

MPBDA BOARD MINUTES

January 26, 2020

MPDBA Annual Meeting Minutes and January Board Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2020

Our annual meeting began with a wonderful lunch prepared by our Board member, Kris Hassig. During lunch we were entertained by our President, John Armour and Bob Patton of the Workin' Dogs musical group. As usual they sang a number of new original songs about our dogs as well as some old classics. We had great raffle items and door prizes, and our 2019 annual reports from officers and committees. Over 35 members attended.

Our speaker Dr. Robinette Dunahugh, DVM, gave us helpful information and insight on the issue of grain free foods. She discussed and explained many of the various studies in existence on the grain free subject as well as a handout of her power point.

Board members were introduced. Barb Bartholemew reminded everyone that all members are always welcome to attend any Board meeting. Most are held the 3rd Thursday of most months at 7 pm at the Libby Center right inside the main entrance of the State Fairgrounds.

Following the annual meeting, the Board had a short meeting called to order at 2:55pm by President, John Armour. Nona moved, Adam 2nd motion to dispense with our normal business in order to appoint new officers. All board members with one year left of their two-year terms agreed to continue. All board members with their 2-year terms expiring agreed to continue for another 2 years. Members requesting to become Board members, Barb Armour, and Peggy Simerson, were announced for a two-year term of 2020-2021. Barb Armour will continue as Membership Chair. Carol moved; Adam 2nd motion to accept all new and renewing Board members.

Board Members for 2020 are:

John Armour, President, term expires 2020

Nona Dietrich, Vice President, term expires 2020

Carol Ouhl, Secretary, term expires 2020

Lois Walton, Treasurer, term expires 2020

Remaining Board members whose terms also expire end of 2020 are: Rose Hallman, Kris Hassig, Adam Morris, Carol Ouhl, Lois Walton.

Board members starting a new two-year term are: Barb Bartholomew, Bobby Moore-Reibel, Wendy Olson.

Barb Bartholomew thanked Lois Walton for her excellent work in maintaining our financial books and all the computer work involved. John also thanked Barb A, Carol and Diane Prange for the large amount of computer work involved in their positions.

Due to the amount of computer problems recently experienced by Lois and Carol, Nona moved that MPDBA help support the technology needed for the positions by contributing up to \$200 towards hardware needed. Adam seconded, motion carried unanimously. Barb B Noted she completely supports the motion but reminded us we need to be mindful of our budget as we are still paying for our expensive bench rebuild/repairs project.

Nona moved; Kris 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.



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2019 MPDBA Annual Report

John Armour, President

2019 saw Minnesota Purebred again do new and innovative things. Our second State Fair at the new Pet Pavilion was a great success. The facility was again well-received, and we thank all those who gave such important information in the demos & while benching and working the information desk. Thank you to Mike Ksepka for the great work on rehabbing our benches. Thank you to Rose and Paul Hallman for helping move items from our old storage locker to storage at the Fairgrounds. Thanks to Rose for helping organize the logistics of benching including procuring the colorful shower curtains that helped in closing each evening and to Bobby for the cool feather flags and organizing the storage locker. A big thank you to Krista Peterson for her wonderful organization in scheduling the demos and benching.

Our Junior Support Workshop again went extremely well, details below in Wendy's report. Thank you to Jill Crisp for the 2019 newsletters and to Barb Armour, Diane Prange and Nona Dietrich for the work they do on our website and Facebook. We've had more traffic on each.

We had two Board members resign this year, Cinda Waller and Judy Dove. We thank them for their service to Minnesota Purebred and wish them well. Thank you to our Board members for their consistency in meeting attendance through the year, to Secretary Carol Ouhl, Treasurer Lois Walton and to Barb Armour, Membership Chair, for their data entry and attention to detail. Thank you also to those who've given their time to represent us at events such as the Land 'O' Lakes dog show and Responsible Dog Ownership Day.

