

MPDBA BOARD MINUTES

MPDBA Minutes of Board Meeting Oct 21, 2020

Called to Order 7:11 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: Gary Frandsen, Briana Klecker, Alyssa Morris,

Member Applicants: Mollie and Sidney Fletcher

Call to Order: John called meeting to order at 7:23 pm via Zoom

Sept. Minutes Approved: Minutes were taken by Rose Hallman and subsequently printed in the newsletter. Nona moved; Barb B 2nd to approve minutes. Unanimously approved

Introductions: Members and Board members introduced themselves to member applicants, the Fletchers. They introduced themselves.

President's Report: John thanked all the members who volunteered and worked hard to chair many committees

Secretary's Report: Still recovering from surgery. Sept minutes taken by Rose were approved as printed in newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: ♦ Lois had previously emailed the Board the full report. Nothing much occurring. She noted the Sept beginning balance was \$13,075. Paid our voice mail service \$47. Ending balance is \$13,024.07. Lois has dues of \$105 to be deposited in Oct. Nona moved; Bobby 2nd to accept Treasurer's report. Unanimously accepted.

♦ Lois provided the response she crafted to the 4H organization's email they would need no money this year but would appreciate consideration in 2021. The board approved her proposed response and requested she sign with her name on behalf of the Board of MPDBA. Bobby will load Lois' electronic signature and create an electronic letter with our letterhead and Lois' signature.

Membership: Barb Armour introduced Mollie & Sidney Fletcher from Eden Prairie in our Zoom meeting. Their kennel name is Kennel Claus; they have had Bichon Frise since 2005. They currently have 5 dogs and have been showing for 14 years. Mollie also owns a grooming business strictly for Bichons.

State Fair Committee: ♦ Rose and a couple committee members took inventory of our supplies in the State Fair container. If someone takes something out of the container, they should report it so that the inventory stays current. ♦ Our handyman, Mike S will be building our info desk; he already has the materials paid. He now lives in Texas but will come back every year for us at Fair time to help us. ♦ A few committee members will be cleaning up the benches this Friday and they will then be shrink wrapped. Someone offered to shrink wrap the benches for free. Typically, that amount of shrink wrapping would cost \$500 to \$700. ♦ Our pavilion is currently also housing a number of tables from the Hangar across the street. Those tables will be moved from the center of the pavilion to the side to make room for our benches to be stored in the middle.

Sunshine Committee: Wendy sent a card to Steve Bannie while recovering from hip replacement.

Education Committee: Wendy reported the Committee met Oct 19 to discuss Goals . They want to work towards fulfilling our mission statements. Wendy presented their proposal for first tasks -- such as creating a roundtable discussion of topics. Post those on YouTube and our website as resources for the public. Those discussions could also be put in video format. Wendy's entire proposal can be read in a separate document in our newsletter. Kris moved and Rose 2nd to allow the Education Committee to go ahead implementing their proposal. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

Kennel / Home Visit Form: Wendy read a sentence proposed to be added to the Visit form to address situations that have recently arisen. The statement will also be included in our membership requirements. The statement reads as follows:

Kennel Visit Form: I am currently not breeding, but if I decide to do so, all testing recommended by my parent club will be satisfied on the dogs I intend to use in that and future breedings.

Change in Membership Requirements: All home/kennel visits need to be completed by a member of the board. If said board member has never participated in a breeding with a purebred dog, or is new to the board, said board member will be partnered with a more senior board member who has completed home visits in the past. Likewise, more than one board member shall conclude home/visit if applicant is a friend or has a prior relationship with the board member who volunteered to do the visit.

Kris moved; Nona 2nd to accept the statement to be added to both the Kennel visit form and member requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Food Donation: ♦ Peggy reported that Feeding Furry Friends (FFF), a dog and cat food supply bank, received a semi-trailer load of supplies. Members of our club helped unload and sort the supplies. ♦ Peggy announced our next food drive will begin Nov 1 thru December 7. Members can donate thru GiveMN.org simply by clicking a button on that website. It's easier for FFF to accept donations of money so they can purchase specific foods that they need. The goal for this drive is \$5000 that will purchase 5000 pounds of food for the food bank. Amy from Feeding Furry Friends works with Sandy Reitsma of dogfooddirect.com to purchase food at wholesale prices. Information will be on our Facebook page. Members are encouraged to share and like the page and spread the word among friends and family. Peggy's one-page announcement will be shown separately in the newsletter.

New Business

Bylaws Change: Wendy, while working on the nominating committee, noticed a potential problem in our bylaws. She proposed a change to our Bylaws Article IV, Section 3, concerning officer terms and elections. There was much discussion; each member voiced their opinion. The Board suggested changes to be made to Wendy's proposal. The bylaws committee is Wendy, Barb B., and Rose. Bylaws changes will be emailed to members once the Board approves them. The proposed change is as follows:

Officers of the corporation may succeed themselves in the same capacity for no more than four consecutive years. If said office has no candidate willing to run for replacement, the current candidate may continue in that position, if desired, until another board member is willing to run for that office and is voted in by the board.

Nona moved; Adam 2nd to accept Wendy's amendment as revised by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn - Kris moved, Rose 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

