

Meeting Minutes

Papillon Club of America, Inc. – Board Meeting 01/04/2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Anita Wright at 9:02 PM EST.

Members Present: Anita Wright, Jane Sirkoch, Lori Landis, Nikki Berthold-Illias, Charlotte McGowan, Nicholas Forbes, Tammy Tackett, Donna Clas

A quorum was present.

The meeting agenda was distributed by email prior to the meeting. Agenda adopted by unanimous consent.

The minutes for the 12/15/2015 board meeting were distributed to all board members via email.

Charlotte McGowan moved to approve the minutes. **Seconded.**

Yeas: Lori Landis, Jane Sirkoch, Nicholas Forbes, Charlotte McGowan, Tammy Tackett, Donna Clas

Nays: Nikki Illias

Motion adopted.

Officers Reports

President's Report

President Anita Wright received a box of judges education items from Roseann Fucillo. Elyse Vandermolen picked up several boxes of PCA items from Keith Macaluso and has volunteered to store them at her home.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jane Sirkoch distributed a treasurer's report via email prior to the meeting. The report may be found at the end of these minutes.

Committee Reports

Delegate to the American Kennel Club

PCA delegate Arlene Czech submitted a report from the delegate's meeting in Orlando. The report may be found at the end of these minutes.

Genetics Committee

Chair Andi Meloon sent a report on the status of the NAD testing. The report may be found at the end of these minutes.

Unfinished Business

Charlotte McGowan moved that we approve the revised membership application containing minor changes. **Seconded.**

Motion unanimously adopted.

Nicholas Forbes moved to authorize the C&BL Committee to begin negotiations with AKC and report back to the Board regarding their proposal #16 that advises a change in By-Laws, Article II, Officers, Section 2, Duties (D) that was previously adopted to read:

"D, The corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all general correspondence not otherwise assigned in these By-Laws, The Board in its sole discretion may assign correspondence to either the Corresponding Secretary or the Recording Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or prescribed in these By-Laws."

To read as:

"D, The Corresponding Secretary shall notify new members of their election to membership as well as notify officers and directors of their election. The corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all general correspondence not otherwise assigned in these By-Laws, The Board in its sole discretion may assign correspondence to either the Corresponding Secretary or the Recording Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or prescribed in these By-Laws." **Seconded.**

Motion unanimously adopted.

Nicholas Forbes moved to authorize the C&BL Committee to begin negotiations with AKC and report back to the Board regarding their proposal #16 that advises a change in the By-Laws, Article II, Officers, Section 2, Duties (E) to be changed from:

"E, The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors, of all votes taken by mail or by telephone, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club or by the Board of Directors. He shall notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election, keep roll of the members of the club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or prescribed in these By-Laws."

To read as:

"E-The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and the Board, of all votes taken by mail or by telephone, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club or by the Board. He shall keep roll of the members of the Club with their addresses. The Club shall retain these minutes as required by law. These approved minutes, except for Executive Sessions minutes, are to be posted on the Club's website as well as in the Club's newsletter. **Seconded.**

Motion unanimously adopted.

New Business

Jane Sirkoch moved that we appoint Sharon Newcomb as Judges Education Chair. **Seconded.**

Motion unanimously adopted.

Jane Sirkoch moved that we award the Juniors that attend and participate in Junior Showmanship at Eukanuba 2015 and 2016 and Westminster 2016, a participation award of \$250 per show after attending the show and submitting proof of attendance to PCA. **Seconded.**

Motion unanimously adopted.

Charlotte McGowan moved that we approve the Patriot Papillon Club's request to hold an independent specialty August 19, 2016 at Collinwood Canine, 81 West Street, Auburn, MA 01501. **Seconded.**

Motion unanimously adopted.

Jane Sirkoch moved that we approve a request for a supported entry at the Ann Arbor Kennel Club show July 9, 2016.
Seconded.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 02/02/2016 at 9:00 PM EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 PM EST.

Genetics Committee Report

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year To All! It has been a year to remember and great work has been done for our beloved Papillons! I would like to announce a new member to our team, Paula Cox. Thank you Paula for joining our committee!

Currently, there have been over 100 papillons tested for NAD, and presently the trend is a 25% carrier rate. Granted this first results are biased, as those who have suspected a problem are those who do the testing first. I have only 40 dogs posted with results. I have sent the last quarter of 2015 (which is the first one to tabulate) to Stephanie and on to Line for posting. Please encourage people to test. These results will be up on the website shortly as well as the Papillon Global Pedigree Data Base.

