



The Papillon Club of America, Inc.
General Board Meeting
May 26, 2022

President, Kevin Ray, called meeting to order at 7:11 PM CDST.

Members in attendance: Kevin Ray, Sandy Schumacher, Linda Foiles, Beth Gray, Cheslie Pickett-Smithey, Tegan Jaworski, Tammy Tackett, and Diana Sayre.

Absent: Jane Sirkoch.

40 Members in good standing must be present for a quorum. We have 60 present. There is a quorum.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved via email and are posted to the website

Reports of Officers:

President–

Vice-President-

Treasurer –See attached.

Corresponding Secretary–Welcome new member Cristeen Talbot. I do have applications for membership with me. Remember, you must have two members who have been a member of PCA for a year before they can sponsor you.

Recording Secretary – See attached.

Reports of Committees.

Delegate to the AKC (Arlene Czech) – None at this time.

2022 PCA National Specialty (Chris Jackson) – None at this time.

2022 PCA National Specialty Agility Trials (Lindsey Barrows) – None at this time.

2022 PCA National Specialty Obedience/Rally Trials (Candy Janke)–Not at this time.

AKC Gazette (Roseann Fucillo) – None at this time.

Benevolent Committee (Art and Nancy Hattan) – None at this time.
Companion Events (Candy Janke)-None at this time.
Genetics Committee (Andi Meloon) – See attached.
Judges Education (Angela Pickett) –See attached.
Membership Education (Barbara Ankersmit) – None at this time.
Medallions and Pins (Anita Wright) – None at this time.
Membership Committee (Beth Gray) – None at this time.
Phalene Committee (Janis McLaren) – None at this time.
Standing Finance Committee (Karen Murad) – None at this time.
Specialty Site Search and Events Negotiations (Carol Ochs) – None at this time.

Unfinished business – None

Election of new members-No new members at this time.

New Business

"I, Andi Meloon, Genetic Research Committee Chair, move to revise Standing Resolution #16. Section 6 (c) as follows:"

Revision to SR #16 - Genetic Research Committee: The Genetic Research Committee requests approval to revise Standing Resolution #16, Section 6(c) as follows:

Current text: c) A returned form will be reviewed for completeness and compliance with the disclosure policies by the GRC Chairman. The final verified correct form will then be forwarded to the PCA Recording Secretary within 10 days of verification and acceptance by the GRC chairman. Disclosure forms will be maintained in the permanent files of PCA by the Recording Secretary. A duplicate copy will be maintained by the Genetic Research Committee chairman. All pertinent facts of the disclosure will be published in all PCA education venues such as, but not limited to, Pap Talk and the PCA Genetics webpage.

Revised text (new text in underlined black):

c) A returned form will be reviewed for completeness and compliance with the disclosure policies by the GRC Chairman. The final verified correct form will then be forwarded to the PCA Recording Secretary within 10 days of verification and acceptance by the GRC chairman. Disclosure forms will be maintained in the permanent files of PCA by the Recording Secretary. A duplicate copy will be maintained by the Genetic Research Committee chairman for no less than 1 year, after which time the copies may be destroyed. All pertinent facts of the disclosure will be published in all PCA education venues such as, but not limited to, Pap Talk and the PCA Genetics webpage. Seconded. Motion was adopted.

Voting yes: 44

Voting no

Julia King moved that the Board create a restricted fund for a JR Showmanship program.

Seconded. Motion was adopted.

New Standing resolution resulting from above motion.

(Standing Resolution 22-1)

Resolved: There is hereby created a restricted fund here and after called "Junior Showmanship Program". This fund is to be used for promoting and educating Junior showmanship of papillons at AKC events.

Voting yes: 46

Voting no: 5

Starting 2023, if we hold a top 25 National Specialty competition the criteria will be counted per AKC breed statistics from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Seconded. Motion is not adopted due lack of 2/3 majority (40).

