

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

### **Minutes for Board Meeting of December 26, 2018**

**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 Susan Souza – Board Member At Large, Lynne Spencer – Board Member At Large, Robin Kirtley – Board Member At Large and Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large

**Board Member(s) absent** – Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large

**Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:12 PM EST**

1. **Approval of the minutes from November 28, 2018** – Robin made a motion to accept the minutes with a change to the spelling of “Vicki Ganser”; Lynne seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the November 28, 2018; Minutes approved
2. **Approval of the Treasurer Report for November and December 2018** – The board reviewed the Treasurers Report for November and December 2018; Tonda made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report; Susan seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the November and December 2018 Treasurer Report; the report can be located on the Members Only section of our website. The board discussed the funds that are located in our PayPal account; it was decided to leave the money in the account to make it easier to pay for items required for the club.

3. **Reports of Committees:**

- A. **Judges Education Committee** – The club has not yet received the list of judges that attended the Judges Education Seminar in Orlando, FL; Roses stated the Orlando Committee for Judges Education collected the judges sign in and will provide the list to the club with each judge’s evaluation form.

We continued the discussion of our Judged Education Chairperson; should this be a single person rather than the board. Also, it was mentioned, the list on the AKC website for our Judges Education Presenters and Mentors do not match; we need to make sure we are current for both lists and have one person responsible for keeping this up-to-date. Robin Kirtley volunteered to be Judges Education Chairperson. Thank you for volunteering!

Should the current presenters take the Breed Test to be requalified to present our Judges Education? The PPPA Club would need a copy of the AKC Breed Test; Robin will contact AKC to see if they will provide our club a copy of the test for our records and to use to test current and future Judges Education presentators.

- B. **Health & Research** –

**MyBreedData & Paw Print Genetics Updates**

**MyBreedData:**

The appearance of both prcd/PRA and DM in the Smooths as reported in our June report, has caused an increase in testing especially in the Nordic countries. The overall percentage of “Carriers” is about 6% for prcd/PRA and 5.5% for DM. The new “Carrier” of crd4/PRA outside of the initial family where it was first found has caused great concern and increased testing of Smooths.

The Pequeno Wirehaired numbers are still basically the same as was reported in our last Report to the Board, 15% for prcd/PRA “Carriers” with 2.74% “At Risk” and 11.6% for DM “Carriers”.

The MyBreedData is a statistical report from tests run by Optimal Selection and Genoscooper so unless results are made public we do not know what dogs are involved. This also means

that none of the testing being done at PPG, VHL (Netherlands) or other US labs is included. Here are links to the MyBreedData information:

Smooth: (Appendix "A")

[http://www.mybreeddata.com/crm/index.html#breed/519248a83cd390a0520000d4/portuguese\\_podengosmoothhairedminiature/](http://www.mybreeddata.com/crm/index.html#breed/519248a83cd390a0520000d4/portuguese_podengosmoothhairedminiature/)

Wire: (Appendix "B")

[http://www.mybreeddata.com/crm/index.html#breed/519248a83cd390a0520000d1/portuguese\\_podengowirehairedminiature/](http://www.mybreeddata.com/crm/index.html#breed/519248a83cd390a0520000d1/portuguese_podengowirehairedminiature/)

### **Paw Print Genetics**

Appendix "C" shows the results in testing conducted at Paw Print Genetics from 2017 to 2018. The percentage of DM has fallen with no new "Carriers" found here in the US while the percentage of "Carriers" has remained the same at 19%. Because we do not separate the Smooths from the Wirehaired, they appear to be running close to the European percentages. This reinforces the need to test ALL breeding partners for our previously defined panel at the very least!

### **Free DNA Test Results Listing**

We are planning to update our Free Listing on the first of January so please, if you have tested your dogs for the three known mutations, we would encourage you to make those results public by listing them on the Free DNA Test Results List on the Health Page of the PPPA website. Currently there are 59 dogs listed. Remember you can now submit results from any lab. If you have any questions, please let me know. Here is a link to the listing:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/afb572289de5a16e83f158c7e6294fd7?AccessKeyId=36548DCF9EE779CB56B&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

### **PLL Update**

There still has been no formal results published for the testing in the UK where the first two cases of PLL (Primary Lens Luxation) mutation ADAMTS17 were certified by AHT (Animal Health Trust). Discussions I have had with breeder friends in the Northern Portuguese Podengo Association Breed Club, confirm they have heard nothing official yet; however, they have been told by other breeders that most of the dogs are clear. When I get an official response, I will post an update.

