

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of April 25, 2018

Board Members in Attendance –

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

Board Member(s) absent – Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large

Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:07 PM EST

1. **Approval of the minutes from March 28, 2018** – Margaret made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Patti seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the March 28, 2018; Minutes approved
2. **Approval of the Treasurer Report for April 2018** – Patti made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Robin seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the April 2018 Treasurer Report; Treasurers Report Approved
3. **Reports of Committees:**

- A. **Judges Education Committee** – The club is planning the following Judges Educations:
August 18 – Muncie, IN with the Ice Tea Cluster – Stacy Faw shall present
August 25 – Santa Rosa, Ca with the Mensona Kennel Club – Susan Souza shall present
September 14 – Gray Summit, MO with National Specialty – Bud Hidlay shall present
December 12 – Orlando, FL with AKC National – Bud Hidlay shall present

- B. **Health & Research –**

PLL Update

I received an answer from Dr. Mellersh of Animal Health Trust (AHT) concerning the PLL (Primary Lens Luxation) findings and here is what she said:

Dear Bud,

Thank you for your email. Currently we have identified 3 dogs in the UK that have clinical signs of PLL and all are homozygous for the ADAMTS17 mutation. To date we have not yet undertaken a population widescreen, so we don't know how frequent the mutation is within any specific population (UK or otherwise) but that is something we would like to do.

I hope that is helpful, please let me know if you would like any more information

Best wishes

Cathryn

I have also made a copy of the FAQ sheet from AHT concerning PLL which is included as an Addendum to this report.

I think it is important to bring the Board up-to-date on what we do know:

1. This is a recent discovery and as stated in Dr. Mellersh's response they have not started to do any screening yet in the UK where it was discovered.
2. There are two known markers for PLL one of which is breed specific in Chinese Shar Pei. The second is the ADAMTS17 referred to above. From the FAQ sheet you will notice that in a small percentage of cases in the affected breeds, it only takes one copy

for the disease to present itself. More research must be done as to see what causes this unusual Dominant occurrence.

3. Those of us in the USA who tested using Optimal Selection as well as our EU owners who tested using MyDogDNA have already been tested for the PLL mutation. You can see your results under “Ocular Disorders”. If your dog is a “Carrier” or “Affected” it would show up on the first page of the report. There have been NO mutations reported.
4. The lack of appearance in the breed is also confirmed by looking at the MyBreedData.com site. Here are the links to the Smooth and Wire Pequeno information:
Smooth:
http://www.mybreeddata.com/crm/index.html#breed/519248a83cd390a0520000d4/portuguese_podengosmoothhairedminiature/
Wire:
http://www.mybreeddata.com/crm/index.html#breed/519248a83cd390a0520000d1/portuguese_podengowirehairedminiature/
5. If we decide to add this test to the recommended list, those who have not tested under Optimal Selection will be able to test for the PLL mutation at Paw Print Genetics and if they already have tested for pcrd/PRA they will not have to re-swab their dogs as we have been assured that PPG has enough DNA from previous testing to run this test.

We are continuing to follow the developments in this mutation and will report back to the Board as soon as there is anything more definitive.

New Committee Member

We have received a request from Shawn Brown to become a member of our committee. She lives in Auburn, CA and meets our requirements of attending local shows as well as testing of her dogs. I spoke with her and verified her information with Susan Souza. If there is no objection, she will replace John Fitzpatrick, DVM and Shannon Glines who have not renewed their membership for 2018.

End of Purina Weight Circle Program

You should have already received notice that the Weight Circle Program of Purina will be ending, and all circle submissions will have to be postmarked by July 31, 2018. If you are a member of the Purina Pro Club a percentage of your rebate amount is divided between AKCCHF and the Parent Club to be used for the Health Concerns of the Breed. This is not taken from your rebate but is in addition to that amount. More information is available at https://pointcenter.purinaproclub.com/purinanet_cw/Pages/PointCenter/MyAccount/ReceiptCaptureIntro.aspx

If you have any questions about this program, please let us know.

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ADDENDUM TO REPORT TO THE BOARD 4/25/2018

FAQs regarding the PLL DNA Test From AHT: http://www.aht.org.uk/cms-display/genetics_pllfaq.html

Q. I have always been told PLL is a recessive condition but now the AHT is saying that carriers can develop the condition; why is this and what does that mean?

A. Our extensive research has shown that for some breeds a very small number of carriers do develop bilateral, primary lens luxation whereas dogs that do not have the PLL mutation do not. This has been particularly noted for the Miniature Bull Terrier during our study and is also suggestive in the Lancashire Heeler. For Tibetan Terriers our study did not show any evidence to suggest that carriers will develop PLL. This means that carriers should be considered to have a low (but not zero) risk of developing PLL.

