

# **MPBDA BOARD MINUTES**

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## **MPDBA Minutes of Board Meeting December 17, 2020**

**Called to Order** 7:05 pm by President John Armour via a Zoom conference call

**Attendance:**

Board Members Present: John Armour, Barb Armour, 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: Theresa Baker, Briana Klecker, Alyssa Morris, Julie Swinland

Guests: None

**November Minutes Approved:** Carol moved, Barb A. 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter. Unanimously approved.

**President's Report:** Nothing

**Secretary's Report:** I have a huge thank you to Bobby for doing all the electronic setup for our membership balloting and an especially huge, huge thank you to Wendy for doing many manual hours of work to send out the bylaws during my surgery. Wendy noted she has received 18 ballots; 2 of which cannot be counted due to illegible / missing signature as noted in the instructions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lois sent the full report to the Board prior to the meeting. Beginning balance was \$13,027.07. Deposited dues of \$105 (previously erroneously noted as \$135), usual cost of \$3.00 statement fee gives ending balance of \$13,129.07. Lois noted to date the cost of the bylaws printing and mailing is \$205.07. Barb B asked the amount of the outstanding bill with Mike; we think it is \$4000 but we'll check. Kris moved, Nona 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Treasurer's report.

**Membership:** Barb Armour reported all required documentation was received from Mollie and Sydney Fletcher, owners of Claus Bichons in Eden Prairie. Barb B did their home visit reporting their health testing and records are impeccable. Their application has already been read and published twice. Barb A will send info to Diane for our website and Bobby for our email list. Barb B moved; Nona 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve their membership. Motion approved unanimously. Welcome Fletcher Family!

**Sunshine Committee:** Wendy sent a sympathy card to Lois Walton who lost her brother suddenly the day after Thanksgiving. **CORRECTION** to November Board minutes - they incorrectly indicated last month a card was sent to Joanne Grimsrud. Wendy mentioned a Bull Dog owner with cancer and a judge who had recently passed.

**Junior Program:** Wendy noted the 2021 Seminar schedule is still tentative. The Juniors Committee will start meeting in January. Animal Inn is closed for the holidays until January as well. Wendy had requested the membership send her titles of their favorite dog and video books. We want to provide resources on all activities and categories of information dealing with dogs. She has not yet received any titles from members.

**Education Committee:** Kris Hassig noted the committee is close to activating our YouTube channel. Right now, there is just an introductory notice given by "Tully the Otterhound" that is really cute. That same introduction is posted on our Facebook page. Kris noted to find our video on YouTube you have to use the search function and key in our entire name (Minnesota purebred dog breeders assn); not our acronym, MPDBA. The committee will be sending a mass email to membership with links to Facebook and YouTube on panel discussions when they are ready.

**State Fair Committee:** Rose tried to get to our pavilion at the Fair but was stopped by staff. At this point no one has time to work on the benches until January. The heavy-duty tarps have not been purchased yet as no one has space to store them.

**Food Donation:** Peggy said she didn't have all the final totals but did have some numbers to report. Our goal was \$5000. The total through the fundraiser on GiveMN.org was \$6020 from 37 individual contributions. In addition, there were a number of donations that went directly to Sandy of Pet Food Direct for \$1150.00 plus 100# of food from one donor as well as donations from Sandy's clients. The Siberian Husky Club has supported Sandy when she needs help for specific items for special needs animals. She received a request from one social worker for 10 bags of dog food. She also receives food from various commercial entities with overstock. She hopes to be expanding beyond the 7-county metro area. The committee will send thank you notes to contributors. This project continues our quest for outreach and club recognition. Our thanks to Peggy and the committee for their hard work.

## **Old Business:**

**Annual Membership Meeting:** Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom after January 21, the deadline for returning ballots. Our Membership meeting will cover Officer and Committee reports plus the results of the membership vote on our Bylaws. We're assuming the date will be a Sunday afternoon. Wendy reported the bylaws mailing was mailed to membership.

**Website:** Kris had previously noted our newsletters weren't displaying well on our website. That has been corrected. The PDF will open automatically with a readable size font.

## **New Business:**

**Email Protocol:** John informed us his emails going to anyone in the membership with an Internet Service Provider of yahoo, AOL or frontier are bouncing back which is about 40 addresses, a little less than half our membership. His IT support told him those servers had undergone recent updates to attempt to reduce phishing emails. Rose checked online finding information the problem is being worked on.

There was much discussion on possible work around solutions. We discussed splitting the list, using blind copies instead of regular “cc”. Some felt blind copy was not appropriate. There was some concern about list privacy, list being hijacked by other groups. We could have our Board create a “group” list in their own email contacts. Further discussion tabled until next month.

**Newsletter:** Wendy mentioned our newsletter was sent out before the notification that the January Land O’Lakes show was cancelled. So, our newsletter still lists it as active. People will find out other ways.

**Home Visits:** We discussed the challenges of home-kennel visits / inspections during COVID. Some want to postpone them. Some want to continue with them. Some suggested temporary membership without the visits. The Board came to no formal decision or policy. We will continue as is with those people willing to continue visits with proper safety measures.

**Financial Status:** Wendy brought up our tight financial condition and not knowing if we’ll receive any money from the Fair this year even if the Fair occurs. She mentioned that one Kennel Club is having a speaker and charging for participation to raise money. We might consider that approach to generating money. There was some discussion and decision to table the subject until next meeting.

**Adjourn** – Barb A moved, Barb B 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