Voting yes: 28

Voting no:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM EDST

Papillon Club of America, Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of May 24, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
- Hills Bank-Phalene	0.00
1000 Checking-Operating Nextier (2261306878)	31,508.45
1001 Savings-Operating Nextier (2261500793)	124,578.98
2021 National Specialty-Restricted	0.00
Benevolent Fund-Nextier-Restricted	4,631.96
Primer Fund-Nextier-Restricted	15,260.10
Total 1001 Savings-Operating Nextier (2261500793)	144,471.04
1002 -Citizens Checking (Operating-0828)	0.00
1003 - Hills Bank-Operating	0.00
1004 -Citizens Operating Savings (0011)	0.00
2021 National Specialty (Restricted)	0.00
Benevolent Fund (Restricted)	0.00
Total 1004 -Citizens Operating Savings (0011)	0.00
1005 - Hills Bank-Genetics	0.00
1006 Money Market- restricted Genetics (9994)	0.00
1007 Phalene Savings- Nextier (2261500942)	1,940.35
1008 Genetics Savings-Nextier (2261500801)	32,126.62
1009 Citizens Restricted Phalene Savings (0302)	0.00
1010 -Pay-Pal Account-Operating	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$210,046.46
Other Current Assets	
1100 -Term Deposits (Restricted)	0.00
1410 - Inventory	1,500.00
1420 - Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$1,500.00
Total Current Assets	\$211,546.46
Other Assets	
1500 - Other	0.00
Total Other Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$211,546.46

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Balance Sheet

As of May 24, 2022

	TOTAL
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
3000 - Unrestricted - General Operating	42,057.01
3001 - Opening Balance Equity	0.00
3100 - Temporarily Restricted	0.00
3045 Temporarily Restricted Fund-Phalene	1,640.62
3105 Temporarily Restricted-Term Deposits	90,538.99
3110 - Temporarily Restricted - Genetics	38,342.80
3130 - Temporarily Restricted -Primer	15,337.12
3140 - Temporarily Restricted - Benevolent Fund	3,977.76
Total 3100 - Temporarily Restricted	149,837.29
3900 - Retained Earnings	4,204.18
Net Income	15,447.98
Total Equity	\$211,546.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$211,546.46

Papillon Club of America, Inc.

Profit and Loss March 1 - May 24, 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
2020 National Specialty Income	135.00
5040 - PCA Parent Club events	703.74
5210 - Membership Income	
5211 - Membership Dues	838.51
5214 - Dues/Breeders List	220.44
Total 5210 - Membership Income	1,058.95
5310 - Interest Income	74.23
5310 - Interest Income - Phalene account	1.05
Total 5310 - Interest Income	75.28
5320 - Genetics Donation Income	
5324 Genetics-Interest Income	16.03
Total 5320 - Genetics Donation Income	16.03
5420 - Benevolent Donations Income	30.00
5900 - Billable Expense Income	20.00
5902 2022 National Specialty Income	7,673.54
-2022 Banquet	2,440.00
-2022 Catalog	400.20
-2022 Entry Fees-Agility	11,768.00
2022 Companion Events	180.18
2022 Entry Fees-Conformation	10,044.00
2022 National Commemoratives	897.04
2022 Reserved Seating	5,867.75
2022 Trophy	1,028.63
Total 5902 2022 National Specialty Income	40,299.34
Education Fund Donations	75.00
Total Income	\$42,413.34
GROSS PROFIT	\$42,413.34
Expenses	
6402 2021 National Specialty Expense	480.91
6403 2022 National Specialty Expense	11,810.96
2022 Agility Expense	4,010.32
2022 Companion Events	2,000.00
2022 Trophy Expense	696.05
Total 6403 2022 National Specialty Expense	18,517.33
6404 2023 National Specialty Expense	
2023 Companion Events	750.00
Total 6404 2023 National Specialty Expense	750.00
7040 - PCA Regional Specialties Expense	4,483.28
7540 - Legal and Professional Fees	954.00
8220 - Bank Charges	20.00
8520 - Insurance Expense	551.00
8800 - Genetics Expense	1,000.00
Phalene expense	208.84
Total Expenses	\$26,965.36
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$15,447.98
NET INCOME	\$15,447.98

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR GENERAL MEETING

We currently have 402 members.