Q. Why do some carriers develop PLL whereas the majority don't?

A. At the current time we simply don't know. A combination of genetic and environmental factors is likely to contribute to an individual dog's risk of developing the condition. Because these factors are not understood at this present time it is not possible to predict which carriers will develop PLL and all carriers should, therefore, be considered to be at the same low risk. The Animal Health Trust welcomes samples from dogs with a robust diagnosis of PLL that DO NOT have two copies of the mutation. Owners can submit samples as cheek swabs to our research department by contacting Bryan McLaughlin (email:bryan.mclaughlin@aht.org.uk).

Q. What is the exact risk of a carrier developing PLL?

A. The ideal way to calculate the exact number of carriers that develop PLL would be to clinically monitor a large number of carriers over their whole lives and record how many develop PLL and how many don't. This is obviously a long-term process; in the mean time we have estimated the risk using the information we have for the several thousand DNA samples that have been donated to our PLL research over the years.

Q. Why does the AHT advise that all carriers have their eyes examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist from the age of 2, whereas genetically affected dogs should have their eyes examined from the age of 18 months?

A. We have some preliminary evidence that the carriers that develop PLL may do so at a slightly older age than genetically affected dogs, which have two copies of the mutation.

Q. Given that carriers have a low risk of developing PLL surely it makes sense to only breed with clear dogs?

A. Unfortunately it doesn't. Our original research showed that for some breeds as many as 45-50% of the dogs were carriers; eliminating all these dogs from the breeding population would reduce the genetic diversity of the breed dramatically and could ultimately be very detrimental. We suggest breeder's DNA test all their potential breeding stock and continue to breed with their best dogs, regardless of their PLL genotype. However, carriers and genetically affected dogs should only be mated to clear dogs and all resulting puppies should be tested to identify any carriers which should subsequently be monitored throughout their lives.

Q. I always thought that once a DNA test was available for PLL we could avoid producing any more affected dogs – now we are being told that carriers, which have a low risk of developing PLL, should be bred with. Surely this will result in more carriers being born, some of which will develop PLL?

A. Yes, this is correct. However, by ensuring that carriers are only mated to clear dogs, no genetically affected dogs need now be produced. Approximately half of the puppies that result from a carrier x clear mating will be carriers but each of those will only have a low risk of developing PLL. We are not suggesting carriers should be bred with forever; merely that in the first instance quality dogs should be selected for breeding, regardless of their genotype, so that the gene pool isn't reduced dramatically. If carriers are only ever mated to clear dogs each resulting puppy has a 50% of being clear of the PLL mutation and sooner or later the 'pick of the litter' will happen to be a clear dog that can be bred on.

Q. Is the information & breeding advice being offered applicable to all PLL-affected breeds?

A. The AHT's PLL research to date has focused on Miniature Bull terriers, Lancashire Heelers and, to a lesser extent, Tibetan terriers because these were the breeds for which we had the most DNA samples. As we proceed to DNA test dogs for the PLL mutation we will generate data regarding the frequency of the PLL mutation and the numbers of genetically affected, clear and carrier dogs within each breed; we will make this breed-specific data available in due course. The length of time it takes to generate robust data for each breed will depend on the numbers of dogs of each breed that we test.

Q. Do I need a vet to take the swabs or can I take them myself?

A. The AHT will test the DNA of any dog, regardless of whether the owner or a vet takes the swabs, but a vet must take the EDTA blood sample. However, some breed clubs will only recognize DNA test results from dogs whose identification was verified by a vet at the time the swab/blood was taken. You are therefore advised to check with your relevant Breed Club.

- C. **Media – Facebook – Website** –The work on the next PiP will start within the next couple of months, please forward to Stacy information for the PiP Newsletter.

Pedigree Database – Bud is working out a few bugs with the database, as well as continues to work diligently on the Trial Mating section of the database.

- D. **Membership** –

As of today, we have a total of 105 Members and 3 Junior Members

57 Single Memberships

24 Household Memberships = 48 members

3 Junior Memberships

I have a check and a renewal form from Elizabeth McPherson for a household membership and from Dawn & Bob Eisele for a household membership both that I could not accept since it was well past the final date to renew. Lance was going to get with Elizabeth to have her send a membership application and I contacted Dawn and sent her a membership application to fill out.

As of today, 04/24/18, I have not received anything from either. I will be returning their check with a note explaining I need a new membership application filled out.

I received a check and renewal form from Karen and Rich Terry on 04/21/18. I emailed her and explained she will have to send a new application. She replied she would be sending me one.

- E. **By-Laws Committee** – Rose is working Susan Zucker, Member & License Club Coordinator for AKC on the Revised By-Laws. Rose will get back with the board as to the exact details on how we the club needs to move forward with our By-Law revisions. There are two (2) ways we can proceed at this time; 1. Wait until the 2018 General Meeting or 2. Mail/Email the revised By-Laws to each member and then mail the ballot out via USPS to the members to vote.

