

# **MPBDA BOARD MINUTES**

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## **MPDBA Minutes of Board Meeting June 18, 2020**

**Called to Order** 7:10 pm by John Armour via a Zoom conference call

### **Attendance:**

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

Board Absent: None

Members present: Theresa Baker, Robert Hellier, Briana Klecher, Bill Lozito, Alyssa Morris, Diane Prange

Guests: Cyndee Ovrebo (pronounced Ohv-ray-bow) Treasurer of Greater Twin Cities Doberman Pinscher Club

**Introductions:** The Board introduced themselves first followed by members and guests.

### **Reports:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Bobby moved, Wendy 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the May Closed Board Meeting minutes including the last minutes changes from John and Bobby. Closed meeting was specifically to discuss our Fair expenses and financials for remainder of the year. Minutes approved.

**President:** John had no report.

**Secretary:** Carol had no report.

**Treasurer:** Lois noted her report had been sent previously with notice of upcoming meeting. She is waiting to receive the address for Mike S to send him our partial payment for last year's work on our benches. June beginning balance was \$17807.94. Primary activity was deposit of \$120.00 in dues. Ending balance as of June 17, 2020 is \$17,861.52. When we pay our \$5000.00 of actual expenditures, our balance will be somewhere around \$12,000. Kris moved, Barb A 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Treasurer's report. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Committees:**

**Membership:** Barb A introduced

- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Cyndee Ovrebo, Treasurer for the Greater Twin Cities Doberman Pinscher club. Nona moved, Wendy 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Club as new members. Unanimously approved.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Deborah Marti, St Michael, MN. Has 1 Portugese Water Dog stud, 2 co-owned litters, and one German Shepherd Dog.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Tracey Schley, Sherburn, MN. Has had Black Russian Terriers since 2013; currently has 4. Has had Havanese since 2005. Need her Letter of Intent.

***Sunshine Committee*** – Wendy had nothing to report. Barb A had an email from Donna Grendler about her daughter and her dog which Barb received permission to forward to members who know Donna.

***Junior Handler Program:***

- The Jr Seminar is still on but still not sure the date. We are waiting to hear from Animal Inn about the date.
- The committee originally planned to have experience with 2 or 3 seminars before approaching others clubs for their partnership.
- More people attended the last seminar than the one before.
- The committee receives free space from the Animal Inn
- AKC is excited about our program
- Boxer Club originally expressed some interest but we’ve heard nothing recently
- Even if we approach other clubs to join us, they may not donate funds. They may donate volunteers or other supplies.

***Website:*** Wendy reiterated her request that our Board minutes be on our website. Diane Prange will take the Board minutes from our Newsletter and put them on the website starting with 2020. She will put them under the “About” label.

Diane reminded us that the software currently used by our website will not long be supported at some point in the future. She has looked at other software and found one that will work. The new pages will look different but similar. Laptops are the most popular device for searching our website; phones are the least popular. After our Home page, our Breeder page is the most visited by 85% to 90%. If there are multiple breeders for a breed, she will list them alphabetically. Bobby has been deciding what is a good picture quality and representative of the breed. Pictures from breed club will be rotated.

**Old Business:**

Wendy previously mentioned wanting to send a letter to membership asking about their interests and other ideas for us. She read a draft of her proposed letter. A couple Board members offered suggestions. Wendy mentioned possible seminars, virtual or otherwise, for nominal fees such as Patricia Trotter or Will Alexander on showmanship.

Peggy brought back to the Board her plans to put together a pet food drive for the community. Since all our canine events have been cancelled due to the virus, she thinks it would be an opportunity for our Club to give back to the community. She provided a draft of the announcement flyer to be sent to membership and outlined a potential timeline. She had done a great deal of research on the various organizations that distribute pet food and other supplies and how they distribute. She asked for members to both donate and be coordinators for various locations. Nona will load our Facebook page. Peg will transport supplies. She asked that each of us use our social media and other club memberships to spread the word throughout the community. She will not contact the distribution organizations until we see how much we actually collect.

**New Business:** John suggested that since all the dog organizations are having financial difficulties due to the virus, we consider donating to a couple of the organizations that have supported us in the past. He suggested Animal Inn and Helping Paws. Bobby noted we cannot donate to Animal Inn as they are a business. Wendy noted that Helping Paws gets various grants. Carol said she conceptually liked the idea; she feels we shouldn't do that until we have all our Club bills paid. We still have substantial bills outstanding. The Board agreed.

**Adjourn** -Kris moved, Nona 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.



July 5, 2020

Dear MPDBA Members,

We are disappointed that we will be unable to see you and your wonderful dogs this year due to the cancellation of the MN State Fair. For many, the Fair was the only time we were able to see and talk with you. We understand that many of you joined MPDBA because you wanted to educate the public about your breed and we are thrilled that we can provide a venue in which you can do that. But, the bottom line is.....we would like to see more of you!

Our question is-----how can we, as a purebred dog organization, better serve you? Besides the Fair, we have an active program dedicated to getting young people involved in purebred dogs since we know they are our future. We are thinking of also looking at providing handling workshops, an interview with a handler or a round table discussion with other breeders. These could be free or we could charge a nominal fee to cover expenses. All of this could be done in person or on zoom. There could also be a roundtable with experts on performance events as well---same format.

The question for you, as a member of MPDBA, are these things you would be interested in or do you have other ideas? We would love feedback from you so we can truly make this a club that serves your needs. Please send your feedback and suggestions to Wendy Olson at [pattontriumph@comcast.net](mailto:pattontriumph@comcast.net) or just reply (not reply all) to this email. Sincerely,

The MPDBA Board of Directors

