

Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association

August 2018 Newsletter



August 2018 greetings from your president!

Looking forward to the August 16th barbeque at the fairgrounds in the new Pet Center. We have been assured that we'll have a place to meet if construction is not quite complete. Please watch for notices about meeting location. Tickets and parking passes for the Fair will be available at this meeting.

Don't forget the August 16th meeting & barbeque includes a dog food donation, an opportunity to support People and Pets Together.

The new Minnesota Purebred Junior support program is really taking shape and the September 29th workshop has many creative and fun ways to provide education on a variety of topics important to juniors.

Chris Gabel is coordinating our info desk schedule at the Fair. We like to have two people at the info desk. It's a great experience answering people's questions and getting solid information out. Please consider signing up to work the info desk. You will get a ticket and a parking pass.

See you on the 16th!

John Armour sundog4@popp.net

FOOD DRIVE FOR PEOPLE AND PETS TOGETHER! (August 16)

When you come to the BBQ on August 16 to pick up your tickets and car pass for the Fair be sure to bring a donation of dog and or cat food (or both) to donate to PPT one of the organizations sponsored by MPDBA!

PPT is a non profit in Mpls that helps people and their pets who are going through hard times by supplying food, toys, litter, beds, and much more including help with low cost veterinary care. PPT also gives food to local food shelves around the Twin Cities!

Please don't forget to bring your food donations on August 16!

Thank you!

Board Minutes, July 19, 2018

Called to Order 7:03 pm by John Armour at Libby Conference Center

Attendance:

Board members present: John Armour, Barb Bartholomew, Nona Dietrich, Judy Dove, Kris Hassig, Bobbi Moore-Reibel, Wendy Olson, Carol Ouhl, Lois Walton, Cinda Waller

Board Absent:

Members: Barb Armour, Chris Gabel, Rose Hallman, Briana Klecker, Bill Lozito, Adam Morris, Alyssa Morris, Daisy Morris, Judy Robinson

Guests: Celia Vaerst

Reports:

President: Due to the large attendance everyone introduced themselves prior to the formal meeting.

John mentioned he and Barb B were reviewing the rules for benching. He also gave a brief update on his and Nona's meeting with Pam Simon, State Fair Staff in charge of our displays/demonstrations, Krista Peterson, our State Fair liaison in charge of scheduling benching and demo assignments (and a gazillion other things she does for us daily at the Fair). They toured the new facility under construction and surrounding area and were quite pleased.

Secretary: Carol noted that most of the corrections Board members sent her to last month's minutes in her quest to produce them quickly had been made prior to sending to newsletter. She will double check to make sure the official minutes were updated with all changes noted. Barb moved; Wendy 2nd to dispense with reading of minutes and approve as printed in newsletter. Motion carried.

State Fair – Krista gave us the following updates:

1. The State Fair has put several million dollars into developing the north end and our exhibit. They will be marketing that heavily to raise interest.
2. New Pet Pavilion has already been promoted on TV news of Channels 4, 5, and 11.
3. Last year we had a record number of people come thru the Pet Center. The State Fair is expecting even more people this year due to the remodel.
4. We will be THE attraction at the Fair this year.
5. We should all plan to decorate our benches to give a good presentation to the public. Pictures of your breed doing various activities, ribbons, video displays, etc.
6. Our old Pet Center building has been remodeled; is now called The Hangar designed like a plane hangar and will house BBQ food and beer.
7. Martha's Cookies north end location has been updated.
8. There will be a new brick building housing a 50 stall restroom one block away from our pavilion
9. She showed us the most current diagrams and explained various features.
10. Benching parking will be behind the Vendors tent; still very close to us
11. There will be security 24/7 to protect the items we leave in our benches overnight.
12. This is a work in progress for the next couple of years. Changes will be made slowly. We will keep a list during the Fair of what works for us and what could be improved.
13. There will be both grass and sawdust locations for us to potty our dogs.
14. We also will be closer to the Tiger Lot than before.
15. The State Fair is renting for us a new Information Desk at the end of the benches
16. Many features will remain the same: tents for demonstrators, grass field with barriers for demos, bleachers, our benches, the surgical suite at one end of our pavilion.
17. There are large shipping containers (look like train cars) behind the bleachers for storage and use in dangerous weather.
18. We are working on ideas of better ways to control the public to diminish the challenges we've had in the past of people grabbing at dogs, putting their children in with the dogs, kids climbing into the benches, reaching thru the fence to grab dogs, etc.
19. Adam Morris will look into recruiting some of the junior handlers age 16 and up to help people in the benches for restroom breaks, etc.