- F. **Sunshine Committee** – We are using an automatic card service; which sends Birthday cards automatically. There were a couple of Get Well cards sent out.

- G. **Versatility Program** – The new chairman has made contact with the committee members and has initiated discussion to modify the versatility application to improve clarity and to update the contact information. The group hopes to have a draft to submit to the board within a month.

A spreadsheet has been started to track titles for the Spanky award to be given to the podengo who earned the most titles in the year (Sept 2017-August 2018). Thus far there are five dogs that have earned at least three titles in the award period.

There is at least one application for a versatility award that is in limbo due to the change in committee chairman. We are working to get that one done and to find out if there are others that require attention.

Susan made a motion the Versatility Committee award points should be calculated on a calendar year, January 1 through December 31 of every year. This will run on the same schedule as AKC and the balance of the club awards. The first year of point calculations will start January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 Lance seconded the motion, all attending board members voted in favor; motion passed.

H. **Field Trial Committee** – Having spoken to Purina Farms, the following is a probable budget for the Field Trial

Workshop:

The Events Manager sent me what we talked about today and there are a couple of mistakes...

1. There is a \$50.00 charge that is for a Large Conference Room - that is for the Meet and Greet, not the Field Trial Workshop.
2. The cost of Setup and Take down is \$100.00
3. The cost of materials (snow fencing) is \$100.00
4. The Setup would take place on Thursday, September 13th and not on the same day as the Specialty.

The Field Trial Workshop would take place on Saturday, September 15th in the afternoon after what we would hope would be an early Ring time for the Pequeno Judging.

After review of the committee report, the board has questions that have not been answered, the questions will be forwarded to the Committee Chairperson for clarification of costs, admission fee, timeline of seminar. For clarification, this is a Field Trial event; this is not part of the National Specialty or included in the costs of the National Specialty.

- I. **Awards Committee** – All of the reporting is complete, Susan is working on the banquet program.
 - J. **National Specialty Guidelines Committee** – The guidelines have been completed; they can be found in the members section on the Club Website.
 - K. **Code of Ethics** – The committee has been formed, the members have been notified. The members are Victoria Cantor, Lynne Spencer, Mary Hewitt, the Committee Chairperson is Lance McGinness. Lance will be start the ball rolling for the enhancement of our Code of Ethics.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **2018 Nationals Update** – We have a store up and running for the members to go to sponsor trophies, order dinner tickets and other items. We will also be sending out a hardcopy to all members, so there is a choice of how to sponsor our club. Currently we 30 rooms in the block of rooms, we have 25 rooms booked. Once the block has been filled we will add additional rooms to our group. We have signed our contract with Foy Trent, the AKC application has been completed and sent to AKC. The judged education will start at 7:30 am on Friday morning. We will have a Meet/Greet on Friday after during the Top 10 competition.
 - B. **PPPA Clothing and Jackets** – Patti is working with Lance to get information on Club Clothing, Jackets and other items.
 - C. **Specialty/Supported Entry** –The board has received the applications and the application for the Designated Specialty to be held with the Ice Tea Cluster in August. The AKC application has been completed and has been sent to AKC.
5. **New Business:**
- A. **AKC National Championship in Orlando** – Last year the club sponsored a supported entry for our breed. Royal Canin offers \$100 for Best of Breed, \$50 for Best of Opposite and \$100 for Bred by Exhibitor. Last year our club sponsored a total of \$200 for other placements. The Board decided that as a club we will sponsor the medallions for the AKC Nationals for Confirmation, Agility and Obedience. The board decided that we will again this year sponsor \$50 for Winners Dog, \$50 for Winners Bitch, \$50 for Select Dog and \$50 for Select Bitch.

- B. **State of Nevada Incorporation** – Our fee and updated Board Members need to be turned by to the State of Nevada by or before June 30, 2018. The Board has received the reminder; we are prepared to have this completed before the deadline. The online information for the Board is correct; the Registered Agent online is incorrect. Our registered agent is correct on file with the State of Nevada; Tonda will get a hold of the State of Nevada to have them update our online information to the correct Registered Agent.
- C. **2017 General Meeting Minutes** – Patti made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 2017 General Meeting, Rose seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the 2017 General Meeting Minutes, minutes accepted.
- D. **Judges Education for Santa Rosa in August** – Lance asked the board's approval to hold a Judged Education with the Santa Rosa show in August; Susan will present the education.
- E. **AKC NOHS** – AKC has sent out a notice stating Junior handlers will now be eligible to show in the NOHS. This has raised a lot of concern allowing Junior handlers participate, many feeling this gives an unfair advantage as the Junior Handlers get much more experience showing than your average owner handler. Rose has asked that we as a club send a letter to AKC expressing our concerns of Juniors being allowed to show in NOHS. If you as an exhibitor have concerns with this new ruling, please contact AKC with your concern.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:31 pm est.