

MPDBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – December 18, 2025

Called to Order by Rose Hallman at 7:03 pm

Approval of Minutes - Carol noted November Minutes not completed in time for meeting. They'll be sent to Board with December minutes

Attendance:

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

Board Absent: Tim Peterson

Members: Joanna George, Kate McKee

Guests: None

President Report: Nothing

Vice President Report: Nothing

Secretary Report: Corresponding: Chris –A company wanted to decorate our building

Recording: Carol - November minutes started but not finished. Will be sent in time for January meeting

Treasurer Report: Lois – November beginning balance \$30,260.80. Ended month with \$30,249.95 after statement fees paid. State Fair payment of \$8,000 deposited by Rose after report published. **Accept Treasurer Report.** Betty moved, Kathy 2nd. **Report Accepted:** Unanimous

Committees:

Membership: Bobby nothing

Constitution/Bylaws: Carol O – Finished with newest revisions. Will do final read through before sending to Board. Once sent to Board we should immediately vote by email to ensure membership has 30 days to review prior to voting right before annual meeting.

Directory – Bobby Directory will be finished by end of January

Legislation: Chris is one of 15 veterinarians on the Small Animal Welfare Committee determining positions on various bills. The Breeder Licensing bill is being reviewed. Current proposals Commercial breeders allowed 4 bitches & 25 puppies sold/yr. MN Pet Breeders Assoc (MPBA) is advocating 4 bitches and 12 puppies sold/yr. NOTE: This is not us (This is one of the organizations frequently confused with us having very similar name, Chris noted the big (750) Commercial breeders will not agree to that. Still up for discussion.

Education: Carol Lauren-Schmidt has sent a number of items to Rose that the Board has not yet seen.

> Finding articles on health that would be helpful for breeders such as use of Benadryl. Carol O and Chris suggested caution as that info should be verified by a veterinarian. Concern is our legal liability and safe use by public. > USDA covers 4 – 25 animals; but doesn't include pet shops. > Discussing definition of primary shelter. Define how long a dog should be in crate. Define what is a crate. > Removed term dog breeders that applies to pet shops and shelters. > Should debarking and declawing be allowed, discouraged, made a crime > Dept of Health and Human Services wants to allow euthanizing a dog that has bitten without trying to find owner.

Outreach/Recruitment: Betty – No report. Asked about a table at January Land of Lakes show. Rose reported no table due to LOL's space restrictions this year.

Juniors: Wendy nothing.

Social Media: Peg nothing

Newsletter: Need someone to take this task

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Sunshine: Wendy nothing

State Fair: Nothing until after Annual Meeting

Grievance: None

Website: Diane no report

Old Business- Annual Meeting – Will be Sunday, February 25, 2026. **Location:** Rose will call Sandy to learn her research on facility she was going to contact. AllBreed Obed has different space but is available again.

Speaker: looking for ideas

New Business: -None

Adjourn: Bobby moved; Betty 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.