

MPBDA BOARD MINUTES

February 20, 2020

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm by President, John Armour

Attendance:

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

Board Absent:

Members: Bill Lozito, Diane Prange, Celia Vaerst

Guests: Shannon Cooper, Amber Eisfeld

President: John welcomed Shannon and asked Amber to introduce herself. Then asked everyone to introduce themselves to Amber with a little history of themselves.

Secretary: Carol moved; Lois seconded to accept the December 2019 Board minutes as printed in newsletter. Motion carried unanimously.

Carol moved that we accept the January 26, 2020 Board minutes with the following correction that was requested after the final minutes were released. The 4th sentence of the 1st paragraph of the minutes reads: "We had great raffle items and door prize, and our 2019 Annual Reports....". Remove the words "raffle items and". Carol moved; Adam 2nd to accept Board minutes with this correction.

Motion carried unanimously.

Carol also reported both her desktop and laptop are now functional. Her external backup drive still needs to be cleaned and her desktop will need to be replaced at some point in the near future.

Treasurer: Lois reported our January, 2020 beginning balance was \$17,823.90; ending balance of \$17,193.09. Major expenses in January were for the annual meeting. Those expenses were Junior Program flyers-\$131.43; Table Skirts-\$246.36; Speaker-\$100; Donation to Helping Paws for use of their building and supplies. Nona moved; Carol 2nd to accept report. Motion carried unanimously.

Committees:

Membership: Barb A – reported on the following applications

1. Shannon Cooper – 2nd reading. Shannon has Tibetan Terriers and is a member of the national club. She is an employment attorney and is interested in committees on our bylaws and legislations. Board voted unanimously to approve Shannon's membership.
2. Karen Johnson – 1st reading, has Bernese Mountain Dogs. Her kennel name is Norfolk. She is a member of several different dog clubs and is currently president of St. Croix Valley Kennel Club
3. Amber Eisfeld (pronounced eyes-feld) – 1st reading of her commercial application. She has a Champion German Shepherd with performance titles, a GSD mix and Japanese Akita (different from Am Akitas). She is interested in many k9 performance sports and owns her own dog training business, Big Leap of Faith.
4. Theresa Baker is helping Barb update mailing / email lists for mailing of renewals now to have the Directory ready for the Fair. Bobby updated the renewal lists.

Sunshine Committee - Wendy sent cards to both Tammy Lewis and Joanne Grimsrud, the instructors for our Juniors Seminar.

Juniors Program – Wendy reported the committee met Feb 19, 2020. The theme this year is Building a Bond with Your Dog. Flyers were available at the Land o Lakes show. There will be mini sessions on various topics such as grooming, canine massage, veterinary first aid. Small groups will visit each station. The 4H kids at the senior level will be teaching assistants and help the younger children. Joanne has donated private lessons as giveaways to the Sr. kids helping. Lunch will be provided along with a video of a previous Westminster Show for practice assessing handling. The afternoon sessions will include tricks and agility practice. Bill Lozito and Diane Prange will handle a photo booth, donations of dog treats are appreciated as giveaways. The committee welcomes any ideas for new things for next year. The seminar is free to the kids. Budget is the same as last year; less than \$1500. Last year's total cost was between \$1200 and \$1300.

A person who allegedly breeds and trains service dogs picked up the Junior Seminar flyer at our Annual Meeting and contacted Wendy wanting access to the kids to help train his dogs. His business operation is concerning; we will not accommodate him.

Annual Meeting – Barb B reported the meeting was well attended with about 35 members and guests plus the Board. Kris H prepared fabulous food as usual. We gave a donation to Helping Paws as they are honorary members and allow us to use their building, tables, chairs, and kitchen. ♦ One of our members questioned why we couldn't have our meeting on the north end of cities. The last time we tried that the cost was excessive because we had to rent everything. ♦ Kris H stated food cost for annual meeting was \$552.87. She also had to purchase a new coffee pot and asked if that cost could be reimbursed. Carol moved; Barb B 2nd to include cost of new coffee pot bringing total cost to \$602.86.

Old Business

Handouts for State Fair – the committee of Chris Gabel, John Armour, Barb Armour and Barb Bartholomew had their first meeting. They are starting with 5 handouts; eventually planning to go thru all the handouts. Chris will make changes and bring them to the Board. Their 2nd meeting is scheduled for March.

