

The Secretary's Report from Carol Ouhl and the Treasurer's report from Lois Walton will be in the minutes of the April 19th meeting and published in the May Newsletter.

Committee report: Junior committee, Wendy Olson:

The Juniors Seminar was postponed due to the pandemic. All juniors and parents that were registered were contacted, a notice was also put on the website. A new date will be chosen when we are able to contact Animal Inn (currently closed).

Editor's (John Armour) note:

Please remember those training centers that have physical plants to maintain. Our members, Helping Paws and Animal Inn have donated their facilities to us the last couple years for our Annual Meeting and the Junior Seminar and Rio Grooming has made generous donations to MPDBA the last couple years. Please check with your facilities to see how they are holding up. Also remember that people's pets help them get through hard times.

From Barbara Bartholomew...

PPT

(People & Pets Together)

3745 Bloomington Ave.

Mpls, MN. 55407

622/722-9998

MPDBA has been a sponsor of PPT for over two years now and each year at our Annual BBQ prior to the Fair members are asked to bring donations of dog/cat food, cat litter, gently used collars/leashes/crates, etc. to donate to PPT.

These donations among others are donated to local food shelves, as well as being available at their storefront in South Minneapolis for those in need. PPT also offers help by subsidizing vaccination clinics working with Veterinarians to offset costs to clients.

During the current health crisis only one person is allowed into the store at a time.

For those donating during off hours there is a drop off bin in the Alley behind the bldg.

Please consider dropping items off during this crisis. They are hurting for donations and many need help in order to keep their pets.

Thank You

MPDBA Board of Directors

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Editor's (John Armour) note:

Our Rep. Rick Hansen, got an email supporting HF 3369 from Barb Armour. **It was not from Barb Armour!! Someone used Barb's name and the first part of her email address "sundog3" but after the @ they had another vendor's address, not popp.net, our vendor.** Please contact your legislators and let them know your concerns and your correct email address. Wise to follow up with a phone call.

Legislative Report from Barbara Bartholomew:

HF 3369

Dog and Cat Sales by Retail Pet Shops Prohibited

Some History and Talking Points!

Barbara Bartholomew/MPDBA Legislative Liaison

In 2014 the Legislature passed the Dog and Cat Breeders Bill which was implemented in 2015 and is overseen by the MN Board of Animal Health. (BAH)

This Bill requires that anyone who has ownership of 10 or more intact animals and has more than 5 litter a year....**MUST BE LICENSED AND INSPECTED** by the BAH each calendar year. If the BAH is doing its job (making sure Breeders aren't selling/producing sick animals) than HF 3369 (Dog and Cat Sales By Retail Pet Stores) is not needed.

If Pet Stores are buying from out of state or people who may fly under the radar and are selling animals that are ill, then the easiest way to stop this is by individual counties/City Councils passing their own ordinance's

PROHIBITING these sales in such Stores! This has already been done in Roseville and one or two other communities.

MPDBA has attended a hearing and contacted legislators. You can do the same. Just go on the MN State Legislature site to find your representatives contact information. You can also find a current list of what the Legislators are working on at this time. It looks like...for right now...HF 3369 is not on agendas as Legislators deal with other matters during the current health crisis and are working remotely.

One Legislator recently contacted has said he doesn't think they will see HF 3369 again this year. BUT BE VIGILANT...this could change.

NOTE: MPDBA has just learned that a members email had been "hacked" and a message sent to a Legislator that this member was in SUPPORT of HF 3369! So be sure to monitor all correspond sent to your representatives as well as calling them directly.

Thank you.

Barb Armour, Membership Chair Report

2020 Dues Membership Forms have been coming in nicely. I have been phoning or emailing those that are still outstanding. The deadline is May 1st. If for some reason especially COVID-19 related you can't get your dues to me, call or email me so I can note this. 651/373-4633 sundog3@popp.net **Remember that according to our Constitution and By-laws if you don't have your dues paid by May 1st you need to reapply for membership.**

Karen Johnson Membership Second Publication:

Karen has attended annual meetings in 2020 and 2019 and two club meetings.

Residence is in Stillwater,

Kennel name Northfork, northforkkaren@yahoo.com

Breed: Bernese Mountain Dog, 1998

4 dogs, 0 stud, 1 breedable bitch

0 sired in last 2 years; 2 litters bred in last 2 years; co-owned one of litters

Clubs: St. Croix, Northstar Working Grp; BMD of America; BMD of Greater Twin Cities

Interests: conformation, OB Jr. Show, Therapy dog, Rally

MPDBA interest/Committee State Fair, Public Relations, Education

Barbara B. and John Armour signers

1st reading 2/20/2020

Barbara did home visit and passed. Comment: “Facility & grounds are lovely. Records accurate and complete.. Currently 3 dogs, and they are healthy, wealthy, and wise.”

Does testing; cardiac, eyes, DM, PRA, thyroid, Hips.

Letter of Intent: “ I would like to join MPDBA because the mission statement and objectives of the club closely reflect my own beliefs about breeding and ownership of purebred dogs, I would be proud to be part of an organization that promotes the sport of purebred dogs, responsible breeding practices and general welfare. I am happy to do my part volunteering for different projects the club sponsors.

Good evening Everyone.

I did the Home Visit today for Karen Johnson who has Bernese Mountain Dogs and lives in Stillwater.

Karen showed me one of the carts

she uses in “competition”. I suggested her Bernese Club of which she is a member, join MPDBA and do a Demo at the Fair with the carts. Looked fascinating.

Karen is currently President of St. Croix Valley Kennel Club. She has been a Mbr for over 20 years.

She has a fantastic set up for her dogs to roam the property. Her “kennel area” is in the lower level of her home and the dogs are indeed “house dogs”. As is her beautiful cat.

Check of records show she had one litter last year. The result was a singleton which she kept.

Contracts, health clearance are all in place.

I highly recommend we move forward and approve her application at this time versus waiting till April.

Thank you.

Barbara Bartholomew
Home Visitation

State Fair update, Krista Peterson:

Hi all

I am hoping this email is finding you safe and healthy during this COVID-19 pandemic. As of now the MN State Fair is asking me to move forward in scheduling all the benches and demo's for 2020. It is easier to cancel last minute than plan last minute. The top priority of course is for MPDBA members and dogs to be safe, the fair would never want to put anyone's health at risk.

This coronavirus is a public health concern and information and developments are constantly changing and being updated. The fair will carefully monitor the situation and provide me with updates as changes occur.

I have had conversations with MPDBA President John Armour and a few board members how to come up with creative and innovative ways to safely present the dogs to the public. Right now things are too uncertain to make any decisions. There are a lot of concerns and unanswered questions that I do not have answers to so I am asking to hold off on any questions at this time.

John Armour and I met with the State Fair and the Veterinarians in February. As you know, there is an issue with our demo's and their surgeries taking place at the same time. There is a new demo schedule for MPDBA which will be every hour 9:30-4:30, and the demo's limited to 30 minutes each so they don't interfere with the surgeries. We will still have the daily 6pm demo by Big Leap of Faith Dog Training followed by the St. Paul K-9 demonstration.

If you are interested in benching or demoing, please send me an email so I can save your spot. The dates for 2020 are Thursday, August 27 - Monday, September 7. The fair is asking me to have the schedule in place by June 22nd.

Thank you for volunteering and stay well! I will communicate any updates I receive from the MN State Fair office.

Krista Peterson

Stay Safe & talk to you next month! John