

MPBDA BOARD MINUTES

MPBDA 2020 Annual Meeting MPBDA Minutes of Board Meeting February 13, 2021

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, Adam Morris, Bobby Moore-Reibel, Wendy Olson, Carol Ouhl, Peggy Simerson, Lois Walton

Board Members Absent: Kris Hassig

Members Present: Judy Dove, Dr Chris Gabel, Karen Johnson, Bill Lozito, Diane Prange, Keith Shank, Julie Swinland

Guests: Jeannette Wilson & son Zachary

Presentation by Dr. Chris Gabel: Chris gave us an excellent and interesting presentation on the various versions of coronavirus. She explained which mutation of the virus began in various species and their impact on other species where it originated – Camels, Himalayan Palm Civet, and the current Bat – Pangolin outbreak. She also gave us the various conditions that manifest in various species. We had many good questions following the presentation.

Change to Bylaws: There were two changes. The first was to revise several locations in the bylaws to allow us to vote by electronic methods saving time and money. The second would allow us to retain the same officer for longer than 4 years (the current limitation) if no one else wants a particular officer position and that new person is acceptable to the Board. This will give us a better opportunity to have all our officer positions filled and still operate within our bylaws. There was a total of 57 ballots received; more than half our membership. Six ballots were eliminated due to illegible signatures. Both changes passed by a large margin.

Officer and Committee Reports: The annual reports of all Officers and Committees were read. No questions were asked. All the reports were also sent to the membership prior to the meeting.

Adjourn: The annual meeting was then closed to begin the Board meeting.

Minutes of Board Meeting February 13, 2021

The Board meeting was convened after the Annual meeting for the Board to determine officer positions from within the Board.

President: John Armour.

Vice President: Nona Dietrich

Secretary: Rose Hallman

Treasurer: Lois Walton.

Board members starting a new two-year term which expires end of 2022 are: John Armour, Nona Dietrich, Rose Hallman, Kris Hassig, Adam Morris, Carol Ouhl, Lois Walton

Continuing Board members finishing the second year of a 2-year term that expires end of 2021: Barb Bartholomew, Bobby Moore-Reibel, Peggy Simerson, Wendy Olson. Barb Armour resigned from the Board. She will remain as Membership Chair.

Membership: Barb A will call those who chose not to renew their membership for 2021. We're hoping to learn various reasons why people are not renewing. We're also hoping to gain information on what we might do differently to meet the needs of our members.

January Board minutes: Approval of January Board minutes were held over to the March Board meeting

Adjourn – Barb A moved, Nona 2nd to adjourn.



MPDBA Annual Reports for the year 2020 repeated from February

President's Report: John Armour

2020 was year full of challenges. We switched to Zoom meetings and had to postpone our Junior's Workshop. There was no Minnesota State Fair, so we needed to adjust our budget. Our thanks to Mike Ksepka who is willing to be flexible in payment for the wonderful work he did on the much needed renovation of our benches in the new Pet Pavilion. 2020 saw a revival of our Education Committee. Thank you to Wendy and her committee members.

Thank you to Peggy Simerson for organizing our two pet food drives. Those drives not only enabled people in need to feed their pets, but they also raised the image of Minnesota Purebred in the community. For me personally, this was the most rewarding thing we did as it helped people keep their pets in these difficult times.

See below short summaries of the MPDBA calendar year 2020. Thank you to Chris Gabel for agreeing to do a presentation at our 2020 Annual Meeting, February 13th, 2021.

Secretary's Report: Carol Ouhl

In 2020 our Board held the first three months of meetings at the Libby Conference Center. Board meetings in April through December were held via Zoom group calls.

The agenda of our first Board meeting in 2020 held following our club Annual Meeting in January was just to decide who of the Board members would fill each officer position.

The first couple Board meetings held via Zoom presented a couple additional challenges taking minutes as we all became familiar with the processes of Zoom and I became accustomed to taking minutes listening to Zoom. Our Board meetings for the remaining of the year have been entirely via Zoom. As an added check for accuracy of minutes, I instituted sending an early draft of minutes to the Board prior to release. The Board was very helpful with additions / corrections to the minutes prior to release.

Respectfully submitted January 10, 2020. Carol Ouhl, Secretary

Treasurer's Report: Lois Walton

We began the year at \$17, 823.90 and ended at \$12,921.00.

We received \$2,660.00 in dues income. Expenses this year were \$7,562.00, which included \$4000.00 used to improve our benches at the State Fair. Since we did not receive our usual State Fair payment we negotiated and agreed to extend our payment to the builder into 2021.

Other major expenses include \$852.86 on our annual meeting, \$420 for insurance, and \$1000 on our junior program scholarship.

