



APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER



April 2018 greetings from your president! We had another good meeting Mar. 15th and had a very nice presentation from Nick with People and Pets Together.

The State Fair contracts are in and signed and we continue to monitor the progress of the upgrades to the Pet Center and demo area on the north end.

On the 25th Wendy, Bobby, Barbara B., Adam, and I had a very productive meeting on the constructs of our new Minnesota Purebred Junior support program. Thank you to Wendy and Bobby for coming up with this unique concept which will enable us to interface with many others in the "dog world" and provide some great support, encouragement, and needed education and mentoring to youth.

Thanks to all who looked over the membership apps and helped revise and clarify things in them.

Our Siberian Husky Specialty is at Animal Inn April 14th and 15th. I am the Show Chair this year. If you're in the area and want to meet me or your Membership Chair, Barb Armour, feel free to drop in and say hello. Minnesota Purebred club members Rose Hallman and Briana Klecker will be there also.

Best wishes to you and your shedding pups in this season of rebirth, buds, and the unique smells of spring.

John Armour sundog4@popp.net

MPDBA Minutes of Board Meeting March 15-2018

Called to Order 7:10 pm by John Armour at Libby Conference Center

Attendance:

Board members present: John Armour, Barb Bartholomew, Nona Dietrich, Bobby Moore, Wendy Olson, Carol Ouhl, Lois Walton, Cinda Waller

Board Absent: Judy Dove, Kris Hassig

Members: Barb Armour

Guests: Nick Atwood from People and Pets Together, Bill Lozito, Diane Prange, Shawna Matheson, Celia Vaerst

Reports:

President: John asked attendees to introduce themselves. John introduced Nick Atwood from People and Pets Together to tell us about his organization. It is a 501c(3) operating as a food shelf for pets. They primarily help people with food for dogs and cats. They also have food for birds, guinea pigs and fish, and cat litter. They put on some low cost vaccination clinics. All their food is donated to them from wholesalers, veterinarians, manufacturers and donation boxes at PetSmart and Petco. They receive cash donations as well as accept new and gently used supplies of dog beds, leashes, etc. They have 2 limited part-time employees and hundreds of volunteers and a physical location in Mpls. They serve several different areas from Cambridge to Stillwater but primarily the Powderhorn area of Mpls. Currently their biggest need is canned cat food and grain-free dog kibble. The board is currently discussing various ways that we as an organization can help them.

Secretary: Carol moved; Bobby 2nd to dispense with reading of minutes and approve as printed in newsletter. Motion carried. There are 2 other items that will be noted under the appropriate committees.

Treasurer: Lois reported there are 2 reimbursement checks outstanding as she is waiting for an address where to send them. Nona noted that the honorarium we gave our veterinary speakers at our annual meeting was declined and they asked us to donate it where we think best. Feb beginning balance \$24,344.27; ending balance \$24,091.16. Barb B moved; Barb A 2nd to accept treasurers report. Motion carried.

Committees:

State Fair: ♦ Chris Gabel forwarded to the Board the signed annual contract with the State Fair that allows us to exhibit there. ♦ Also attached were updated drawings of our new exhibit area at the north end of the Fair. Bobby Moore is requesting anyone having new pictures from last year's State Fair send them to her for inclusion in the videos we display by the information desk. You can email them to her = robertamoore2@mac.com

Membership: Barb A ♦ Board voted to accept New Members: Bill Lozito & Diane Prange (Siberians). Welcome Bill and Diane. ♦ Member Applicants - 2nd reading Shawna & Michael Matheson (Boston Terrier). ♦ 2nd reading Diana Weiss with Deutsch Drathar and Chinese Crested. Her kennel visit is still outstanding. ♦ Membership renewal notices had language changes based on comments from the Board's review. They will be sent out by email shortly. ♦ Carol reviewed ByLaws to be sure it had no restrictions on the method used to send our renewals. ♦ Carol also reviewed ByLaws for timing of member acceptance. There should be 2 monthly readings / publish in newsletter. During the 3rd monthly meeting, if no objections from membership, Board votes on acceptance.

PR/Community Outreach: ♦ Barb B noted that People and Pets Together has 7 different food shelves throughout the metro area. They give away pet beds, bowls etc. ♦ Barb B moved and Bobby 2nd to form a Committee to determine how we can sponsor this group and maybe include them in the Fair somehow. Committee will include Krista Peterson, Barb B, Wendy Olson and John. Motion carried unanimously. ♦ Barb B suggested she take the same list of 29 exhibitors from Bred By classes that were invited to annual meeting and invite them to the April meeting. If they want to exhibit at the Fair they need to start the membership process at that meeting.

