

# **MPBDA BOARD MINUTES**

## **MPDBA Minutes of Board Meeting May 21, 2020**

**Called to Order** 7:24 pm by John Armour via a Zoom conference call

### **Attendance:**

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

Board Absent: Nona Dietrich, Kris Hassig

Members present: Karen Johnson; Briana Klecher; Keith Shank; Julie Swinland, Delegate from German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis-St Paul

Guests: Tracey Schley (pronounced Schl-i)

**Introductions:** The Board introduced themselves first followed by members and guests. Karen Johnson has Bernese Mountain Dogs. Briana Klecher has Siberians and her daughter is a junior handler. Keith reminded us he has Canaan dogs. One is #2 Canaan Dog in the US. They also have a Portuguese Podengo and they benched at the Fair for us last year. Tracey has Black Russian Terriers and lives on a farm in southern MN. Julie has 2 German Shepherds and participates in conformation and many performance sports.

### **Reports:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Carol moved, Wendy 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the April Board minutes as printed in the newsletter.

**President:** John had no report.

**Secretary:** Carol had no report.

**Treasurer:** Lois reported not much activity in April. April beginning balance was \$16,428.42. We paid \$140 for junior t-shirts. May had a deposit of \$2120.00 from dues which also included \$200 in donations. Ending balance as of April 30, 2020 is \$16,285.42. We forgot to make a motion to approve/accept Treasurer report.

### **Committees:**

**Membership:** Barb A reported

- New member – Karen Johnson. Her membership information was just printed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the newsletter that went out the night before the April Board meeting. So we couldn't vote at April meeting. Vote was taken via email after May Board meeting.
- 2nd reading - Gary Fransden, Albertville, pug. We are waiting for his Letter of Intent. Adam will do home visit.

- 2nd reading Amber Einfeld – All paperwork received; Bobby will do home visit.
- Chris Otto, Red Cape CPR. Barb emailed stating due to no response to several of our inquiries application is terminated. He may reapply at any time.
- 1<sup>st</sup> reading - Deborah Marti, St Michael, MN. Has 1 Portuguese Water Dog stud, 2 co-owned litters, and one German Shepherd Dog.
- 1<sup>st</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.
- 1<sup>st</sup> reading – Greater Twin Cities Doberman Pinscher Club, representative is Cindy Overbo.

We double checked requirements for voting on clubs. There is are no specific rules for clubs in the by-laws. They will be read twice like individuals before we vote. By-laws need to identify any other requirements for Clubs.

***Sunshine Committee*** – Wendy reported no activity

***Junior Handler Program:***

- As noted in the newsletter and on our Facebook page and website, the Jr Seminar had to be postponed due to COVID. Many expressed disappointment.
- Seminar is still on hold. Need Governor’s rules for larger gatherings. There usually are about 30 children plus parents and presenters.

***Other Closers Discussed***

- We noted the July Duluth shows have been cancelled.
- Karen Johnson noted St. Croix Valley Club’s Board meeting is Tues, May 26, to discuss their August shows and COVID.

***Insurance - Adam***

- Adam noted he has been providing information and completing forms to obtain insurance on our benches. Mike sent the underwriters pictures and info. No response yet from underwriters.
- Lois noted that our general liability policy expired in April. Adam was waiting for final coverage on benches to complete policy renewal.
- Board members were not comfortable with the expiration of our main policy. We requested Adam go ahead and put the general liability policy in effect now without waiting for information on benches. He can add coverage on benches when paperwork is ready.
- Adam will obtain information on policy cost and notify Lois to pay the premium on main liability policy.

### ***Patti Strand 2021 Seminar – Barb B***

- Barb B noted that the committee of Barb, Nona and Carol decided the seminar should be postponed until 2022 due to COVID-19 prohibiting us from assessing locations, vendors and doing fund raising.
- Currently planning for March 2022
- We will need some financing in 2021 and will also approach other clubs to partner with us.
- Patti had previously told Barb she can almost always obtain airfare for \$300 to \$400. We will also have to cover her hotel and meals
- We don't know yet whether the seminar will be 1 or 2 days
- We hope this will be a fundraising event for MPDBA.

### ***New Business***

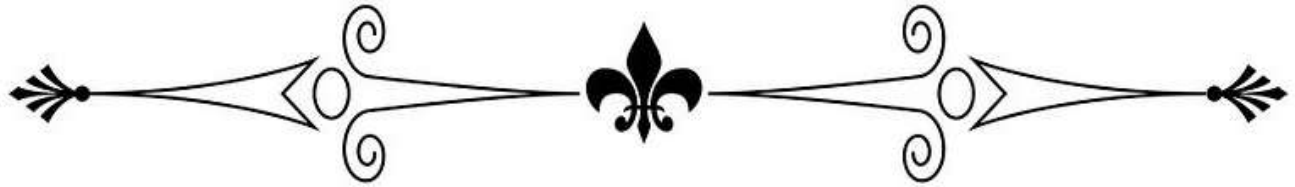
#### ***Minnesota Purebred Dogs & Puppies Facebook group – Wendy***

- Wendy joined the group to learn more about them since their name is so similar to ours.
- They have about 4000 members appears to increase about 1000 members per month because you must be a member to ask for info of other members
- Her research of the group appears it focuses on marketing to sell animals and members can search for a dog or puppy
- Their page does recommend checking with OFA and a breeder's website.
- They do not provide any information on a Code of Ethics. People should be aware of this before buying or selling puppies/dogs
- Wendy thinks we need to differentiate ourselves from this group and promote our ethics
- Wendy thinks we should survey our membership on how we can better serve them.
- Several ideas were offered such as a Zoom roundtable with judges and handlers on how to help with showing, a virtual seminar by a professional handler on how they prepare their dogs for showing, members could type in questions to the presenter.
- First step would be a survey of members as to their interests. It was noted Survey Monkey doesn't allow receipt of comments.
- Anyone with other ideas or requests of what members would like of us, how to educate send Wendy an email. She will categorize.
- Also looking for ideas to educate the general public and be inviting to them. How do we determine if the public wants to be educated
- We also noted our Facebook page doesn't allow for questions and comments
- Peggy noted the German Shepherd Club's Facebook page is very dynamic

**Website:** Wendy indicated our Board minutes should be on our website and are not. Board agreed; no vote taken. We will notify Diane Prange. Board minutes are part of our Newsletter, some also exist separately in MS Word and/or PDF.

**Next Meeting:** We had originally scheduled our June meeting for the 11<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with Summer Solstice shows in Cambridge. Since that show is cancelled, we will meet on our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of June 18.

**Adjourn** -Bobby moved, Rose 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.



# Zoom Meeting

Audio only

With video

