

# Hungarian Pumi Club of America

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting

September 19, 2020



The meeting was called to order at 12:08 PM PDT.

### Roll Call

There were 32 members attending:

#### Members:

Maria Arechaederra (CA)	Terrie Cowan (TN)	Tom Levy (OR)
Linda Barrett (TX)	Dennis Craig (CA)	Lindy Miller (PA)
Karen Beattie Massey (WA)	Marilyn Funke (GA)	Debbie Miyashita (BC)
Meir Ben-Dror (SC)	Jo Ann Gast (NE)	Nancy Nelson (CT)
Nancy Ben-Dror (SC)	Susan Harris (GA)	Amy Newkirk (KY)
Kathy Boulton (NC)	Ginny Hayes (MN)	Gail Oneal (WA)
Christine Brew (CA)	Helen Hovanic (AL)	Gail Wildey (VA)
Ginger Butler (FL)	Greg Hovanic (AL)	Bill Wildey (VA)
Jenny Cobb (TN)	Madelene Klein (FL)	Nan Wisensale (CT)
Bruce Coffman (KS)	Stan Kovak (CT)	Steve Wisensale (CT)
Sandy Coffman (KS)	Chris Levy (OR)	

**Guests:** None.

### Minutes of the last meeting

Chris read the minutes from the 2019 meeting. Nancy Nelson said the Treasurer's report was not complete and would send the information to Chris for correction.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

### Report of President

See President's Annual Report attached.

### Report of Secretary

There is nothing else to report other than we recently received statistical reports from AKC which Chris forwarded to the Board. Ginger shared one of the spreadsheets from AKC on registration statistics and dogs competing in various events. One of the graphs demonstrated that the percentage of puppies registered out of a litter was declining and emphasized the importance of making sure all puppies in a litter are registered. Ginger said these statistics and charts will be mailed to all members.

### Report of Treasurer

The balance in the bank is \$38,920.14. The Rescue Fund income YTD is \$241.50, and Trophy Fund income YTD is \$961.50. Nancy Nelson mentioned that we need to know the balance in each fund: General, Trophy, and Rescue. Jo Ann explained that she only recently has gotten full access to the bank account. Nancy will assist Jo Ann in getting a detailed report to the membership.

### Reports of Committees

**Agility - Ginny Hayes.** Ginny reported the 2021 agility trial had to be cancelled. They plan on holding it in 2022, but may change the venue.

If any member is interested in putting on an HPCA agility trial, contact her for information and assistance. It makes money for the HPCA and shows off how great the Pumik are at agility.

**AKC Delegate – Marilyn Piusz.** Marilyn was not able to attend but sent a report which as read by Dennis:

During the past 12 months I have attended all the Delegates Quarterly Meetings: September 2019 and March 2020 in Newark New Jersey; December 2019 in Orlando Florida and both June and September 2020 as Zoom Webinar Meetings.

In person meetings last 2 days, with the first day being the Delegate Standing Committee Meetings and the second being the Delegate Meeting itself. At each meeting the Delegates vote on Amendments that were read at the previous meeting; these all require 2/3 vote to pass. June 2020 was an exception since no virtual voting process had been put in place so at this week's meeting we voted on the amendments that were read in March and June. Most of these are pretty much routine and many are just to clear up the language of the various Rules.

At the December Parent Club Committee Meeting I read a letter regarding having AKC notify the Parent Club as soon as someone is suspended that has their particular breed. The response has been that it is a matter of confidentiality until the appeal process is over and it is published in the Secretary's page. I have followed up with numerous people at AKC but have not had any success. I have one more person to try, but doubt that anything will change and it will remain that the Parent Clubs won't know until they read it on the Secretary's page.

Along the same lines, in August when I noticed a suspension of a "Pumi person" I checked AKC Marketplace and noticed that the person was still listed there. I contacted AKC. They removed it and let me know that now "internal procedures have been established when a person is suspended or put on referral to remove from Marketplace."

Delegate Meeting transcripts can be found at <https://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/delegates/delegate-meeting-minutes/>

**Awards – Terry Cowan.** Terrie said that she had felt that it was a good thing to recognize the outstanding dogs in our breed. She'd like to do a survey of the members in the future to see what is important in being recognized. She'd like any feedback that members about how to recognize the hard work that members do with their Pumik, no matter what venue.