For those who will look at the disclosures, there are four dogs to take note in the pedigrees. Let me make a statement to be clear, when you talk to people about testing, everyone should test!!! However, anyone that has Queen Bless JP Royal Connection, Magical Gordon of Art Etolie JP, Flashpoint Mission Possible, Siljan's Art Deco Connection and their littermates and any of their offspring need to test, in addition to the dogs that are posted on our website as a Carrier status. I also want to make note this is not a witch hunt, and to treat this information with respect and as knowledge to help those who may have these dogs in their pedigrees, as they may yet not be aware of those results. I also will share, there was another affected puppy sent in December to Dr. Giger. Also, Paula has given me permission to inform us, that she had bred two carriers, unknowingly as the test was not available at the time. She had a litter of three puppies who were healthy and they are adults now. It goes to show you that it looks like most dogs become carriers, and you can breed for years thinking you are clear of NAD. Maybe this is why we have been chasing this disease for 40 years. It will be interesting to see what Dr. Giger thinks the % of carriers, affected and clear are in litters. Thanks to Dr. Giger and his Team for finding this marker! I so look forward to his seminar at the National. I asked Dr. Giger about what age can puppies be tested and here is his response.

Dear Andi,

in my view drawing blood can be readily on any age puppy from day 1 - much easier than later.

One can collect 1% of body weight which means 1ml if puppy weighs 100 grams.

With respect to cheek swabs on tiny puppies like Papillons it can be difficult to get good cheek swab samples. People are afraid to hold the animals and to brush the cheek to get the cells (and not just saliva). For that reason we are concerned that some samples may then not give a good signal to provide results. New samples would have to be submitted this delays the reporting and costs again the client but also us as in those cases we go through a second step on the original sample to see if we could not get it to work. They can be collected at any age as long as they are nursing for >2 hours, and the oral cavity is free of food/milk/colostrum. We are a slightly concerned that if there is colostrum that we may pick up a signal from the mother rather than the

puppy, but this is very unlikely if done as described above.

Hope this helps.

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I personally don't want to draw blood on puppies, so I myself will wait until they are older.

We have another announcement to make. We have new puppies born, from our two Juvenile Cataract affected papillons. This is the Test Breeding colony litter that Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones asked us to do. Thank You Elyse for breeding, whelping out the litter and raising them. We will need homes for these puppies, with regular eye exams by a certified VO and results sent to Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones and to me, on a regular schedule. I would like one puppy close to Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones if possible, and the other two puppies can be anywhere, just close to someone who has a VO near them. All eye exams and blood work and any vet bills will be paid by PCA Genetics. If anyone is interested in raising and taking care of one of the puppies on this project, please let me know. I will be putting together a packet of information and the routine schedule of eye exams that have been requested by Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones. We will only need to have blood drawn once, most likely, maybe twice.

Speaking of Juvenile Cataracts, I am here to say, there is a problem with this in our Papillons! Yes, we have them in different lines, and carriers are passing down quietly like carriers of the NAD gene. This has been around for years, as the first papillon was disclosed publically in 1997, sired by Luxxor Wizard out of Luxxor Puff of Fluff. This past year I have seen two puppies and an adult papillon from other breeders, who were diagnosed with juvenile cataracts, and have had three other calls about this with puppies and young adults as well. I want to make a push for this marker this year. As Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones stated to me, it is all about the numbers. If he has blood from 20 affected animals and their littermates, parents and grandparents to make up 100 samples, he said he can find the marker for this!!!!!!! So, everyone please talk to people and let them know we are in need of blood from diagnosed, affected Papillons with juvenile cataracts and their first and second generation if possible. If people choose to send it anonymously, they can. I am trying to finish up the information to have Line our webmaster put up a page on Juvenile Cataracts and the forms will be on that page for printing. People can send the blood directly to him, along with a pedigree. If the dog has a OFA eye exam that can be sent as well that would be great.

Just this past month another 8 month old papillon puppy was diagnosed with juvenile cataracts. I am going to contact this PCA member and ask them if they would allow blood to be drawn on the pedigrees of dogs that I have that has been disclosed to me at this time. It could be up to 10-16 dogs for blood collection. I am asking PCA Genetics to pay for this blood collection and have it sent to Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones. If we pay for it, I do believe they will agree to have this done. I am asking for a vote on this matter please. Please let me hear from you.

Regarding the website, Line has remained on at this time, and I am so very grateful for her work. Stephanie too!!!! However, there is work to be done on the website, and I need some help with this. I am asking two people to help with this matter. We need to update the pages, I still find some pages outdated and need to be up to date. I will like to have the projects page updated for PRA 2 study and juvenile cataracts. Please contact me about helping with this.