20. It was noted our benches are currently sitting outside in the elements. We requested they be covered with a tarp.
21. The Vendors will be in a tent this year until the Fair sees how the traffic flow works. Then will determine housing for next year.

State Fair - Chris Gabel passed around the sign-up sheet for volunteering at the our Information Desk. She will also email it to us (the membership).

1. We need at least 2 people plus Krista at the info desk as Krista is frequently busy with tasks helping people on the benches.
2. Krista is there from 7am to 3 pm daily;
3. Barb Bartholomew is there Monday thru Monday (except Thurs.) from 9 am to 2 pm
4. Chris Gabel will fill in where she can when she's not doing her vet duties at the surgical suite and/or Miracle of Birth Center.
5. Everyone in our membership is encouraged to volunteer for a 4 or 6 hr shift at the desk. You get a ticket to get in to the Fair; you meet a lot of really nice people, and you can do a lot to educate the public on purebred dogs; you should have an experienced person with you to help you.
6. A notice will be sent to the membership.

State Fair – large video screens

1. Our video screens are a hit with the public
2. If you have new pictures and video of your dogs, email them to Bobbi for inclusion in our updated video loop.
3. If your video is too large to email, contact Bobbi for further instructions.
4. Bobbi's email is robertamoore2@mac.com

State Fair – Interaction with the public. John talked about messages we should be giving the public so that we all send the same message.

- ◆ Always remember we are the face of MN Purebred.
- ◆ We need to find a way to explain our breed standard and purpose for some of the specifics in that standard
- ◆ Ask questions of the public to at what they really need or want to know
- ◆ If they only want to talk about their mixed breed rescue or purebred "doodle" be kind, interested and ask questions. Those questions might someday steer them towards a purebred dog.
- ◆ Remember we cannot refer people to any breeder who is not a member of MPDBA
- ◆ We can refer them to a breed club that is a member of MPDBA and speak positively of them; otherwise refer them to our front info desk and our directory.
- ◆ We cannot sell puppies or discuss puppies we have. We can hand out our own business card or the MPDBA business card and write your contact info on the back.
- ◆ We usually only have a few seconds to talk with the public while they are petting our dog. Try to make those few seconds matter by giving more breed information in that time.
- ◆ We should remember to tell people both the good and difficult facts about our breed
- ◆ Suggest people research all the facts about a particular breed. We can refer them to the AKC meet the breed website.

Treasurer: Lois reported we renewed our Go Daddy account and our SSL with our debit card. Discussed filling out the form to sponsor 4 trophies for the 4H State show. Lois will use MPDBA for our name noting that if 4H has space please spell out our full name. Lois will request we sponsor #1 for each of 4 trophies. July's beginning balance was \$23,758.93; ending balance \$23,527.05. Nona moved; Bobbi 2nd to accept treasurers report. Motion carried.

Committees:

Junior Handler Program: ♦ The committee met recently ♦ Program is scheduled for September at Agile Canines new location in St. Louis Park.

- ♦ There will be 6 activities during the timeframe from 9 am to 4 pm
 - both a 4H and AKC judge are confirmed for education on what judges look for,
 - Power Point presentation on entering shows, reading premium lists, etc.
 - Planning to have a photo booth
 - MPDBA will provide lunch; planning a food truck and ice cream truck
 - Session on etiquette and sportsmanship
 - How to dress for success
 - Explore activities to do with your dog
 - We will provide a swag bag
 - Bobbi is creating a flyer
 - The committee will do a presentation for the juniors at Animal Inn on Aug 7 to promote interest

Membership: Barb A reported that all membership fees have been received ♦ She has given all the apps to Krista to update our directory. ♦ Two member applicants who planned to attend this meeting had schedule conflicts.