The Roster has been sent to the printer. Due to paper supply and demand issues, we most likely won't be receiving our Rosters in the mail until June.

For the record, I am not the Webmaster. I am in close contact with the Webmaster, and they take care of the changes/additions to the website.

This is an election year. I have attached to this report a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws Section 4 for your convenience (on the backside of this document) as to how our election process must happen.

Also, as per our By-Laws, Ballots must be mailed on or before December 31. Knowing the delay in all mail by the USPS the ballots will be mailed earlier than that. Keep in mind, as per our By-Laws, only those that have paid their dues on or before December 31, 2022, will be eligible to vote. Due to the fact that I will not have a complete list of those who paid their dues by December 31, 2022, for 2023 everyone will get a ballot. The teller will get a list of paid members through December 31, 2022. I want to encourage all to get their dues paid by December 31 so their vote will count.

Section 4. Nomination and Election.

A. Election of Officers, Directors, and Delegate to the American Kennel Club, Amendments to the Club Constitution and these By-Laws, and Amendments to the Standard of the Breed shall be decided by written secret ballot by mail.

B. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall choose a Nominating Committee. The committee should be selected no later than July 15th of the year immediately preceding the 8 end of the term of office of the Board of Directors. The committee consists of three members from different areas of the United States of America and two alternates, all members in good standing, not more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a chairman for the committee. The nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, teleconference or email. Nominations from the floor for Officers and Directors shall not be taken at any meeting of the Club.

C. The committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club not more than one candidate for each office and for each other position on the Board of Directors and a candidate for Delegate to The American Kennel Club. The chair of the committee shall procure the written acceptance of each nominee. Geographical representation shall be considered by the committee, but it shall not be bound by such consideration. The committee shall submit its slate of candidates to the Recording Secretary by September 1st of the year preceding the election. The Recording Secretary shall announce the committee's slate of candidates no later than October 15th of the year preceding the election. The date of the elections shall be February 1st of the year of the election.

D. Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition signed by five members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate, the petition to be addressed to the Recording Secretary and received at his regular address on or before November 15th of the year preceding the election. The Recording Secretary will provide all candidates with a current membership list including names and last known addresses upon said candidate's request.

E. If no valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before November 15th of the year preceding the election, the committee's

nominees shall be declared elected and no balloting for the positions shall be required.

F. If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary within the time limit described above, he shall, on or before January 1st of the year of the election, mail to each member in good standing at the time of such mailing a ballot listing all the nominees for such positions as are contested. The names of the candidates shall appear in alphabetical order, and the names shall be followed by their current address on the roll of members. The ballots shall not contain any biographies or campaign materials.

May 22, 2022

Dear PCA Board of Directors,

I have received a 2022 Project Proposal for the continued research on the collected family of PRA-affected Papillons which do NOT have PRA Type 1. This 2022 Project Proposal is for \$9866.00. I have the approval of the GRC committee to support this project and am requesting that these funds be taken out of our Genetics account to be sent to Michigan State University for Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones.

Sincerely,

Andrea Meloon, RN

Chair of GRC

Below is the request from Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones:

Progressive Retinal Atrophy in Papillon Dogs
Michigan State University Comparative Ophthalmology Lab
Simon Petersen-Jones
Paige Winkler
2022 Project Proposal

Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) can be caused by mutations in many different genes. The mutation identified in the gene *CNGB1* in Papillons resulting in an earlier onset PRA (PRA type 1) accounts for roughly 75% of the PRA described in Papillon dogs. The remaining PRA cases seen in Papillons could be the result of one or more different gene mutations. As we saw in the PRA type 1 project, and other successful projects within the lab, using a family group of PRA cases helps to ensure we are focusing on one gene mutation at a time which greatly decreases the difficulty of data analysis.