It is my hope that all Minnesota Purebred members consider becoming active in the running and representation of this club. It's fun being with your friends and with the public, making new friends, and it's always personally enriching and personally satisfying in getting information to the public.

2019 MPDBA SECRETARY'S REPORT

Carol Ouhl

In 2019 our Board held a meeting every month of the year. The one following our club Annual Meeting February 10, 2018 was, and always is, just to decide who will fill which officer roles as time is too short for any other business.

The separate documents I referenced last year intending to organize all Board minutes, Board decisions made via email and various iterations of our Constitution and Bylaws was put on hold due to my computer crash and the same virus on my external backup hard drive.

In 2020 I will continue to obtain help working towards retrieving those documents. Current documents are being stored on the Cloud.

Respectfully submitted January 10, 2019 Carol Ouhl, Secretary

MPDBA Treasurer Report 2019

Lois Walton

We began the year at \$25,291.50 and ended at \$17, 823.90.

We received \$10,501.22 in income, mainly dues and our State Fair fee of \$8000. Expenses this year were \$18,008.82, which included \$10, 283.25 used to improve our benches at the State Fair. A similar amount will be spent on our benches next year as the builder agreed to let us pay in two installments.

Other major expenses include \$2375.78 on State Fair tickets and other Fair supplies, \$812.25 on our annual meeting, and \$1000 on our junior program scholarship. We started saving nearly a \$1000 per year as we have storage on Fair property and have discontinued our paid storage locker. We also cut our yearly insurance cost to less than half of previous years.

Lois Walton, Treasurer

Membership Chair

Barb Armour

Ending 2019 we gained 8 new members. Totals...

69 Individual/joint renewals,
24 club renewals,
10 commercial renewals,
1 member moved to honorary status
6 members dropped
3 Inquiry applications - holding

As per our Constitution and By-laws, 2020 renewals will be sent out in March/April and will need to be back to membership chair, Barb Armour, by May 1st.

SUNSHINE AND JUNIORS COMMITTEE

Wendy Olson

Sunshine Committee:

Cards are sent to members that are hospitalized, had surgery etc. Also a sympathy card is sent to those that have lost a member of their family in 2019. I sent out approximately eight cards. Please notify me if you know of someone that warrants a card---cannot send well wishes from the club unless I know of the situation.

Respectfully Wendy Olson

Juniors Committee

Chair: Wendy Olson, Members: Bobby Moore-Reibel, Barb Bartholemew, Adam Morris, John Armour, Karl Reimer, Tammy Lewis, Joanne Grimsrud

There is a \$1000 scholarship awarded every year to a junior. The 2019 recipient was Sophie Salmon. Currently taking applications, which can be found on the website for 2020.

Care monies are also available to those that apply and meet the criteria.

A showmanship seminar is offered once a year focusing on showmanship and performance events. The seminar is free of charge and open to 4-H, AKC, and any junior not affiliated with the aforementioned groups.

The second seminar was well attended last March 30th at Animal Inn (graciously donated by the owner) with 4-H and AKC juniors in attendance. Joanne Grimsrud and Tammy Lewis were the showmanship instructors. The juniors had a great time working on handling skills. After lunch, the focus was performance events with Karl Reimer at the helm. The juniors seemed to like the variety of topics, as did their parents.

This year the seminar will be held on March 21st at Animal Inn--again graciously donated by the owner. The focus of this seminar is team building and bonding with your dog. Juniors will begin the day with mini sessions on health, grooming, massage, yoga and a discussion about sportsmanship. They will be working with their dogs throughout these mini clinics. After they finish with the mini sessions, the juniors will move on to working on showmanship with Joanne and Tammy (and senior juniors working as teaching assistants). After lunch (provided by MPDBA), the juniors will work on tricks and agility with their dogs. There will also be games with prizes, a raffle, wacky photos, etc. Each junior will be given a t-shirt and swag bag.

AKC is also aware of our program for juniors and are thrilled. They are spreading the news of what we do to other areas of the country.