**Constitution & Bylaws - Tom Levy & Tammy Hall.** Tom reported that the committee is researching a topic that was a request for information from the Board and will report on that at the next Board meeting.

**Health – Karen Beattie Massey.** Karen said the committee has met 3 times and agreed on the content of an official Pumi breed health survey through OFA that serves as a baseline and picture of overall health of the breed. It deals with both disease and morbidity. (Sec. note: this was not done previously because the Pumi population in general was very young and so not seeing many age-related issues.) They also have put together some suggested changes to the club website on health and breeding.

Another project they'd like to look at is how to gather health data on an on-going basis to keep up with changes in Pumi health as they happen. Debbie Miyashita asked about the changes to the web pages. Karen answered that for example, OFA stats are out of date and they plan to have link to the current info on the OFA site.

**Judges Education - Chris Levy.** Chris presented a seminar in Washington in January and a webinar in May. There is a link on the HPCA Judges Education website to that webinar if anyone is interested. There are no planned seminars except for the one at Pumifest next year in North Carolina.

**Judges Selection – Heather Stimson.** No report since Heather was absent.

**Newsletter – Amy Newkirk.** Amy has put out 2 editions and enjoyed doing it. She has appreciated the articles that members submit. She is going to start working on the next edition soon and would like some members to volunteer to assist her. She's planning to set up a time for Chris to teach her the formatting needs. COVID has taken much of her time for her job in health care and Ginger assured Amy that we "have her back" and will assist her in any way we can. Ginny said she would help. Debbie Miyashita volunteered to help. She has done newsletters in the past and uses Publisher. The two issues that Amy has done are also on Facebook in the "Files" section.

**Orlando Specialty – Ginger Butler.** Ginger said we're ready to go, just hoping the shows don't get cancelled. We have cute trophies for the specialty.

**Pedigree Software Evaluation – Chris Levy.** Chris has been working on this for about 2 years. This spring she has researched the pedigree software for all of AKC's breeds. She documented the major programs and has narrowed it down to 4 and will do a detailed evaluation of each of those. She even learned more last week from Facebook when a question about pedigree software was posted in an all-breed forum. She's expecting we'll be able to store health information in addition to pedigrees, titles, and photos in a worldwide database.

**Public Education – Ginger Butler.** Ginger reported that we did the Meet the Breeds in Orlando with new materials, but all 2020 Meet the Breeds have been cancelled due to COVID. She also mentioned that the Meet the Breeds in Orlando is cancelled through 2022 because of construction at the facility. Nancy Nelson reported on the Meet the Breeds in New York. There was over 200,000 people each day in the Javits Center. AKC made consistent banner and handout cards for all breeds, of which we didn't have enough. They're talking about making the booths more consistent. They are expanding the Meet the Breeds which will be occurring around the country once we can again have large gatherings.

**Pumifest - Chris Levy.** Chris reported that Pumifest 2020 was cancelled, but we did go forward with the Annual Meeting and Auction. Pumifest 2021 will be in North Carolina and hopefully it will be twice as fun just because we will have waiting so long just to get together.

**Versatility - Meir Ben-Dror.** Meir reported that there were only 2 applications for Versatility Titles this year.

CH Ederra's Sabbia Bianca CD BN RE NA NAJ NF BCAT SWN SHDN CGC TKN "Sandy", owner: Diane Fletcher. **Awarded VP3** for Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Coursing, Nosework and Trick Dog.

GCHB CH Abiqua Jatekos CA HI DCAT SCN SIN SBN "Fleet", owner: Jenny Cobb. **Awarded VP2** for Conformation, Herding, Coursing and Nosework

Meir will be putting something in the next newsletter to encourage members to apply for their versatility titles.

**Webmaster - Chris Levy.** Chris reported that she's been busy keeping up with posting the auction items, and in fact another one just came in. When the Board has approved the Health Committee changes to the website, she'll make those.

**Welcome – Marilyn Piusz.** Marilyn was not able to attend but sent a report which as read by Dennis. During the past 12 months Marilyn sent out 13 Membership Pins along with welcome letters to new members.