We propose a 2-part plan:

1. We currently have WGS data from 5 PRA-affected and 1 obligate carrier Papillon (which do NOT have PRA type 1).
 - a. This data is time consuming to analyze for the causal mutation. Analysis includes 1) identifying variants within candidate genes; 2) analyzing variant for pathogenicity; 3) confirming variant using Sanger sequencing within the affected dogs; 4) if it is confirmed in affected dogs, then screening with unaffected Papillon dogs and other breeds

Juvenile Cataract Research

Since 2019 there have been no changes in the Juvenile Cataract Research being conducted by Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones. January 2022 marks the sixth anniversary since the cataract papillon test litter. The eye exams of those three puppies since remain clear/normal until this past year when Esga, female papillon was seen and had diagnosed Florida spots however, no cataracts. (Florida keratopathy, also known as Florida spots, is an eye condition characterized by the presence of multiple spots within both corneas. It is most commonly seen in dogs and cats but is also rarely seen in horses and birds. The disease is found in the southeastern parts of the United States.) Esga's vision will not change, no pain is associated with this and no treatment or cure with this diagnosis.

As of May 17, 2022, Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones will no longer follow the three papillons from the test litter. He states "that he is at a bit of a holding point at the moment unless we can find a family with clear inheritance of juvenile cataract between generations. The difficulty with cataracts are that there are several possible causes apart from genetics-so distinguishing between inherited and non-inherited can be difficult". With his approval these three puppies are no longer needed for any further examinations. The three owners have been notified by email attached was a letter stating that fact, releasing them of any further obligations. I also called each one personally to Thank them for their efforts in our Juvenile Cataract research.

PRA Research

In September 2021, Dr. Jones had 6 PRA-affected samples from Papillons (which did not have PRA type 1) with enough DNA to send for whole genome sequencing. This was presented to the PCA Board and membership and was approved September 8, 2021, at the PCA National. In November 2021, \$13,140.00 was sent to Michigan State University for this Progressive Retinal Atrophy in Papillon dogs for Dr. Jones' continued work. The goal was to identify the mutation(s) associated with PRA in Papillon dogs that do have the PRA type 1. The samples were sent off for WGS. (Whole Genome Sequencing) On May 17, 2022, I received the following progress report from Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones:

The Petersen-Jones lab has whole genome sequenced six papillons. Five of these are PRA-affected and one is an unaffected offspring of an affected dog (this dog is an obligate carrier). The sequenced dogs contain one family group. We have also obtained DNA from 1 additional PRA-affected dog.

Over 5 million variants were identified per dog. These variants are differences between that individual dog and the canine reference genome. We started with three initial analyses to reduce the number of variants to investigate in greater detail. First, we assumed that ALL of the PRA-affected papillons would share the same mutation resulting in PRA. We then removed that assumption and allowed for more than one mutation resulting in PRA. Remaining variants were screened to see if present in candidate genes (genes that are involved in retinal disease in other breeds or species). See summary below.

Initial analyses:

- 1) All affected dogs must have the same mutation
 - a. ~1300 variants
 - b. No variants in established candidate genes
- 2) At least 3 affected dogs have the same mutation
 - a. ~42,000 variants
 - b. Variants in some candidate genes
- 3) At least 2 affected dogs have the same mutation
 - a. ~96,000 variants
 - b. Variants in some candidate genes

From the email I received this past week from Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones, his next step is to look in detail at the DNA variants in the candidate genes for PRA. He needs continued financial support to further the genetic study. He writes the following:

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 - a. This data is time consuming to analyze for the causal mutation. Analysis includes 1) identifying variants within candidate genes; 2) analyzing variant for pathogenicity; 3) confirming variant using Sanger sequencing within the affected dogs; 4) if it is confirmed in affected dogs, then screening with unaffected Papillon dogs and other breeds
 - b. If there are no plausible variants within known candidate genes, we then look at the variants that are predicted to be highly pathogenic in ANY gene and conduct literature searches to identify any that have retinal involvement.