We have had a some generous donations this year. The most recent donations received are as follows. A check for \$50.00 from the Orchid Island Dog Fancier Club in memory of one of their papillon member Roy Skalsky. Papillon Club of Tulsa has not only sold 25 calendars for genetics, they also sent in a donation of \$250.00. This past week, we received a donation from Patricia Boyd for \$250.00 and a very generous donation of \$1000.00 from Bonnie Kost. PAPS did an awesome job and almost have all 50 calendars sold!!!!!! Patriot Papillon Club has sold 25 calendars and Papillon Club of Iowa has sold 25 calendars. I am waiting to hear about MAP and their sales. We still have 500 calendars left, so I am trying to see how to sell them, I have talked on the phone and have sent an email to PapHaven Jan Jorolan about them

selling some calendars. She has agreed to help and will put it on their Facebook page. We will make a little money and they will make some money. A win win for both PCA Genetics and PapHaven.

I will be starting on the National projects and fund raising items. Cheryl and I will be making up the raffle tickets for this years main raffle ticket and we will again announce the 100 club. We will have the lovely Papillon Bronze Statue and a basket to go with that. The Statue weighs 33lbs!

Also to note, the Board has asked me about the request from AKC. I am still thinking on this matter, however there are several factors to consider. One, is that we need a Code of Ethics for breeders who are PCA members. No longer can we ignore this. We have to at least adopt the CHIC requirements to be Breeder of Merit for our Breed, and encourage DNA testing for PRA 1 and NAD. We need a Code of Ethics to reflect this and also anyone that lists to sell puppies on the PCA website need to be in compliance with this by having posted their CHIC dogs on the PCA website. This is another issue that we need to tackle and present to the Board for submission and presentation to the AGM this year. I have asked three members to assist me in this. Stephanie, Janis, Elyse have agreed to help with the Code of Ethics. Until we have a Code of Ethics revised to reflect this new change, we can't response to AKC with their request. We need to have merit in our letter when we reply to AKC.

Health Clinic for the National. I have contacted Dr. Tolar in Louisville, she is the only Board Certified VO in Kentucky. I have asked her to do a OFA Eye clinic but with preregistered dogs of course. Those that register pay in advance and is a non refundable fee. I will hopefully have a response this week. I also am working on a Patella and Heart clinic, with Dr. Ashley Barnett. so I will need help with this too, especially at the National.

So, here we go into 2016 charged and ready to make it the BEST YEAR for PCA GENETICS! I will need a list of those who are coming to the National this year and can help us at the booth and selling tickets.

As always, without you there can not be a PCA Genetics Team! I want to THANK YOU all for all that you do and for your service and committee to our Papillons and Phalenes!

Sincerely,

Andi Meloon
Chairman of PCA Genetics

DECEMBER DELEGATE REPORT 2015.

This is the first meeting this year that I was able to attend. Judging, changing dates of meeting and flights cancelled left me out. Was glad I could attend this one in my back yard so to speak.

However, the PCA Specialty in Orlando coincided with the committee meetings and I missed them. The minutes will be available later. Actually that was on Friday and we had been there for the three previous days of Orlando Circuit.

The main meeting was on Friday {PCA Specialty} but the Specialty was over so we could make the meeting as it started. We listened to the candidates for the election next March. There are 7 candidates for three openings. Any suggestions send me an email. And then the regular business began. These minutes are always printed online in AKC.org. Dennis Sprung presented several new awards called Visionary Awards to Pat Laurens, Viola Burgos David Hopkins, Tom Pincus, Patti Strand and Peggy Wampold.

Then we were to vote on five amendments. The first was on Term Limits for Board Members. This was voted down, but the other four were easily passed. They were applying to Dog Show Rules sort of housekeeping ideas. An amendment was read to be voted on in March that would allow judges to charge a fee. (send me your ideas on this)

Basically that was the heart of the meeting. We went to lunch where the Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented.

Saturday and Sunday were the Eukanuba show. There were approx.. 4500 dogs and it was terrific. A few glitches, and all went well until the final BIS went to the German Shepherd dog Rumor. It was thrilling to watch the top dogs strut their stuff. Come next year and enjoy. Weather was great!

Arlene Czech, Delegate

Treasurer's Report

1/4/2016

Bank Accounts:

Checking-Operating	\$ 3,193.66
National Specialty Checking	17,842.39
Savings	111,660.12
Total	<u>\$ 132,696.17</u>

Fund Balances:

Genetics (Restricted)	\$ 26,069.79
Benevolent (Restricted)	812.65
Special Projects (Restricted)	14,929.52
General	90,884.21
Total	<u>\$ 132,696.17</u>

Operating Account Income: \$ 2,669.38

Operating Account Expenses:

Copyright infringement	200.00
AKC Delegate	750.00
Liability Insurance	668.26
Postage	49.00
Judge's Ed postage	19.47
Meet Breed Parking NYC 2016	180.00
Total Expense	<u>\$ 1,866.73</u>

National Specialty Income:**National Specialty Expenses:**

Total Expense \$ -