Legislation - Barb B had contacted Helping Paws about the MN legislation being considered to create a definition try to eliminate all the fake service dogs around these days. Helping Paws has reviewed the proposed law and thinks something like this should be done at the Federal level rather than the State level. Eileen sent some information to BarbB. The Board discussed and decided we should at least notify membership that there is proposed legislation so they can read it themselves. If you want the link to the legislation contact Barb Bartholomew. Her email is barbarasbostons@yahoo.com.

Junior Handler Program: Wendy and Bobby handed out a proposal for MPDBA to create a fund to sponsor a new program to help junior handlers. Our program would be available to junior handlers from all areas, e.g., 4H, other clubs, individual children, etc. in both conformation and performance events. The name of the program will be MPDBA Juniors-for the youth dog fancy of MN. The committee on this program, Wendy Olson, Bobby Moore, Barb Bartholomew, John Armour, Adam Morris created a base concept document that is separately attached. (See page 5)

The MPDBA program will be separate from the Animal Inn Juniors program that is strictly for juniors taking their handler class. Animal Inn has made their program a Club; Jon North is the President. Membership is \$20/yr plus \$5/class. Their program financially assists juniors with the various costs of showing.

Adjourned Bobby moved; Wendy 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

DEADLINE FOR DUES RENEWALS

MAY 15, 2018

Send to Barb Armour, Membership Chair,

920 Stryker Avenue

West St Paul MN 55118

If you have any questions, call Barb at 651-373-4633 or

Email sundog3@popp.net

Thank you!

All are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings

2018 M.P.D.B.A. Meeting Schedule – 7 pm Thursdays

April 19 May 17 June 21 July 19 August TBD Sept 20 Oct 18 Nov 15 Dec 15



Committee Meeting on Juniors – March 4, 2018

In attendance: Wendy Olson, Bobby Moore, Barb Bartholomew, John Armour, Adam Morris.

Observers: Barb Armour, Celia Vaerst

Agenda Topics:

Decided on a name – MPDBA Junior – for the youth dog fancy of MN

Mission Statement: The MPDBA Junior program is to promote the education, sportsmanship, and abilities of MN youth participating in the dog fancy. Participation in this program is to encourage mentorship amongst the juniors, a work ethic, future education for the juniors, sportsmanship and cooperative interpersonal skills in the dog fancy that can be carried into adulthood.

Junior Fund: MPDBA will help facilitate funding for conformation and performance events for dog related activities for those juniors/families that have difficulty meeting expenses incurred in these activities. To qualify the junior must be 9 – 18 years old and they must fill out an application (to be drawn up by the committee) The committee will decide what the recipient will receive. No more than \$250.00 will be awarded to each recipient per year. This money can help the recipient to pay for show entries, show photos, travel expenses, proper clothing, lessons, etc.

Scholarship: One scholarship of \$1000.00 will be awarded to a graduating senior to be used for attendance at a post-secondary school. The candidate must fill out an application (to be drawn up by the committee) which in turn will be submitted as a blind copy to the review committee. Preference will be given to a relative of MPDBA if there is a tie between candidates. The recipient of the scholarship will be expected to come back and mentor juniors at one of our education seminars and will be given a one year free individual membership in MPDBA.

Educational seminar: Will be presented a few times per year. Topics to included handling secrets, talk with a judge, proper clothing and appearance for shows, breed standards; overall tips to bring success in the ring. Future seminars could include pointers in performance events, TDI info, etc.

Next meeting March 25th at 2094 Cedar Ave, 1:00 pm.



Spring shows

Closing April 4, 2018:

Fond du Lac County Kennel Club April 21-22, 2018 Fond du Lac, WI

Great Dane Club of Milwaukee Concurrent Specialties April 21-22, 2018 Fond du Lac, WI

Closing April 11, 2018

Northern Flyway Golden Retriever Club of Wisconsin April 28-29, 2018 Menasha, WI

Progress City Cluster Dog Shows Sandemac Kennel Club/Champaign Illinois Kennel Club & Mattoon Kennel Club April 27- 29, 2018 Decatur, IL

Samoyed Association of Madison/Greater Milwaukee Samoyed Fanciers April 28 & 29, 2018 Fond du Lac, WI

Newfoundland Club of America May 1-5, 2018 Frankenmuth, MI

Heart of Iowa Kennel Club April 28-29 2018 , Marshalltown IA

Seward Co KC April 28-29, 2018, Seward NE

Closing April 18, 2018

Dairyland Classic Badger Kennel Club/Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club May 4-6, 2018 Jefferson, WI

Great Lakes French Bulldog Club Concurrent Specialties May 5, 2018 Jefferson, WI

Closing April 25, 2018

Indianhead Kennel Club May 12 & 13, 2018 Eau Claire, WI

Scott CO KC May 12 & 13, 2018, Davenport IA



