

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, Inc.

Minutes for Board Meeting of May 25, 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 6:02 PM PDT

1. **Minutes of the prior Meeting of April 25, 2016:** The meeting minutes were presented for approval. All attending members in favor, minutes approved.
2. **Report of the Treasurer of April 28, 2016 through May 24, 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:** Sandy Gillen would like to be added to the website under the breeder referral section. Stacy will add Sandy to the website. The status of implementing a new website. It has been decided that we will wait until later in the year, when our current website is closer to the end of the contract. **Newsletter:** No report at this time. **Facebook:** No report at this time.
 - D. **Membership** – We are up to date with the applications. The next family membership will go to the board to vote on May 31, 2016.
 - E. **By-Laws Committee** – The By-Laws has been sent out to the committee for review. Rose is hoping to send the By-Laws to the board for review before the end of July. There was discussion regarding updating the Code of Ethics. Rose had mentioned there were no real changes, just moving around of items. Rose will send the Code of Ethics with the By-Laws for board review. If the Code of Ethics change, we will need to send these to the general membership for approval.
 - F. **Sunshine Committee** – The sunshine committee sent some of the birthday cards out late this month because of a user error in excel. However, on a happier note we had no condolence cards out. June birthday cards are ready to go!!
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Versatility Program** – We have 2 people interested in becoming members of the committee, we have not found a volunteer to chair the committee. Mike will send out an email blast to the membership asking for volunteers for the committee. Once we have committee members we will select a Committee Chair.
 - B. **2016 National Specialty Report** – As of June 1, 2016, the club will be accepting advertising for the catalog. Warren & Vickie Cook have been booked as the photographers for the both days, Friday (National Specialty) and Saturday (Concurrent Specialty). It has not been decided who will be doing the judges education at the specialty.
 - C. **Pedigree Database** – *Bud's thoughts/investigation on the database* - PedServe Web Based Pedigree Program is the best available at this time. The creator is Tenset Software in the UK. In my conversation with Mr. Colin Manning the Owner/Developer, his recommendation is that we proceed with the Professional Edition as we wish to do Trial

Mating's at a cost of USD \$499. The program is currently being revised and will include the ability to produce on the fly Inbreeding Coefficients without needing a separate module available only in the Advanced Edition at a \$300 increase in price. This edition is not allowed on most public servers due to the programming language used. We will receive the new program free of charge when completed in about six months (his) to a year (mine). While we wait for the new program, when doing a trial mating and wanting to have the Inbreeding Coefficient we would have the breeder enter a "Puppy" and get it that way.

Our Host Server (Go Daddy)

I spoke with Customer Service and was told that there should be no extra charge for putting this database on the server we are currently using. We can have multiple databases as long as we don't surpass the storage limits of our contract. There is plenty of room to hold both our website (which is a database) and the Pedserve Database. The only possible charge would be a \$2/month to provide backup of the site if it isn't already included. We would need to check our contract. Real Issues to Think about: It is my understanding that we wish this database to be available to "Members Only" and even if we wish to include access to all, there are several issues arise: Do we need to get permission from the Owners/Breeders of the dogs listed on the database? In the US, we do not have a public released database of Registered Dogs as there is in most European Countries. We may be only allowed to publish released dogs and their pedigrees which after we get out of the US is not much of a problem. How far back do we want to go with our pedigrees? I normally show a 5 generation pedigree and Inbreeding Coefficient as it normally gets us back to Portuguese Roots. We may need some legal advice for the first item! Our next step, we will review at the June board meeting and take a vote. Bud would be the administrator of the Pedigree Database. Bud would enter the dog information into the database; this database would ONLY be available for members of the club. Patti mentioned, her friend would be willing to help with the data entry of pedigrees. Suzanne to contact Bud prior to our next meeting to validate that he is willing to be the administrator. We will also need the cost for the Carbonite site as a backup server for our programs.

5. **New Business:** No new business at this time.
6. **Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM PDT**