

MPDBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 20, 2025

Called to Order by Rose Hallman at 7:05 pm

Approval of Minutes - Date October Minutes sent by email. Sandy moved; Carol Lauren-Schmidt 2nd to approve. Unanimous approval.

Attendance:

Board Present: Betty Brakefield, Chris Gabel, Rose Hallman, Carol Lauren-Schmidt, Sandy Mauck, Bobby Moore-Reibel, Carol Ouhl, Peggy Simerson, Kathy Sianko, Cinda Waller, Lois Walton

Board Absent: Tim Peterson

Members: Jessica Anlauf, Judy Dove, Kate McKee

Guests: None

President Report: Nothing

Vice President Report: Nothing

Secretary Report: Corresponding: Chris – Nothing. **Recording:** Carol Nothing

Treasurer Report: Lois – September beginning balance \$31,447.74. Ended month with \$30,260.80. Rose has the check from the State Fair; hasn't had a chance to deposit it. **Accept Treasurer Report** as emailed. Carol moved, Carol Lauren-Schmidt 2nd. **Report Accepted:** Unanimous

Committees:

Membership: PayPal is working but needs to be connected to a "button" on the website

Need kennel visit for Nicki, Anoka County Kennel Club

Membership forms are being redone and will be sent to Board for approval

Constitution/Bylaws: Carol O – The following list of changes will be sent to the Board as well as a redlined copy for Board review.

(1) Added new Associate Membership info so far to Article II, Sections 2, & 3. (2) Added to Section 2 paragraph stating joining and paying dues in fourth quarter of year automatically has paid dues for the entire following year.

(3) Added description of Associate Member dues.

(4) Added a new paragraph to Section 3 listing requirements needed for Associate Membership.

(5) Corrected existing paragraph on requirements needed for full membership by adding missing information.

Directory: Bobby – Membership list is updated on the website. Will revise again after renewals in May, 2025

Legislation: Chris – Noted the issue of creating a Companion Board of Animal Health to encompass all animals has arisen again. The Board as proposed would have little veterinary input but would include animal rights people. Vets are against declawing, ear cropping, tail docking. Roughly 80% of rescues being brought up from the south are heartworm positive. Of all dogs imported less than 1% are inspected. If breeders test for Brucellosis they should test both the bitch and stud.

There are new licensing requirements for vets and techs. Vet licensed increased from \$200 to \$300 annually. Techs have a number of requirements which vary depending upon whether they are currently licensed, just out of school, etc.

Education: Nothing

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Newsletter: Need someone to take this task

Outreach/Recruitment: Betty – Asked the board if it was ok to promote membership with us to her Sheltie Club by inviting all to explore our club, sit in on Board meetings and be aware of our scholarship for young people. Board agreed it was a good idea.

Juniors: We could create a Junior Membership category ages 13 to 18. It would need parent's co-signature, would have a reduced fee, no voting rights, and would require helping us at the Fair. Parents would need to agree to be with their child. Some schools have a Volunteer Form to sign for kids' hours spent at the Fair to satisfy their school volunteer requirements. Sandy Mauck did a quick search of other clubs; none had a junior membership category. AKC requires people to qualify to be around children.

Social Media: Peg's work is extremely busy. She needs help with our social media footprint. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Peg.

Sunshine: Wendy sent Get Well card to Lois and Sympathy card for Rhonda's husband passing

State Fair: Rose met with Pam. She supports us fully including our situation with 4-H event. Rose has received the check from the Fair; she will send it to Lois.

Grievance: None

Website: Diane absent; no report

Nominating Committee – Rose noted that 5 current Director's terms will be expiring. That leaves 5 positions of 2-year terms open. Carol questioned those numbers because it doesn't match with our need to have 6 members with 1 yr left and 7 members elected to 2 yr terms. Discrepancy might come from Directors resigning in the middle of their terms during the last two years. We'll check further.

Annual Meeting – Date will be Sunday Feb 15 to avoid the Super Bowl and the large show in Madison on Feb 21-22, 2026.

Location – Sandy suggested the Greater Dog in Stillwater that charges \$30/hr. Other clubs have had meetings there. The Board asked her to check on status of tables, chairs, A/V equipment for speakers. She also needs to check availability since our annual meeting will take several hours with setup, activity, and take down. She will report back in December. Rose noted that AllBreed would again be available; they are moving to a smaller space in the same location.

Speaker – Having someone give all of us CPR/ first aid training would be too expensive and time consuming. Still searching for ideas of a speaker.

Old Business – Carol provided Rose with a list of outstanding old business where an update on an item was either never decided, not communicated or not captured. Rose's answers are documented here.

1. Can 3-legged purebred dogs be on the bench or just in demos?
 - a. Answer: we tabled this until February meeting as some thought we had approved but Carol couldn't find written documentation to that effect.
2. Was Rio Grooming able to do the grooming demo for us at Fair they offered? And if yes, where was demo done?
 - a. Answer: Yes, demo was done in their booth.

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3. Same question concerning someone's offer to do a chiropractic demo?
 - a. Answer: No
4. Was Rose able to contact Secretary of State to investigate options concerning the other dog groups with names very similar to ours but with Mission Statements opposite ours? We continue to receive comments and questions from the public thinking we are one of the other groups.
 - a. Answer: Rose spoke with the SOS office a couple times. SOS believes we have a good case in our favor. SOS staff tried contacting the other groups by email. Upon no response, SOS phoned them. They were unable to make contact. We are waiting to learn next step.
5. Where did we end up with discussion on partnering with other kennel clubs to purchase AED equipment for our shows?
 - a. Answer: Wendy reported due to the prohibitive cost involved; they were waiting until after the Land O'Lakes show in January for more discussion.
6. Did St Paul police K9 unit demo for us every day or did we end up with blank days or with other K9 units able to jump.
 - a. Other K9 units didn't feel they could do a respectable job of a demo if they were to operate on a last-minute, on-call basis. St Paul police K9 unit did demo for us every day of the Fair.

New Business: -

Honorary Member: Rose nominated Nona Dietrich for honorary member status. Chris moved; Bobby 2nd to give Nona honorary membership. Unanimously approved.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.