

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of March 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, and Susan Souza – Board
Member At Large

Board Member(s) absent –

Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large

Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:05 PM EST

1. **Approval of the minutes from February 22, 2017** – Margaret made the motion to accept the minutes; Robin seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the March 22, 2017 Board Minutes; Minutes approved
2. **Approval of the 2016 General Meeting Minutes** – Lance made the motion to accept the minutes; Pattie seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the 2016 General Meeting Minutes; Minutes approved.
3. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for March 2017** – Patti made the motion to accept the Treasurer Report; Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the February 2017 Treasurer’s Report; Treasurer’s Report approved.
4. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education Committee** – The board has decided to hold off appointing a Chairperson for Judges Education until we the board have reviewed the criteria and responsibilities of the committee. Rose will be listed on the AKC website as the contact until further notice. Rose will contact the Houston club for the Judges Education that is to be held in July 2017. We will put a call for volunteers to have their dogs available for the judge’s education. The has been notified that we do not own the standard, because we are not a member club. AKC is starting a program to mentor Parent Clubs to become Member Club. We will need to focus on obtaining this status.
 - B. **Health & Research** – We currently have identified 3 Genetic Tests that are applicable to the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos. There are two forms of PRA, crd4 (formally cord-1) and prcd. The third Genetic test if for DM (SOD1).
Most of the testing has occurred overseas in Sweden, Finland, Norway, Germany, and Portugal. It is impossible at the moment to tell exact numbers as there are many results not yet known but I will list what I have currently in my database as of Monday, March 20, 2017. There are only three terms that can be used to identify the results of the DNA test. The first is “AFFECTED” and means there are two copies of the mutated genes and the individual dog will likely develop the condition at some point in their life. The second result is “CARRIER” which means the dog has one (1) copy of the mutated gene and may pass it to offspring if bred. And lastly, the result we always like to see is “NORMAL” or “CLEAR” which means the dog has no copy of the mutated gene to pass along. In the last case I will in this report refer to this as “NORMAL”.

crd4 PRA

There have only been four (4) “CARRIERS” found and no (0) “AFFECTED” found. The first discovered PRA was crd4 reported on July 21, 2016 in the USA from an Optimal Selection panel. The mother was also found to be a “CARRIER” so there are two in the USA. The grandfather in Portugal (now deceased) was also a “CARRIER”. There were two sons of the Portuguese father were tested in Sweden with one being a “CARRIER” and the other was “NORMAL”. There have been many other non-related dogs tested here in the USA with Optimal Selection” as well as standalone testing in the overseas countries mentioned above and all known results are “NORMAL”. All of these dogs are smooth; however, the grandfather did have one wire line in his pedigree.

prcd PRA

The first evidence of “AFFECTED” dogs was reported on November 17, 2016 when two diagnosed dogs were tested in Finland. In addition to these two, there were two other siblings from the same litter of one also diagnosed with PRA. There have been over 48 other dogs tested now with NO additional “AFFECTED” dogs and fourteen (14) dogs found to be “CARRIERS”. All of the reported “CARRIERS” are wires. The smooths that have been tested, including one in the USA, have all been “NORMAL”. It needs to be noted that many of the dogs tested under Optimal Selection here in the USA have had DNA samples set to Paw Print Genetics for testing for prcd PRA.

DM

The first “CARRIERS” of DM were reported on October 30, 2016 and were all related. There had been one additional reported “CARRIER” in the initial study of DM (SOD1) published in 2014. So far, there have been only “NORMAL” results on all of the Optimal Selection test as well as 9 independent tests in the overseas countries above. All of the “CARRIERS” have been wires.

Here is the discount program Paw Print Genetics have offered us for the year:

Discount code: PPPA17

25% off 1-2 disease tests in a dog

50% off 3 disease tests in a dog

60% off 4 or more tests in a dog that include PRA-prcd, PRA-crd4 and DM, and then one or more coat colors and traits such as furnishings

Note: There is a current discount program “MARCH” which has a 30% discount on a single test which will save \$4 until April 4, 2017. The balance of the PPPA17 discount package is more than the “MARCH” rates.