LEGISLATION

Barbara Bartholomew

Not much local action in 2019. MPDBA continues to monitor both local and national legislation.

There is a national movement afoot by the current Administration to limit the amount of information the USDA provides to the general public throughout the US.

FACEBOOK

Nona Dietrich, Vice President

Our Facebook page continues to do well. In 2019, we increased our followers from just over 500 to 607! We try to keep posts relevant and interesting. We would love any input from you. The more frequent and diverse (yet dog related) the better our page will do. Because of the way the page has been set up, we need an administrator to post your posts. So, please send your suggested posts to nona@mtn.org. Facebook sends reports of our reach. Here is an example from last month:

Your Page Insights Summary for MPDBA

2.2K	397	6
Post Reach	Post Engagements	New Page Likes

PS: We really do need your help in creating diverse posts. Please consider sending a post Nona's way.

STATE FAIR

Krista Peterson

2019 State Fair again broke all-time attendance with over 2.1M in attendance, six of the 12 days broke day attendance records. The weather was cooperative and not too hot and only a few days of rain. The Fair purchased 8 market umbrellas and stands for MPDBA to use to help shade the afternoon sun and created a large Pet Pavilion sign that was displayed on the demo field. MPDBA invested some money into the Fair display in 2019 to reconstruct the benches which allowed people to enter from the back and it worked well. They purchased colorful paw print curtains to close the benches at the end of the day. New breed signs were made and new flags with MPBDA on them were purchased to display on the demo field and by the information desk.

Highlights of the Fair included German Shepherd, Rumor, Westminster 2017 Best in Show winner, was a hit on German Shepherd Dog Day and fairgoers enjoyed the meet and greet/photo opportunity despite the rain that afternoon. New daily 6 pm demo, Big Leap of Faith Dog Training, was a

popular attraction entertaining and educating the crowd followed by the return of the St. Paul Police K-9 unit that is always a crowd pleaser. Read to a Breed was a new event this year administered by MPDBA member North Star Therapy Animals. Read and Ride day and was a success with the kids reading to dogs, cats, and rabbits. We hope to expand this for 2020.

A meeting is scheduled for January 29 with the Fair to review 2019 and talk about 2020. Another meeting is scheduled with the Fair, vets and MPDBA to discuss the PA system and how we can work out a better solution as there are times during the day we are having demonstrations at the same time. Every year things just get better and the Fair is good to work with us to try to create a great educational and fun event for fairgoers.

Many new ideas surfaced this year to try to implement for 2020. It is always exciting to see it all come together and we are trying to do some planning early this year so when April and May roll around we have people already set up for benching and new demonstrations in the works. We distributed almost 800 tickets to people to come volunteer either benching, demonstrating, or working the information desk. In addition to the 800 tickets, many clubs and organizations purchased additional tickets so we are working with a lot of people to make this event possible. Thank you all for your help in everything you did to make the Pet Pavilion a place fairgoers want to visit year after year and also for your ideas to continue to make this event grow and improve.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Compiled by Barbara Bartholomew

MPDBA continues to have a presence in our local communities. Some of the ways we provide information to the general public is through the following events:

1. Since the 1970's MPDBA has spent all 12 days of the Fair providing information on Purebred dogs at the Pet Center.
2. Bringing dogs into classrooms.

3. Having information tables at the following events:
- Responsible Dog Owners Day
 - Grand Old Days and Paws on Grand in St Paul
 - Wildlife Science Center
 - Providing dogs for AKC and 4H juniors to work with during the year
 - Tables staffed by MPDBA
 - Members at local dog shows
 - Ads in dog show catalogues

Please consider joining us at these events.

Note from our Annual Meeting Speaker

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak today. It was a true honor. You are such a welcoming group of people. The food was awesome. Loved the music. Everyone was so attentive and asked great questions. Vivienne is thrilled with the necklace she won and is looking forward to the seminar this Spring. Please let everyone know they can certainly reach out if they have more questions. If I do not know the answers I will find someone who will. I attached the presentation from today.

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