This is a Buyer Beware, if you are looking to import a breeding partner from the UK or any other country, you need to make sure they are tested at least for the three mutations we know about. Several are already testing and posting results.

### **OFA Update**

The third quarter OFA Reports have been posted on the PPPA Website and are accessible from the Health Page. Here is a direct link to these:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/e6969ecc4c9cddae6ffdf9ca55b2d9?AccessKeyId=36548DCF9EE779CB56B&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

The fourth quarter Reports should be available in January as well as the 2018 Final Report and will be published then.

- C. **Media – Facebook – Website** – The next PiP will be going out around the 1<sup>st</sup> of January; please send information to Lynne for the next PiP.

Bud reported, we have not seen a lot of use of the PPPA Pedigree database! We will be sending out reminders that the database is available for the member use. If you have any questions regarding the use of the database, please contact Bub or any Board Member.

We continued the discussion of adding Breed Standard information to the PiP Newsletter, to help educate all members. The idea came up to make a Trivia on the Breed Standards; we will try this and see how it is perceived.

- D. **Membership** – As of today, we have a total of 114 Members and 3 Junior Members  
62 Single Memberships

26 Household Memberships = 52 members

3 Junior Memberships

We currently have one membership application pending, Gerry Delengowski, vote is due on 12/31/18.

All the 2019 dues notices were mailed on 11/15/18. On 12/18/18 I sent a reminder via email to all the members who have not yet sent in their dues. Also, on the 18th I mailed the 1st batch of the original renewals to Michael and the 1st batch of checks to Margaret. I will mail the second batch once we are past the deadline of 01/15/19.

On 12/18/18 I received an email from Debbie Kahla – “Letting you know I won’t be renewing my membership.”

I will send one last email reminder about the 2019 renewals on or around 01/04/19. All the 2019 dues notices were mailed on the 15th of November.

Patti brought to the Boards attention; the application on the website is not the most current version. Patti will send to Bud the new application to be posted to the website.

- E. **By-Laws Committee** – We continued the discussion of providing a letter to AKC requesting the PPPA to become a AKC Member Status of Club. It was decided to wait to send the letter and additional information requesting the Member Status once we our updated membership list available.
  - F. **Sunshine Committee** – Christmas cards and Birthday Cards have been sent.
  - G. **Versatility Program** – No update at this time.
  - H. **Field Trial Committee** – Non-active committee.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **Top 10 Guidelines** – The board will review line by line of the guidelines for changes, alterations and updates. Once the board has completed their recommendations; the final Top 10 Guidelines will be placed our website.
  - B. **2020 National Judges** – The 2020 Judges selection has been started; we now have our nominations; the second round of voting will be sent out for our members to choose their top 5 judges. There are 3 provisional judges on the list that will be denoted for the membership on the second round of votes. The board discussed a write in vote for judge that was not on the original list; whether this judge should be included or not within the second round of judge selection. Currently, AKC does not include International/Foreign judges within the list they provide to clubs. The board took a vote; the write in judge Michael Woods will be included in the second round of judge’s selection. Tonda will write up and present a new procedure for Judges Selection prior to the 2021 Judges Selection will commence. Tonda made a motion via email as her phone service went out, the provisional judges be denoted on the second round of voting, so the membership is aware they are currently Provisional Status with AKC. Rose seconded the motion.
  - C. **2020 National Specialty** – The club received two (2) Request For Proposals for the 2020 National Specialty; Springfield, MA and Lebanon, TN. Prior to the board meeting, the RFP for Springfield, MA was withdrawn. Currently we have only one (1) proposal for the 2020 National Specialty.
  - D. **2019 Westminster Meet/Compete** – Due to lack of volunteers the board voted the club will NOT hold the Meet The Breed at the 2019 Westminster in February 2019.
5. **New Business:**
- A. **AKC Museum of the Dogs** – AKC sent an email requesting a donation to help relocate and support the Museum of the Dog; for the club to have a plaque the donation request of \$2,500 to \$15,000. After discussion the board decided not to go forward with a donation.
  - B. **Health Research (Fund Raisers)** – Rose made a suggestion that we need to find way to increase our funds in our Health Fund; possibly to help our club members and our breed with health testing and issues. If you have ideas for fund raisers, please bring them forward.

**C. Designated/Concurrent Specialties in 2019** – Robin and Michael requested to hold Specialties in 2019; Robin would like to hold a specialty in Indiana and Michael would like to hold a specialty in Iowa. Applications will be filled out and submitted, so they can be posted on our club website and announced and advertised in the future PiP's.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:29 pm est.