New Business:

State Fair Meeting - John reported he and Krista met with Pam about specific issues with the Pavilion and last year's Fair for Pam to take to the Fair Board. ♦ We again thanked the video and security people for their wonderful work. ♦ John clarified the Fair Board's position that we can use the a/c units asking we use discretion. Using both the a/c unit and a fan will be clarified as the electrical outlets are reassessed. ♦ Pam was made aware of the problem with the incorrect slope of the concrete slab causing drainage issues. ♦ A committee of Briana Klecker, Bobby Moore, Rose Hallman and Peggy Simerson are helping Krista with benching, demo and information desk assignments. ♦ John has formed an informal committee including Rose Hallman, Wayne Harmon, Nona Dietrich, Patti Anderson, Diane Prange, and others to work on recommendations to be submitted to the Fair Board on controlling the issue of dogs on the Fairgrounds that shouldn't be there. We are doing this as a favor to the Fair Board. ♦ Fair will consider raising

the sign on the storage unit to allow us to use that container for more shade. ♦ Adam is researching insurance to cover our benches separately since they are such an investment. ♦ We discussed making a list of protocols for people benching covering things like leaving the bench, taking breaks, removing dogs from the bench, etc.

New Seminar – Barb B and Nona asked the Board if there was interest in having Patti Strand, National Animal Interest Alliance, give us a seminar in 2021. There are a number of subjects we could choose. There is a great deal of legislation on aspects of purebred dogs going on in nearby states. Amy Klobuchar is working on a bill addressing retail rescue. Other topics could be information on marketing purebred dogs, press releases, or advocacy. This could be a fund raiser for MPDBA. Board agreed to go forward with investigating this idea. They will work with Patti on date, location, cost, etc.

Budget – Wendy mentioned we should be keeping a breakdown of costs for every project. We should be watching our budget for State Fair. Cost of hiring help for set up and take down increased last year. Even though the Fair gives us more tickets every year, we still end up buying a lot of tickets. There is already committee working on restrictions for giving out tickets.

Website - Adobe is coming out with a new product for a website platform and will not be supporting the old product after March 31. The new platform costs about half of what we pay now and has more features. Diane will have to do a fair amount of work to transfer info from our current platform to the new one. Lois noted that Go Daddy automatically renews our annual payment. Diane stated that is still necessary.

Legislation – Before we adjourned John mentioned Rep Angie Craig/ Rep. Roger Marshall bipartisan Congressional Pet Caucus saying that more information would be delivered as the Pet Caucus develops.

Nona moved; Kris 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.



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News from the AKC February 2020 Board Meeting

Following the February meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, Event Operations is writing to inform our clubs of recent actions taken that impact the sport and may impact your events. Any questions should be sent to eventsnew@akc.org.

Announcing the National Owner-Handled Series Level of Achievement

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has been a tremendous success, viewed very favorably by the fancy as a mechanism to showcase dogs exhibited by non-professional owner-handlers. In the time since its inception, the AKC has developed an NOHS ranking system and launched the AKC NOHS Finals, an event held annually in December during the week of the AKC National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Consistent with the AKC's ongoing efforts to grow the NOHS program and the sport overall, the Board of Directors at its February 2020 meeting voted to approve the implementation of NOHS Levels of Achievement to include Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.

The Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum NOHS Awards of Achievement will be earned by obtaining a predetermined number of NOHS points for each level and award. This will mimic the inaugural levels of recognition for the Grand Champion title introduced in May 2011.

<i>RECOGNITION LEVEL</i>	MINIMUM NOHS POINTS
<i>Bronze</i>	250
<i>Silver</i>	500
<i>Gold</i>	1,000
<i>Platinum</i>	2,000

For each Achievement Level, the first owner of the dog will receive a certificate to commemorate the accomplishment and a NOHS Achievement Level pin. The pin will be the NOHS logo cast to reflect the color of the Achievement Level. As this is not a titling program, it will not reflect as a prefix or suffix to the dog's AKC registered name. Dogs will be grandfathered back to the beginning of the NOHS program (2012). Dogs grandfathered would be awarded only the highest Level of Achievement certificate and pin that they have earned.

More information on the new NOHS Levels of Achievement will be sent in the near

future. **The expected launch date for the NOHS Levels of Achievement is July 1, 2020.**

Modification to the Sanctioned Four-to- Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations

The Board at its February meeting voted to approve a modification to the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations to allow minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers to participate in the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition ***effective immediately.***

The [Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month \(Beginner Puppy\) Competition Regulations](#) posted on the AKC website has been updated to reflect the Board's action. The area of the regulations impacted by this recent change is provided below for your review.

Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations **Section 2. Entry and Eligibility**

- Minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers and current assistants to professional handlers that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may personally exhibit dogs in the Four- to- Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition.