### Unfinished and New Business

Ginger said we would dispense with both Unfinished and New Business so that we would have time for the awards presentation.

### Annual Awards Presentation

Terrie announced the 2019 winners of the annual awards and showed everyone the plaques:

#### Conformation

Top Pumi in Breed: GCHB CH Serteperti Alincsa, owned by Cindy Cassidy  
Top Pumi All-Breed: GCHB CH Serteperti Alincsa, owned by Cindy Cassidy  
Top Owner Handler: GCHB CH Abiqua Jatekos CA DCAT SCN SIN, owned by Jenny Cobb

#### Obedience

Top Obedience Dog: OTCH2 Greensfarms Wright Stuff CM UDX5 OGM NAP NJP, owned by Lucille Berninger McNabney

#### Rally

Top Rally Dog: CH Ederra's Sabbia Bianca CD BN RE NA NAJ NF, owned by Diane Fletcher

#### Agility

Top MACH Dog: MACH3 Abiqua Hetyke CM RN MXB2 MJS2 MFB TQX T2B6 CGC TKA, owned by Kathie Ogden  
Top PACH Dog: MACH5 PACH3 Vidam Kertesz Kicsi TucsoK MXS2 MJS2 MXP8 MXPG, owned by Shirley Russell

#### Title Certificates

These will be mailed out to everyone shortly.

#### AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

Ginger announced that the winner of our first AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award is Chris Levy.

Chris was nominated by Peter & Marilyn Piusz: Peter and I would like to nominate Chris Levy to be the recipient of the first AKC Good Sportsmanship Award to be presented by the Hungarian Pumi Club Of America. Chris was one of the founding members of the Club back in 2005 and served as its first President until 2018, recently finished her 2nd term as Vice-President and is now the Secretary. As an AKC Pumi Judge herself, she also heads HPCA's Judges Education Committee. And as such, has conducted many Judges Education Seminars over the years, including the ones held at Pumifests. She put several Scent Work Titles on three of her bitches and occasionally handles in the Conformation ring as well. To us there is no one who is more deserving of this Award than Chris Levy.

Ginger said has the medallion and will send it to Chris.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Ginger moved and Tom Levy seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 1:04 PM PDT. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris D. Levy*

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## **HPCA President's Report \* September 19, 2020**

### Pumi stats from AKC:

2019: there were 106 Pumik registered, 22 litters with 129 puppies 4.8% increase the previous year.

2020 (as of 7/31/20): 62 Pumik registered, 15 litters with 88 puppies

Total number of Pumik registered with AKC: 674

### Competition (the complete year 2019):

89 different Pumik achieved one or more AKC titles in 2019

Agility	138
Conformation	30
Scent work	27
Trick	19
Coursing	17
Rally	16
CGC	14
Obedience	11
Herding	6
Dock Diving	3
Therapy	2
TT - Temperament Test new title	1
Total	284

### Club progress:

- ✦ HPCA has 201 members in 36 states, Canada, & The Netherlands
- ✦ Held Meet the Breeds (NY & FL), and other smaller ones done by members
- ✦ Published 3 newsletters (thanks to Amy and all the authors)
- ✦ Put on 2 Judges Education Seminars (included Virtual!!!)
- ✦ Held our AKC all-breed agility trial (3 trials) earning \$3500
- ✦ Have 60 Pumik with CHIC numbers
- ✦ Have 186 dogs in CHIC DNA bank
- ✦ Awarded 2 HPCA Versatility Certificates for VP2 and VP3
- ✦ Held our Regional Specialty Show in December in Orlando.
- ✦ Embraced virtual media (board meetings, Annual membership meeting, auction)
- ✦ Completed the Member Code of Ethics
- ✦ Completed the Breeder application process to be included on the club webpage
- ✦ Completed the Judges Education selection process
- ✦ Modified the membership approval process to include input from membership
- ✦ Added an award for any dog that enters every single event offered at Pumifest
- ✦ Revised the process for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship award to include voting by the membership
- ✦ Developed a Judges Quick Reference Guide
- ✦ Completed the AKC Pumi Health statement