Please see the full Health & Research report for the complete report.

- C. **Media – 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:** We plan to have the next PiP Newsletter out in May. **Facebook:** The new FaceBook page is going really well. We are receiving a lot more hits than we have expected.
- D. **Membership** – New members for March 2017:
Miranda Waterman & Spence Ramsdell
Bekki Pina & Martin Del Prince
Laurie LaValley
- E. **By-Laws Committee** – The board will meet on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 to review the By-Laws.
- F. **Sunshine Committee** – We are up to date for monthly birthdays.
- G. **Versatility Program** – the board has not seen progress of this committee. There has not been a committee proposal or follow up from the Chairperson. The board discussed options to

move forward with this committee. A motion was made by Stacy to replace the Chairperson and to reach out to the club members that volunteered for the committee for interested parties to Chair the committee. The board hopes to see progress with this committee shortly. Rose seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor to remove and replace the Chairperson of the Versatility Committee.

- H. **Awards Committee** – Susan has made some progress; the reporting from AKC is not what was previously explained. The only obedience points AKC tracks is for OTCH, MACH and PACH agility awards. We have about 10 dogs that would be awarded. Susan is trying to find out if there is tracking of a dog that is just starting to complete for these titles. AKC only track Barn Hunt for top levels, but not by breed. The top 20 dogs were pulled for 2013 and 2014 as well as junior showmanship. Once Susan gets her last couple of reports from AKC, she will have a report for charges separating out 2016 from previous years. She has been in contact with the vendor that provided the medallions previously, the vendor still has set up, so there would not be a set up charge and the price of the medallions is \$8.00 each. Susan will contact the Miniature Pincher club to find out how they are tracking their obedience records. AKC provides a new title report to one person per club; currently the report is sent to Bud. Rose will have Bud forward the report monthly to Susan.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. **Committee Chairs** – The board will set a separate meeting to review each committee chair requirements. The board will start with the Judges Education and work their way through each committee and chair position.
- B. **Club Incorporation – State of Nevada** – No update at this time.
- C. **2017 National Update** – We are moving along with the Nationals. The 2017 Nationals has been approved by AKC and is officially on their website. A committee meeting has been set up for April to continue to work on the Nationals. We will hold a Judges Education at the 2017 Nationals, the date and time will be announced. The Annual Meeting time and location will be announced within the next couple of months. The hotel, order form and trophy donation request have been sent out on social media. More information to follow.

6. **New Business:**

- A. **2018 National** – The club received an application for the 2018 Nationals. The application is to hold the Nationals on September 15, 2018 in conjunction with the Three Rivers Kennel Club of Missouri show at Purina Farms. A board vote was taken to accept the applications. All attending board members voted in favor of holding the 2018 Nationals in September 2018 at Purina Farms. The co-chairs for the 2018 Nationals will be Patti Litchfield and Michael Hobbs-Ohlinger. The host hotel for 2018 will be The Budget Lodge of St. Claire, MO; room rates will be \$89.00 to \$99.00. They are starting to take reservations; reservations will must be made directly with the hotel; the rate will NOT be honored if a room is booked through a discount service such as Priceline or Expedia. They have waived the pet fee for up to 4 dogs, for 5 or 6 dogs the rate will be \$10.00 per day; if a room is booked for 2 or more nights. If you book a room for 1 night, there will be a \$10.00 dog fee. The maximum number of dogs per room is 6; if you have more than 6 per room and the hotel catches you, you will be charged a \$250.00 fee. The Three Rivers Kennel Club will hold a Hound Specialty on Friday, the Nationals will be Concurrent on Saturday, we will hold a designated specialty at the All-Breed show and a supported entry on Sunday at the All-Breed show.
- B. **Portland Judges Education** – we have received 21 surveys back from judges, a excel spreadsheet will be sent to the board. Overall, the surveys indicated the seminar was well received; the judges provided positive and constructive feedback for the club to enhance our Judges Education.

Adjournment – Lance made a motion to adjourn at 11:03 pm EST; Rose seconded the motion. All attending board members voted to adjourn the meeting.