



MPBDA BOARD MINUTES

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Attendance:

Board Members Present: John Armour, Barb Amour, Barb Bartholomew, Nona Dietrich, Rose Hallman, Kris Hassig, Adam Morris, Bobby Moore-Reibel, Wendy Olson, Carol Ouhl, Peggy Simerson, Lois Walton

Board Members Absent: None

Members: Karen Johnson, Briana Klecker, Alyssa Morris,

Guests: None

Call to Order: John called meeting to order at 7:17 pm via Zoom

July Minutes Approved: Wendy moved, Kris 2nd to approve minutes as sent to the Board and subsequently printed in the newsletter. Unanimously approved.

President's Report: John is going to make sure that people who have their hands raised are recognized.

Secretary's Report: A few people sent corrections to first draft of minutes by using colored text. Multiple colors from same author come thru only in one color. If you want to make changes to the document you received, you will first have to click the button for "enable editing", make the changes and save the document with a different file name. As an alternative you can send an email with the text copy as printed and then write the text as you want it. Or you can just tell me the subject heading and paragraph and then list the text you want to see. If you have additional comments be sure to tell me they are comments as an aside.

Treasurer's Report: Lois had previously emailed the Board the full report. She noted the August beginning balance was \$16,996.00. Ending balance is \$12,993.00 due to the \$4,000 check to Mike S for work on repairing our benches. We received \$135 from dues. ♦ She also received another scam email asking for money. ♦ We need to check our bylaws for the dollar amount that needs Board approval.

Membership: Barb Armour reported:

→ Gary & Gina Frandsen, Pugs, Albertville. Home visit completed. Board unanimously approved their membership. Welcome Gary and Dana.

→ 3nd reading – due to receiving home visit. Deborah Marti, Portugese Water Dog, lives in St. Michael and does canine massage.

→ 2nd reading – Lori Marthe, lives in Plymouth with Great Danes and Dobermans. Lori co-owns the dogs with Sandy Mauck.

→ 2nd reading – Sandy Mauck, lives in Cleveland area of Minneapolis, co-owns the Great Danes and Dobermans with Lori. Home visit has been completed.

Bobby has completed the electronic version of our Member Directory. In addition to our members, the directory will be sent to all veterinarians in Minnesota using the list provided to us from the Minnesota Veterinarian Medical Association. MVMA will also add a link on their website to our directory which will be on our website.

Sunshine Committee: Wendy sent sympathy cards to Peggy Simerson & Craig Carson for Craig's father; Alexandra Antoski for her grandfather, Donna Grendler, former Treasurer and very involved long term Board member, following her daughter's long illness. Wendy has depleted the funds allotted to her. Bobby moved; Nona 2nd to send Wendy another \$50. Motion carried unanimously.

Junior Program: Wendy had nothing new to report. She expects the committee will begin meeting after the Cambridge shows.

State Fair Committee Rose reported Mike will return Sept 15 to finish bench repairs/ rebuild. During this time everyone is requested to stay away to avoid impeding fastest progress possible. The Committee will then power wash the benches and shrink wrap them for free. Someone other than Mike will be building a new Info desk. "Keep off" signs will be placed on the benches to help protect them. Week of August 24 committee will be taking inventory of the materials currently stored in the container. Junior materials currently stored in John's garage will be moved to our container on the Fairgrounds. Anyone having questions about the benches or the Fair should ask one of the Committee members, Bobby Moore, Briana Klecher, Peggy Simerson, Rose Hallman, John Armour

Food Donation: Peggy reported the food drive was a huge success; we collected almost 1800 # of food including dog and cat food, litter, toys, etc. A big thank you to the committee and other members who helped with the event. Barb Bartholomew gave a presentation on Katie K-9s radio program. Nona kept Facebook up to date. Diane updated the website. Wendy, Bobby, Nona, Rose, Lori and Sally opened up their homes and businesses as food donation drop off locations. Many people went directly to Sandy Reitsma to purchase food as she obtains it wholesale. This was a team effort! The committee will be sending Thank You notes out soon. While we didn't collect as much as we had hoped, we realize many people might not be able to participate due to the pandemic, or the economic recession, or several other reasons. So given those challenges, we did very well. The food was donated to People and Pets Together and Feeding Furry Friends. These pet food shelves distribute throughout Minnesota. They keep lists of items their regular customers might need such as a special food to try to obtain those. Peggy wrote a summary thank you article for the newsletter listing donors and all the MN cities that received food from this effort.

We hope to see this event evolve with another opportunity in November, where we can kick off our Club's 50th anniversary celebration and celebrate through next year into the State Fair. Thank you, Peggy for all your hard work spearheading this initiative and doing a fabulous job and thanks to the committee and members who helped and contributed.

Old Business We previously discussed how much detail should be on the Home Visit form taken of prospective members. What tests should be done for a given breed if the applicant does, or does not intend to breed. We won't necessarily know a great deal about a particular breed. We will go to both the parent club website and the OFA for information on required and recommended tests. Wendy will craft a question on testing. Nona and Kris will review. When they approve, Bobby will then add it to the Home Visit form.

New Business: John asked that people who have questions or comments on a particular subject first contact the Chair of the Committee of that subject before talking to others. Bobby will update the list we have of Committees, their Chair and members and respective contact information.

Adjourn - Rose moved, Bobby 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.