Lois Walton, Treasurer

Sunshine, Juniors, Education Reports: Wendy Olson

Sunshine: Cards have been sent to all members that we are aware of that have had some sort of hospitalization or death in the family. Just a reminder again, please notify the sunshine person, Wendy Olson, if you become aware of anyone that needs a card. Her email is:

pattontriumph@comcast.net

Juniors: The committee had to cancel the Junior's Seminar scheduled for March of 2020 due to COVID. The seminar was rescheduled for April 24th, 2021. Unfortunately, due to COVID and the unknown roll-out timing of the vaccine, we are rescheduling the seminar later in the year. We are waiting for a time when we think things will be safer for our attendees and staff. Sorry for all of the changes, but the unpredictability of this pandemic shapes our schedule. Stay tuned by watching our FB and website pages for recent updates.

Committee: Bobby Moore-Reibel, Barb Bartholemew, Adam Morris, John Armour, Joanne Grimsrud, Tammy Lewis, Karl Reimer.

Committee Chair: Wendy Olson

Education: The goals of the committee are to: 1) Educate the public about MPDBA and its mission. 2) To educate the public about procuring and owning a purebred dog. 3) To reach out to the membership to provide helpful information about owning and breeding a purebred dog, and to involve them in the educational process. 4) To cover topics about breeding, breed information and anything else that relates to owning a purebred dog.

This will be done at the State Fair, schools, dog shows, speaker seminars, and zoom meetings/webinars which will be available to membership and the public on our website, Facebook page and You Tube.

Benefits of working on our goals: Ability to fulfill our mission as an organization, reach out to the public and hopefully increase interest and membership in the club, and increase the membership involvement in the club.

The committee is currently working on our first event ----a zoom round table discussion with member breeders. Stay tuned to FB for the dates.

Committee members: Barbara Bartholemew, Nona Dietrich, Kris Hassig, Tracey Schley

Respectfully submitted: Wendy Olson, Committee Chair

Membership Report: Barb Armour

Ending 2020 we gained 13 new members. Totals...

68 Individual/family renewals,

14 club renewals,

4 commercial renewals,

0 member moved to Honorary status

6 members dropped

0 Inquiry applications - holding

Legislative Report: Barbara Bartholomew

2020 started with a renewed effort by outside organizations as well as local groups, to make changes in Minnesota Legislation regarding dog and cat breeders. MPDBA along with others were in touch with representatives at the Capitol and monitored the status of any changes.

However, shortly after we received information regarding any legislation moving forward COVID happened. MPDBA was in touch with our legislative contacts and were assured that any legislation regarding animals (specifically dogs/cats) was put on hold and was NOT going to get out of any committees...which held true.

As of January of 2021 we have seen no movement regarding any bills being brought forward that would affect Purebred Dog Breeders. We continue to monitor the Legislation in 2021.

Barbara Bartholomew, MPDBA Legislative Chair

State Fair Report: Rose Hallman

We worked with Mike to finish the benches and start the new Information Desk. We are keeping in close touch with the State Fair on how this year will work, if at all, and will be keeping each of you up to date as needed.

With the 2020 State Fair cancelled that gave us more time to compile a list of things we want to accomplish in 2021 to welcome back the many people that visit us each day of the fair. We are looking forward to sharing those with you once things are finalized and we can get the ball rolling for this year!

MPDBA State Fair Committee members Rose Hallman, Bobby Moore, Briana Klecker, Peggy Simerson, Adam Morris, John Armour

Pet Food Drive: Peggy Simerson

MPDBA Gives Back 2020

Results:

July Pet Food Round Up:

- 2 pallets of dog food and supplies (with some cat food)

- 1 pallet to People and Pets Together

- 1 pallet to Feeding Furry Friends

November MPDBA Gives Back: \$5,000 goal for Feeding Furry Friends through [GiveMN.org](https://www.givemn.org):

- \$6,000 which surpassed goal!

- Additional \$ donations and food donations sent directly from

[Dogfooddirect.com](https://www.dogfooddirect.com).

- Combined donations: Approximately \$7,000!

Thank you to the committee members for their work and to all organizations and individuals who donated!

Committee members, Bobby Moore, Rose Hallman, Wendy Olson,

Peggy Simerson, Committee Chair

Facebook: Nona Dietrich (and Kris Hassig)

Our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Minnesotapurebreddogs1>, now has **720** followers. If you haven't "liked" this page yet, please do so as it helps for others to also see our page.

The page is set up to have most entered by by the administrators. But, that doesn't mean you cannot post something. All posts deemed important to purebred dogs will be posted. Just, contact Nona at nonadietrich67@gmail.com and ask her to post your submission. We want to keep this page current and relevant, and we definitely need your help to make that happen daily. So please let Nona know if you find anything that would be of value to post.

Website Report: Diane Prange

The Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association website (<https://www.minnesotapurebreddogs.org/>) had more than 1600 visits over the past year.

- Most visitors, 81%, accessed the Breeder Directory, by far the most popular page followed by the Home page.
- More than 90% of users reached the website via a desktop/laptop device.

In 2020, a new page, Board Meeting Minutes, was added to make the downloading of all approved minutes easy to access.

This year, the website will be migrating from the current platform to a new one that will include more robust features and a contemporary design.