

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

### **Minutes for Board Meeting of November 29, 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, Robin Kirtley – Board Member At Large, Susan Souza – Board Member At Large, Lynne Spencer – Board Member At Large and Tonda Curry – Board Member At Large and Lance McGinness – Board Member At Large  
**Board Member(s) absent –**

#### **Meeting was called to order by President Rose Hidlay, at 9:02 PM EST**

1. **Approval of the minutes from October 25, 2017** – Lance made a motion to accept the minutes with the change of Susan Souza’s spelling of her last name; Patti seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the October 25, 2017 Board Minutes with the corrected spelling of Susan’s last name; Minutes approved
2. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Report for November 2017** – Patti made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report; Tonda seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the November 2017 Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer’s Report approved
3. **Reports of Committees:**
  - A. **Judges Education Committee** – No report at this time.
  - B. **Health & Research – DNA Update**

I have attached a copy of the article for the current PIP which has much of the information concerning DNA Testing.

The following information needs to be kept confidential within the PPPA Board and the Health and Research Committee.

It was proudly announced to me that there was a new website MyBreedData which shows data for breeds being tested by Genescoper. When I entered Portuguese Podengo – Wirehaired Miniature I found some very high percentages of “Carriers” and “Affected” dogs of PCRD listed. Testing in Finland for this mutation could only be ordered in Finland since August at a cost of 148€. Prior to the offering they were not licensed to charge for this mutation due to licensing issues.

I asked someone to discuss this with them and it appears that for some longer period of time they had been looking at this mutation and saving statistical data. They did not inform anyone of the results but say they just wanted to raise the awareness in the breed. I am working with our US contacts to see if any of our dogs were included in the published information.

#### **EYE Update**

I asked ACVO when the next Blue Book was coming out and they indicated the information was sent to OFA to publish. I informed them that the information tracked by OFA in 2015 showed 24 less dogs seen that information in the Blue Book and OFA had very little statistical data. They are now working with OFA to produce the Blue Book in real time. I will keep you updated.

#### **CHIC Update**

I evaluated the top 20 dogs (21 due to tie) and found that as of 9/30/17 only 4 of the top had CHIC numbers and two were out of date for eye test. Only 8 of the dogs showed as having any eye test. We need to continue to stress commitment to performing all CHIC required test. Important Date

We have just passed an important date in the DNA testing of Portuguese Podengo Pequenos. November 16th was the first anniversary of finding the prcd/PRA mutation in two already diagnosed dogs. Eija Sandholm, President of the Finland Podengo Club, had several dogs who were diagnosed with PRA but had not shown positive on any other DNA test. This was truly a break through and has led to finding the most prevalent form of PRA in the breed.

Henriette Folke, Official recorder of Podengos and member of the Breeding Committee of the Swedish Podengo Club, has been championing the cause of testing in Sweden, Norway, Germany, and the Netherlands.

Because of the efforts of these two ladies and others we now have three voluntary lists of tested dogs. All three lists are accessible from the PPPA Website Health Page. There are now over 150 dogs published on these lists.

Please, if you have DNA tested your dogs, consider listing these on our free list. The PPPA Health Committee recommends that BOTH partners should be DNA tested for the three known mutations prior to breeding. If they are not listed on the free listing page, request documentation from the breeder. When testing at Paw Print Genetics, make sure to take advantage of the 50% savings on the package by using Code PPPA17. If you have any questions, please let us know.

### **Eye Testing**

Yearly eye tests are a requirement to keep your CHIC status active. You must remember that the DNA testing above is no substitute for the yearly eye examination. There are many other eye conditions that can only be found by the examination by an ACVO diplomat.

In 2016, OFA only recorded 12 eye tests after 74 in 2015. This year so far (Sep. 30th) OFA has recorded 29 Eye Tests.

### **CHIC Status**

We currently have 83 dogs who have been given CHIC numbers indicating that they have completed the three test requirements for HIPS, Patellar, and EYES. Remember that the issuing of a CHIC number does not indicate that they have passed the tests or indicate the Grade Level that may have been assigned. Always look at the information on OFA for actual results. Should your CHIC logo go gray it will mean that your eye test is over a year old.

- C. **Media – Facebook – Website** - We are working on the Fall Newsletter to be out the end of the month or first week of December.

There was not enough interest in people to volunteer for the MTB for Florida, so I think we need to see if there is any interest for NY in February.

