

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of April 28, 2016

Board Members in Attendance –

Suzanne Faria – President, 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 President Suzanne Faria, President, at 6:03 PM PDT

1. **Minutes of the prior Meeting of March 23, 2016:** The meeting minutes were presented for approval. All attending members in favor, minutes approved.
2. **Report of the Treasurer of March 23, 2016 through April 27, 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** – No report at this time.
 - B. **Health & Research** – No report at this time.
 - C. **Media** – Website: No report at this time. Newsletter: No report at this time. Facebook: No report at this time.
 - D. **Membership** – We have 2 member applications that will come up for approval in May.
 - E. **By-Laws Committee** – There are two (2) By-Laws Committee meetings scheduled for May. The committee hopes to have the By-Laws to the Board by the end of June to review.
 - F. **Sunshine Committee** – No update at this time. Rose will contact Margaret for a report before the next meeting in May. Patti reported that she received a very nice card from the Sunshine Committee.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Versatility Program** – No update at this time.
 - B. **2016 National Specialty Report** – Tickets are being purchased for the judges. Suzanne is very curious as to why there is so little support from the board for this nationals.
 - C. **Ambassador Program** – Mike spoke with AKC, we as a parent club can have a member participate in the Ambassador Program. A board member must provide a letter to the AKC to recommend Victoria as an Ambassador. John made a motion to accept Victoria Cantor as the PPPA Ambassador for the AKC Ambassador program; Rose seconded the motion, all attending board members voted in favor. Victoria Cantor will be the PPPA Ambassador for the AKC Ambassador program, pending AKC approval. The board would like Victoria to provide a synopsis when she goes to present a program for the newsletter; also so the board can learn more about the Ambassador Program.
 - D. **AKC submission of Pequeno registrations/litters (Stud Book)** – Bud has been appointed the new liaison to work with AKC on the registrations and stud book. Rose will check with Bud before the next meeting for updates. John has asked if Bud could put together a list of dogs that have finished since recognition for the board and for the newsletter.
 - E. **Pedigree Database** – Bud put together a virtual presentation for Paw Village and PetServ Pedigree Database. The presentation was very informative, while giving the board an option for a Pedigree Database. Thank you Bud for a great presentation.

5. **New Business:**

- A. **August 2016 Board Meeting** – we will need at least 1 additional board member to attend the nationals to have a quorum to hold the August Board Meeting. John is urging members to attend, as the judge Vitor Veiga is extremely knowledgeable about the breed and the standard. It will be a great learning experience for all who attend.
- B. **Judges for 2017 Nationals** – Roger Hartinger was not notified that he would be the judge for the 2017 Specialty. Mr. Hartinger has a previous commitment and cannot judge. The third choice, Dana Cline also was not notified; he too has a previously scheduled commitment and cannot judge the specialty. Suzanne will speak with the last two judges of the top five judges; Steven Gladstone and Col. Joe B Purkhiser.
- C. **Vote for Judges for 2018 and 2019 Nationals** – Mike will put together a letter and a list of hound judges to be voted as the top 5 judges for the 2018 and 2019 Nationals. Mike will get a list of judges that have been through our judge's education from Carol Sowders. These judges will be noted with an asterisk.
- D. **2017 National Specialty** – An application for the 2017 National Specialty has been submitted to be held Saturday, September 2, 2017 in conjunction with the Blue Grass Cluster. John made a motion to hold the 2017 National Specialty in conjunction with the Blue Grass Cluster in Lexington, KY on Saturday, September 2, 2017; Rose seconded the motion, all attending board members voted in favor. The 2017 National Specialty date has been set.
- E. **2016 Nationals and Concurrent Specialty Trophy donations** – Suzanne is urging the board to make donations for the trophies for the 2016 Nationals and Concurrent Specialty. Any amount would help with the trophies.
- F. **Top Dog Awards Committee** – Susan Souza has sent a letter to the board outlining a program for member awards. Awards such as top stud dog, top 10 ranking dogs and dogs that have finished championships. John made a motion to appoint Susan Souza as the Chairperson to lead the Top Dog Awards Committee; Stacy seconded the motion, all attending board members voted in favor. Susan will be notified that she has been appointed as the Chairperson. The board will let Susan decide if the awards will be awarded for 2016 or 2017. The board would like the awards to be retroactive back to the when the breed was recognized. Bud has also been nominated to the committee to help with statistics.

6. **Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM PDT**