♦ Thank you to Cinda for picking up one member's renewal application and fee.

Sunshine Committee – Wendy had no report

Unfinished Business:

♦ Publicity: ♦ Judy questioned in which catalogs our ad should appear for the St Croix Valley Show. Board decided we should only advertise in the weekend catalogs of the all breed shows ♦ We revisited reprinting our business cards. Some members noted that QRO codes are rarely used by the general public. We will not add it to our MPDBA business card when reprinting. Planning to continue use of our MPDBA colors of teal and purple.

♦ Annual meeting – Potential dates are Jan 27 & Feb 10. ♦ Barb B is still waiting for a return call on availability of Dr. Margaret Duxbury, Board Certified Veterinary Animal Behaviorist.

♦ August meeting & barbeque scheduled for Aug 16

♦ members can pick up their tickets and view the new Pet Pavilion.

♦ Theresa and Bob will again do the grilling. Bring a side dish to share.

♦ Remember to bring new or gently used pet food or supplies – leashes, collars, beds, etc, for dogs, cats other species to donate to People & Pets Together who will have a representative at our meeting.

New Business:

♦ Instagram – one member raised the question whether we should have an Instagram account. Discussion tabled until after the Fair or next year.

♦ Facebook Page – remember to send pictures of your dogs from previous Fair to Nona for posting to our Facebook page. This generates a lot of interest in our Fair exhibit.

Adjourned at 8:47 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNIOR HANDLERS

*MPBDA is planning the greatest
all Junior handling event ever!*

September 29th, 2018

Whether you are showing in AKC or 4-H

If you are just starting to think about all the things juniors can
compete in - you have already started handling or you've been at
this for a while ***THIS DAY IS FOR YOU!***

Judges, handlers and seasoned show goers will be giving tips on how to
succeed in showmanship. Bring a dog with to work in the ring and
receive constructive feedback and tips to improve your skills.

**Time With The Judge • How To Enter Shows & Find Info • Tips For Success
Where To Go - What To Bring - Show Traveling with Your Dog • Dress To Win Tips**

There will be information for parents plus many other canine activities and fun.

Watch for our upcoming flier

CONFORMATION
AGILITY
OBEDIENCE
RALLY OBEDIENCE



SWIM TEST
TRACKING
DOCK DIVING
ALL THINGS AKC



John Armour & the Workin' Dogs Band play Paws on Grand August 5th , representing Minnesota Purebred and spreading the word about the demos and benching at the 2018 Minnesota State Fair!

**10th Annual
Minnesota Responsible Dog Ownership Day 2018
and
Free AKC Sanctioned Match**



September 8th, 2018
Washington County Fairgrounds
12300 N 40th St.
Lake Elmo, MN



FREE PARKING FREE ADMISSION
Show Hours: 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
No Experience Required

Join 50+ All Breed, Group, Specialty and 4-H Clubs
representing 95 breeds at this event.

- See Demonstrations from 10:00 a.m. - Noon and Meet the breeds all day.
- Participate in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Meet the Breed, Weight Pull, Trick Demonstrations, Meet the Groomer, Carting and Tracking.
- Handling classes
- Low cost AKC microchip clinic (\$25.00 per dog, including registration) \$5.00 donation will be made to the 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk for each chip sold.
- Free AKC Canine Good Citizen® testing, CGCA testing and AKC Trick Evaluations testing. Limited number of spaces available. NOTE: There will be a CGCA test as long as there is enough interest to make the group. Please keep checking back for sign up and time information.
- [Paws for Friendship](#) will be present to talk with interested therapy teams.
- Food available on site, net proceeds to the Animal Inn Junior Scholarship Fund.
- Well behaved dogs on leashes with proof of vaccinations are welcome.
- Free AKC sanctioned B match. Entries taken until 11:30.
- Match starts at **noon**. The event will culminate with a practice dog show that is open to all AKC recognized breeds, including Miscellaneous and Foundation Stock Services classes. "All American" dogs are welcome to participate in the obedience and rally match classes.



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