

MPBDA BOARD MINUTES

MPDBA Minutes of Board Meeting July 16, 2020

Called to Order 7:06 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: Briana Klecker, Bill Lozito, Alyssa Morris, Diane Prange, Julie Swinlund (GSCMSP),

Guests: Alexandra Antoski and her mother, Lori Marthe, Sandy Mauck

We introduced ourselves for the benefit of our new people.

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

Junior Showmanship Scholarship Presentation: Wendy introduced our winner of the Jr Scholarship, Alexandra Antoski. She and Bobby made an in-person presentation earlier in the day complete with plaque, framed Certificate of 1-year MPDBA membership, cake, \$1000 check, and video of the entire proceedings. The video was viewed; members asked questions of Alexandra. She will be attending NDSU majoring in Animal Sciences with a minor in pre-vet. Alexandra has been involved with animals and the dog world since she was young. She does dog sitting, dog grooming, helps Bobby at dog shows and the State Fair. Wendy noted that because Bobby has known Alexandra for a while, Bobby was not allowed to be involved in any of the review of Alexandra's application.

June Minutes Approved: Carol moved, Wendy 2nd to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter. Unanimously approved.

President's Report: Nothing

Secretary's Report: Nothing

Treasurer's Report: Lois had previously emailed the Board the full report. She noted the July beginning balance was \$17,807.44; ending balance \$16,996.00. There had been a \$300 deposit from dues. Not reflected in the report was the recent payment of \$4000 to Mike for part of last year's bench rebuild.

Membership: Barb Armour reported:

- ⇒ Amber Eisfeld, Japanese Akita and German Shepherd, new member, home visit has been successfully completed as was stated to be the assumed requirement upon which we approved her membership.
- ⇒ Gary Frandsen, Pugs – this is the 3rd month for Gary. We've been waiting for the home visit. Adam did the home visit and will be connecting with Gary to gain some additional information on the dogs' paperwork.
- ⇒ Tracey Schley – has been waiting for the home visit that is now completed. We unanimously welcome Tracey as a new member.
- ⇒ 2nd reading – Deborah Marti, Portuguese Water Dog, lives in St. Michael and does canine massage
- ⇒ 1st reading – Lori Marthe, lives in Minneapolis with Great Danes and Dobermans. This is an individual application. Lori co-owns the dogs with Sandy Mauck.
- ⇒ 1st reading – Sandy Mauck, lives in Minneapolis, co-owns the Great Danes and Dobermans with Lori. This is also an individual application.

Sunshine Committee: Wendy reported Jill Crisp is having surgery July 24.

Junior Program: Wendy noted seminar is still on hold. She expects the committee will begin meeting in August.

Food Donation: Peggy reported the food drive was extended for another 2 weeks and will solicit through the weekend and distribute. She said we received fewer donations than hoped. But considering the pandemic and economy we did well. And now our name is more recognizable. Promotion of drive via our website and Facebook plus Barb B's interview on Katie K9's radio program was well done. She hopes to have another drive in the fall. John noted that there were substantial donations from St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Siberian Husky Club, and Sandy Reitsma's Pet Food Direct and Pet Central.

MPDBA Directory: Barb A read an email she had sent earlier to the Board from her contact with the MN Veterinary Medical Assn (MVMA) who provides us the list of veterinary offices we use to mail our directory. She had explained we are producing an electronic directory this year. It will be available online. He will put a link to our website in MVMA newsletter late Aug. The electronic directory will be emailed to all Veterinarians across Minnesota via email.

New Business: John reported:

- He had talked with Mike S who will be completing repair / rebuild work on our benches in August when he returns to Minnesota.
- The Board requested that Mike fix the locks on the bench doors
- The Board discussed not contracting with Mike to build an info desk for us as originally planned. We think we can obtain a desk thru other avenues for lower cost.
- John will find out if Mike has already purchased supplies for the info desk as well as drawing plans.
- Briana may have family members who might be willing to build the desk for free.
- A member requested knowing what information was involved in our closed Board meeting. We reiterated that a closed meeting is just that. We hold closed meetings when we know we will have a lot of discussion on contentious subjects. Carol noted that the important decisions reached in that closed meeting were reported in the regular minutes. We know that the member saw those statements as he mentioned them in his request.

Legislation: Barb B reported that due to the pandemic not much is occurring in the legislature.

Website: Diane Prange showed us the change to display our monthly Board minutes. She showed us both our current website and our new one. We were impressed.

List of member emails: Bobby has created a list of email addresses of the membership that can be copied into any email a Board member is sending. We discussed who should have the list and for what purpose. John and Nona will have it to send out minutes and important notices. Barb A will have it for membership purposes. Peggy will have it for donation purposes. Carol will have it as Secretary. Wendy will have it for Sunshine Committee.

Next Meeting: We normally have our Aug meeting at the Fairgrounds. We decided to continue with our Zoom meeting.

Adjourn -Nona moved, Barb 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.