

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of November 23, 2016

Board Members in Attendance –

John Fitzpatrick – President, Rose Hiday – Interim 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, Lance McGinness – Board Member at Large and Robin Kirtley – Board Member At Large, Margaret Boisture – Member At Large

Meeting was called to order by President John Fitzpatrick, at 6:04 PM PDT

1. **Minutes from October 26, 2016:** minutes will be held for review of corrections and additions
2. **Approval of the Report for the Treasury of October 25, 2016 through November 22, 2016:** Lance made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; Rose seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the Treasury of October 25, 2016 through November 22, 2016; Treasurer's Report approved.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
 - A. **Judges Education** – No update at this time.
 - B. **Health & Research** – Late last week Bud was notified that the two dogs tested in Finland were affected with PCRD; which is different than what has been found in other dogs. The PRA found in the US is Cord1; these are 2 different strains of PRA. The Cord1 came from the wirehaired Dachshunds. We know of 6 PRA cases in Finland, in each case the dogs are linked back to Portugal. We have 3 identified Cord1 PRA carriers in the US. The club urges all Pequeno owners to have their dog's DNA tested. Optimal Selection provides comprehensive testing, at a reasonable rate.
 - C. **Media – Website:** The website is paid through July 2017; the hosting of the website is being paid on a monthly basis. Currently, it is paid through December 8, 2017. The printed material (flyers) does have the short cut to our website. These flyers can be used for the Meet The Breed in Orlando. **Newsletter:** The committee is getting ready to start to work on the next newsletter. **Facebook:** There has been a lot of issues with the club FaceBook page. There has been some inappropriate posts, grievances and demoralizing posts. This needs to be addressed from the board.
 - D. **Membership** – There are 3 letters ready to go to new members. We have another family membership coming due within the next week and an additional membership due within the next two weeks.
 - E. **By-Laws Committee** – Lance made a motion to reschedule the review of the balance of the By-Laws, the new date has been set for Wednesday, November 30, 2016; Margaret seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor to postpone the By-Law review for 1 week. The attending board members have decided to wait until we have gone through the complete By-Laws before we send out a revised copy for final review.
 - F. **Sunshine Committee** – The December cards will be ready within the next week. We had one pet condolence card sent out in the month of November.
 - G. **Versatility Program** – Jean has posted an update on the club FaceBook page for the program. More information to follow.
4. **Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business.

5. **New Business:**

- A. **Approval of the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes** – The Annual Meeting minutes will be held for the next annual meeting.
- B. **Approval of the 2016 National Specialty Treasurer’s Report** - Patti made a motion to accept the 2016 National Specialty Treasurer’s Report as presented; Stacy seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor of the 2016 National Specialty Treasurer’s Report.
- C. **GoDaddy is offering SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) technology, and SSL-encrypted** - SSL is a transparent protocol which requires little interaction from the end user when establishing a secure session to the club’s website. GoDaddy is offering this security subscription for 1 year @ \$69.99; 2 years @ \$55.79 per year or 3 years @ \$49.99 per year. Margaret made a motion that the club purchase a 1-year subscription for \$69.99; Penny seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor for the SSL technology.
- D. **Meet The Breed** – Westminster Kennel Club Show in NY; Rose made a motion that Margaret would be the club liaison for the Meet The Breed at Westminster 2017; Michael seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor for Margaret to be the club liaison.
- E. **Awards Committee Chairperson** – Stacy made a motion that Susan Souza would be appointed the Awards Committee Chairperson; Lance seconded the motion. All attending board members voted in favor to appointed Susan as the Awards Committee Chairperson. John will talk with Susan put together a proposal for the retroactive medallions for the club.
- F. **Show Secretary Manual** – Susan Souza has volunteered to put together a manual for a show secretary. The board has agreed to have Susan put together the manual and present the manual to the board for approval.
- G. **Board/Member/AKC Concerns** – The board has decided to put out communications to the membership regarding misconduct, rudeness and misrepresentation of the club. This type of behavior for any and all members will not be tolerated. The board has set a procedure, if a member addresses the board in writing 15 days prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting, with a concern; the board will add the member to the next regularly scheduled board meeting agenda. The member shall be allowed an allotted amount of time at the beginning of the board meeting to address the board. The member shall than be excused from the board meeting. The board shall review the addressed concern and/or issues. Within 20 days of the board meeting, the board shall communicate to the member in writing, a summary of the addressed concerns/issues which, shall include the recommended actions suitable for the situation.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM PDT