The current amount of money needed is \$9866.00. I have presented this financial request to the PCA Board of Directors and await their decision.

At the end of this AGM report is the requested proposal from Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones for the 2022 Project Proposal for continued research for the other form of PRA.

Canine Health Foundation (CHF)

The PCA GRC committee submitted four research projects from the CHF (Canine Health Foundation) list of grant research to support. A total of \$10,000.00 from the CHF account was used to support these projects. The GRC committee felt best to support canine research that would improve health and wellbeing for our Papillons as well as all breeds. We want to Thank the PCA Membership and the PCA Board of Directors for your support and approval. The following grants are listed as follows:

02428: Identifying the Disease-Defining Autoantibodies in Canine Addison's Disease Dr. Steven G Friedenberg, DVM, PhD; University of Minnesota \$2500.00 Donation.

02561: "Is gut dysbiosis associated with canine idiopathic epilepsy?" Dr. Karen R. Munana, DVM, MS; North Carolina State University \$2500.00 Donation.

02632: Canine Chagas disease: Characterizing cardiac disease and developing screening recommendations for asymptomatic dogs seropositive for *Trypanosoma cruzi*. Dr. Ashley B. Saunders, DVM; Texas A&M AgriLife Research \$2500.00 Donation.

02809: Microbial and cytokine signatures of periodontitis in dogs Dr. Santiago Peralta, DVM; Cornell University \$2500.00 Donation

CHF (Canine Health Foundation) account balance as of 3/1/2022 is: \$41,831.02

Fund Raising

At last year's PCA National, the PCA Genetics raffle was supported primarily from items that have been donated from the Estate of Ann Vradenburg, Laserna Papillons. Money raised from the 2021 PCA GRC (Genetic Research Committee) raffle and sales totaled \$2175.00

In April of this year, I received an email from the family of Mary Jo Loye. They have donated a beautiful 18kt gold enameled butterfly brooch with diamonds to help raise money for genetic research for our papillons. Currently we are selling raffle tickets for \$10.00 each to help raise money with a goal to raise \$4000.00 with this beautiful piece of jewelry. This raffle will continue until December 10th of 2022. We will also have this up on our website and Facebook to help generate interest and allow other individuals to have a chance to purchase and win this gorgeous brooch. There is a handwritten appraisal on this brooch from the jewelry store with an estimated value of \$4000.00.

Raising money for the PCA GRC is an ongoing project that needs and appreciates the lovely donations that come from past and present members. Each donation is greatly appreciated and displayed with loving care and handling. Please consider donating a papillon statue, pictures, jewelry and anything that tells a story or history of our breed. Please contact Andi Meloon at andi2012@centurylink.net if you have something you would like to donate.

The GRC hopes to have available soon, our own PayPal button that will be available on the www.pcagenetics.com website soon. We are looking at ways of raising money in addition to the yearly National Raffle/sales table.

Current balance in the PCA Genetics' Account as of 04/26/2022 is \$33,126.62

Health Survey 2022

The last Papillon Health Survey was done in 2018. Current Liver Disease Health Survey is currently underway as of May 19, 2022. Email has been sent to the PCA membership prior to the start of the 2022 PCA National Agility trials. You may take the survey online or on your I phone as well. If you have not completed this survey, please do so as the collection of information from this survey will give us a window into the health of our beloved papillons for future research. This survey will be available to the PCA membership only until July 4th, 2022 at which time this survey will be open to all papillons owners and breeders in North America. After that time, the survey will be on the www.pcagenetics.com website for all to take.

As a note, Liver disease has been in papillons for a very long time. The work from Dr. Sharon Center done over a decade ago has not moved forward to understand this disease. Treatments have improved, however how this occurs has not been solved. As I understand, over 60% of Maltese have this disease as stated on their National Parent club website, as well as the Yorkie club. Let's not wait for this to happen to our breed. Please support the PCA GRC in this work.

Sincerely,

Andi Meloon
PCA GRC Chair