year. Susan Souza has volunteered to write up a proposal for the Medallion program for the PPPA. All attending members in favor of Susan presenting a proposal for the program.

C. **Specialty Guide** – Susan Souza has volunteered to present an instruction manual for preparing and implementing a specialty show. All attending members in favor of Susan preparing the instruction manual.

D. **2017 National Specialty** – An application has been accepted for the 2017 National Specialty to be held at Bluegrass Cluster in Lexington, KY. The show would be August 31 through September 4, 2017.

6. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM PDT