I have posted National win pics in the Media committee Facebook group for Bud to be able to get them for the website.

Bud is still working with getting the pedigree program to work correctly with the website

- D. **Membership** – As of today, we have a total of 125 Members and 2 Junior Members

63 Single Memberships

2 Junior Memberships

31 Household Memberships = 62 members

We have two pending membership applications, 1 for a Junior Membership and 1 for a single membership. The vote on both of these applications is due on December 1, 2017.

Patti presented a new membership application; the new application will be placed on the website.

- E. **By-Laws Committee** – We have received a couple of suggestions from the membership regarding the By-Laws.

1. Section 2 – regular was changed to single; but in Section 3 the word regular was still used.

The wording will be revised so we are consistent throughout the By-Laws.

2. If you vacate your position prior to meeting your obligation for any reason except for a major life impacting event, you may not run for another position for 5 yrs. Subject to case by case review of the current board.

My reasoning is I want leaders who take their positions seriously. Not quit when they don't get their way, cause hate and discontent, then run again on the next election, have their cronies vote them in to do it all over again.

This also forces them to just be members, get over their issues and participate or leave if they are that unhappy. No one is forcing them to stay, but their attitudes are no good to the progress the club has made already.

I joined this club because I see the positive future the club is going.

The Board discussed the proposed changes and decided the wording will be changed in Section 2 and Section 3 to be consistent. The Board has decided to change the 5-year suggestion to 3 years; Tonda will revise the wording and send to the Board for review. This will be placed into the By-Laws. The updated By-Laws will be sent to the membership for review.

- F. **Sunshine Committee** – The birthday cards for December and Holiday Cards will be sent over the next couple of weeks.

- G. **Versatility Program** – \*\*\*\*\*No Update at this time\*\*\*\*\*

- H. **Field Trial Committee** – \*\*\*\*\*No Update at this time\*\*\*\*\*

- I. **Awards Committee** – Susan presented the Best In Show Plaque form for the Board approval. The form will be placed onto the Club Website for members to fill out when they achieve a Best In Show with their dog. This award is intended for Club Members only.

- J. **National Specialty Guidelines Committee** - a lot of good feedback was received and we are starting 2nd round of review process this week. I hope to have the final version available by December board meeting.

Awards Committee - Due to feedback provided for the above NSGC, I have asked Shawn Brown to help develop a futurity program for the PPPA. She has been the Futurity Chairperson for the MPCA since 1990. The initial outline will include rules, nomination fees and deadlines, and would be incorporated into the National Specialty Guidelines when approved.

Futurity programs are an excellent way for clubs to generate revenue on an annual basis.

Vickie Cooke has been removed from the committee; Stacy Faw has been asked to join the committee.

#### 4. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. **2017 Meet The Breed at Westminster** – Margaret Boisture has volunteered to organize the Meet The Breed booth held at Westminster 2018. The AKC 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet the Breeds ® will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Meet The Breed booth, please contact Margaret at [margaretboisture@gmail.com](mailto:margaretboisture@gmail.com)

- B. **Donation for Natural Disasters** – A check has been sent to Sonoma County Humane Society to help with animals in the disastrous fires. Rose made a suggestion that we make a donation to the Broward County Humane Shelter; they have been aiding in the transporting of animals from Puerto Rico as well as assisting in the medical treatment of animals affected by the national disasters. Broward County is assisting animals from the Puerto Rico and the Florida national disasters. Lance made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the Broward County Humane Shelter to aid in the assistance of animals and their owners that were affected by the natural disasters that occurred in Puerto Rico and Florida. Lynne seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the donation. Donation approved.

- C. **2017 Nationals Breakdown** – We have got the final numbers for the National. These are better numbers than the committee expected to see. The \$4361.42 profit is the biggest profit

for a National to date, even with trophies for every placement. Below is the breakdown of the numbers.

The cluster in KY was not the easiest to work with but with lots of work, calls and emails we got everything to come together. Although I would not go as far to say I would not hold a National there again, I would just caution any future show chair.

We had a wonderful turn out and we now know how much the interest in this little breed has grown. We had a few issues with Judges and the annual dinner but it all came together in the end and I think most people had a great time.

I would like to thank my committee for all their help and hard work. It was a wonderful group of people to work with.

### Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

### Profit & Loss

January 1 through November 29, 2017

	Jan 1 - Nov 29, 17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
National Specialty	
Auctions	1,907.62
Catalog Ads	520.00
Catalog Sales	416.00
Dinner	66.00
Entries	639.52
Grooming	0.00
Judge	-356.20
Meeting Sales	715.00
Postage	-139.51
T-Shirts	168.00
Top Ten	60.00
Trophy Donations	365.00
Total National Specialty	4,361.43
Total Income	4,361.43
Gross Profit	4,361.43
Net Ordinary Income	4,361.43
Net Income	4,361.43

- D. **2018 Nationals Update** – We will have a 2018 National Committee meeting on December 19, 2017. We have received an email from Thomas Butler with the Greyhounds Club of America.

Kaite at Purina told me the Pequeno club will have a specialty on the Three Rivers weekend next year. I am show chairman for the Greyhound Club of America, planning our first specialty at Purina. We will, for our first show there, designate our specialty as the classes of the Gateway Hound show.

We have arranged to share field, judge, etc, for lure coursing with the Ibizan Club, but we also want to offer Obedience & Rally and Agility; these events are scheduled with the Ibizan's earlier in the week than our small gathering will get to the area. We won't have enough entries to justify the judge expense and time of set-up for us to have our own events.

Will the PPP's or the Three Rivers club offer these events? If on the weekend, Friday or Saturday preferably, would you agree to our supporting your entry to have separate greyhound competition?

Thank you.

Tom Butler/GCA

We the PPPA need to understand from the Grayhound Club; the statement “they would support our entries? Mike will contact Tom and ask for an explanation.  
A suggestion was made to check to see what other clubs will be holding Judges Education; would it be a possibility to share the expense of a conference room?

5. **New Business:**

- A. **2019 National Specialty** – We have received 1 application for the 2019 National Specialty. The application is for Reno, NV, the proposed dates would be August 16 - 19, 2019. We will hold the application for other applications and for a vote in January 2018.
- B. **Code of Ethics Update** – We would like to have a committee to update our Code of Ethics. The Board has decided to set up a committee; Lance was asked to Chair the committee. Lance has accepted the Chair position; the committee will begin in January 2018. The board discussed the possibility of having two (2) Code of Ethics; our Club Code of Ethics and a Breeder’s Code of Ethics. This is open for discussion and will be left up to the Code of Ethics Committee to make suggestions/recommendations if we should have two (2) Code of Ethics.
- C. **PPPA Advertising** – The club has received a letter from AKC offering advertising options for our club. The AKC Flyer, the Westminster Handout and the Westminster Kennel Club Show Catalog. **AKC Flyer** – Susan made a motion to have the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America have a flyer that would accompany paperwork sent from the AKC to newly registered Pequenos owners. There is a \$150.00 set up fee and \$0.03 per flyer when they send this out to new Pequenos registrations. Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the AKC Flyer. AKC Flyer approved; Rose will work with AKC for the drafting of the flyer. **Westminster Handout** – Tonda made a motion to have the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America included in the printed handouts presented to spectators at the Westminster Kennel Club Show in February; the cost of the handout is \$95.00. Margaret seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the Westminster Handout. Westminster Handout approved. **Westminster Catalog Ad** – The Westminster Kennel Club would like the PPPA to place an Ad in the Westminster Catalog for the show in 2018. Lance made a motion that the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America place an ad in the Westminster catalog for the 2018 Westminster Kennel Club Show. The motion failed to draw a second for the motion. Westminster Catalog Ad motion does not pass the board approval.  
The board discussed, when we set up the flyer that we need to include bullet points of both coats of the breeds. We should also use photos of dogs in all of our advertising that not top winning or highly recognizable dogs.
- D. **Moderator of the open FaceBook page** – A suggestion has been made that we have 1-point person that would approve any posts that are placed on our open FaceBook. Lynne Spencer has volunteered to moderate posts to the FaceBook page. Lynne will approve or deny any and all posts before they will become part of the FaceBook page.  
The open FaceBook rules are:  
This is an open group created by the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America for all those that have or are interested in Portuguese Podengo Pequeno. This is a place where anyone can post pictures, ask question, and talk about anything PPP. Please keep it nice and civil, if you cannot express yourselves respectfully, the ADMINS will remove and or block you with no notice! This is not the proper place to post anything for sale including puppies or dog supplies, those types of post will also be deleted. If you cannot contribute constructively, this is not the group you should be a member of. Be respectful, be intelligent and be kind. These are the rules.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:22 pm est.