

# **MPBDA BOARD MINUTES**

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## **MPDBA Minutes of Board Meeting November 19, 2020**

**Called to Order** 7:09 pm by President 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 Members Absent: None

Members: Tracey Schley,

Guests: None

**October Minutes Approved:** Kris moved, Barb B. 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter. Unanimously approved.

**President's Report:** Nothing

**Secretary's Report:** Carol discussed the preparation for sending out the revised Bylaws for vote by the membership. We thought the ballots only go to individuals. Carol checked the current Bylaws which state ballots go to all members of all classes. Carol will need help with the mailing list. Bobby offered to produce labels for the mailing list. Due to Carol's lack of mobility, Wendy offered to pick up the mailing materials and gather them upon their return. Bobby will also produce labels with Wendy's address for the return envelopes. Carol will produce a copy of the current Bylaws with new proposed amendments in red text, a copy of the subsequent final new Bylaws upon adoption of all amendments, a ballot, and instructions on how to complete and return the ballots. We discussed the 30-day time frame for sending ballots. Following the meeting Carol researched the current Bylaws and clarified that the 30 days applies to the minimum amount of time membership should have to return ballots. Once Bobby has all the labels created, Wendy will pick up the materials from Bobby. Carol moved, Kris 2<sup>nd</sup> to provide funds needed for stamps which we estimated will be between \$90 and \$125. Any stamps left over will be used by Wendy for Sunshine Committee. Motion unanimously approved.

Wendy mentioned the continuing confusion over our Club being "Not for Profit" which is different than a "Non-Profit". A non-profit organization is so labeled under IRS Code 501(c)3 where donations to the organization are tax deductible. Our Club is a Not for Profit organization under IRS Code 501(c)7; donations to our Club are NOT tax deductible. We should double check to make sure our literature and legal documents do not reference Nonprofit. Carol will double check.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lois had previously emailed the Board the full report. She stated October beginning balance was \$13,027.07. Ending balance was \$13,024.07. The \$3 expense was the bank fee which appears to have changed from a charge for paper statement to an analyzing fee. The \$135 from dues received in September was deposited and will be included in the November report. We need to research the dollar amount for expenditures that requires Board approval. Kris moved, Nona 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Membership:** Barb Armour reported she is still waiting for required documentation from Mollie and Sydney Fletcher. Their application has already been read and published twice. Once we receive their outstanding documentation, we can vote. Barb Bartholomew will do the home visit.

**Sunshine Committee:** Wendy sent Get Well cards to Nona Dietrich, Sally Connor (owner of Animal Inn), Joanne Grimsrud (one of the regular instructor/judges for our Juniors Program).

**Junior Program:** Wendy noted the 2021 Seminar is tentatively scheduled for April 24, 2021 depending upon COVID and a vaccine available to the public. The Juniors committee wants to add videos of handling, breeding, all things dogs to our website and YouTube channel. Members with favorite books to read and/or videos about activities to do with dogs send info on titles/ authors to Wendy. She will create a list for the website.

**Education Committee:** Wendy reported the committee has been discussing MPDBA's Mission Statement that lists the activities in which we want to be involved and what we can do to support those activities. Starting in January the Committee will create an Introductory video. In addition, the Committee will send out a letter to the membership explaining various topics to be addressed by roundtable discussions that will be recorded. Our member, Tracey Schley, will do voice over.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**YouTube Channel:** Kris reported our MPDBA YouTube channel is created as a secured channel; it currently cannot be found as there is no content yet. Once content is entered, we will have a link to it on both our website and Facebook page. YouTube will link back to our website and Facebook page. One of the videos we will load is the video we run continuously at the Fair. Anyone who wants to have something loaded will have to submit it to a member of the committee.

**State Fair Committee:** Rose reported the person who was going to do our bench shrink wrapping for free suggested a better idea. He could do the shrink wrap for free this year. But shrink wrapping would have to be done every year at a cost of approximately \$400 to \$700 per year. He suggested instead of shrink wrapping, we make a one-time purchase of heavy-duty tarps to be used every year. Rose provided pictures of the proposed design and method of tarp wrapping each bench. The strapping that would be used to hold down the tarps will be donated. It will take approximately 30 to 45 minutes to wrap each bench; materials can be stored in our container at the Fair from year to year. Menards carries the heavy-duty tarps we need; we can take advantage of their 11% off sales. Rose moved; Bobby 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the proposal to spend \$500 to \$700 on the 2x4s and tarps for this year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike S, our handyman, will complete work on our benches this summer. That work includes adding white paneling to the base of the remaining benches, fix the locks, add extra caulking to the floors.

**Food Donation:** Peggy reported the fundraising for Feeding Furry Friends (FFF) continues to progress. Another dog club donated a sum that matched the raised total for that day. She again asked everyone to give just \$10 and ask just 5 friends to each give \$10, the goal could be reached. We know that people's pets give comfort in difficult times. We also know that particularly in today's environment, helping people keep their pets is even more important than ever. We want to continue to support FFF; they support many pet organizations including food shelves that also carry pet food, many animal shelters and rescue groups as well as other groups like People and Pets Together that are trying to help people keep their pets in this very difficult time. She reminded us that today was Give to the Max day and the fundraiser still continues through December 7. It's easy to donate. Just go to [www.giveMN.org](http://www.giveMN.org). In the upper right corner of the screen search for MPDBA. That will take you directly to our page. Then you can click on the "Donate" button.

**Nominating Committee:** Wendy reported the Board will stay as is. Officers are elected by the Board (not the membership) after the annual meeting which is the Board's first official meeting of the new year. Wendy pointed out that our Bylaws state no Board member may also be a delegate of a member club. That would be a conflict of interest. Our Board members will make sure their respective breed clubs have a different person as delegate.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Website:** Kris noticed that our newsletter does not format correctly on our website. Diane Prange is working to make the newsletter more readable on the website.

**Annual Meeting:** We are all assuming COVID will still be an issue in January / February when we have our Annual Meeting. We assume our meeting will have to be virtual probably via Zoom. We discussed how we handle our normal format of elections / possible votes and a speaker. Peggy suggested we separate the Annual Meeting into 2 events. **Event 1** – we have our Membership meeting to cover our various Officer and Committee reports. This will be held in January to comply with our Bylaws. We will need to have someone lead the Zoom meeting and another to motivate members to join the Zoom meeting. We have had good member interest in our Zoom Board meetings.

**Event 2** – Postpone our speaker to a spring date to be determined. We can wait to see the COVID environment. If the environment will allow us to hold an in-person get together with social distancing (if still necessary) to have a speaker, we can plan that later.

**Adjourn** - Nona moved, Kris 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

