

MPDBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - May 15, 2025

Called to Order by Rose Hallman at 7:05 pm

Approval of Minutes Date Jan, Feb & March as Emailed on 4-17-25
Moved Bobby Moore 2nd Lois Walton
Motion Carried: Unanimous

Attendance:

Board Present: Betty Brakefield, Chris Gabel, Rose Hallman, Sandy Mauck, Carol Ouhl, Bobby Moore-Reibel, Peggy Simerson, Lois Walton

Board Absent: Tim Peterson, Carol Lauren-Schmidt, Kathy Sianko, Cinda Waller

Members: Joanna George, Janeen Knowles, Mike Ekwai

Guests:

President Report: No Report

Vice President Report: None

Secretary Report:

Corresponding: Chris finally has access to MPDBA secretary email. Sent out 1 notice

Recording: Carol discussed timing of posting Board minutes on website. In past they've not been posted until the following month after the Board approves them. In an attempt to get more people involved in the Club, we'll now post the minutes as soon as they are completed and sent to the Board for review. They will be labeled "*Draft Minutes Pending Board Approval.*" That should: (1) get info to membership promptly (2) reduce possible confusion of having to announce Minutes changes the following month (3) give members a better chance of knowing about upcoming items and who to contact. Carol moved to send Minutes to Diane to post on website at same time Carol sends them to Board for review. We will request Diane label the minutes as noted above; 2nd by Bobby. Passed unanimously.

Committee Chairs now listed on website along with a link to their email. Diane Prange brilliantly suggested a link rather than displaying the list to reduce possibility of fraudsters capturing others emails.

Treasurer Report: Lois - Started month with \$33,793.75; Ending \$33,776.76. Bobby noted she has a stack of checks to give to Lois when they meet with the bank to set up PayPal connection.

Moved to Accept Treasurer Report as emailed. Carol moved; Betty 2nd

Report Accepted: Unanimous

Committees:

Membership: Bobby - PayPal button still not working. When it works, we can keep a balance with PayPal.

New Members: - Doreen Dingle / Mike Eckwal. Kennel visit completed by Lois and Karen Johnson. Their 2025 membership dues were paid with their membership application January 2025.

1st Notice/Publish: Miranda Zimmerman lives in Little Canada; attended last month's meeting. She has 4 dogs, Golden Retriever, show quality German Shepherd and 2 mixes. She is a groomer and wants to show in conformation. Bobby and Rose will Sponsor; Rose will do kennel visit.

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Constitution/Bylaws: Carol O sent out final draft of Bylaws both the clean copy and draft with red revisions. Would like everyone to read from perspective of does it make sense. While everyone is reading, Carol will next check to make sure all the references to locations of rules are correct.

We discussed timing of sending to membership to avoid conflict with the current timing of membership renewals. Bylaws require 30 days from date of membership receipt for review to earliest date of voting. Board decided to wait to send to membership just prior to June 15 for voting to occur by July 15. That gives sufficient time for all the 2025 renewals be received within the renewal deadline plus extra time for processing any issues needing resolving.

When **Bylaws ready to send**, Chris will send them out. Her email will indicate there will be a separate email coming with a link and instructions on how to vote. Her email will also tell people to notify us if they want a paper ballot. The email will also state the date by which voting must be completed.

Electronic Vote - Bobby will set up electronic voting mechanism and create instructions on how to vote indicating the choices of "Approve", "Disapprove", and "Abstain". This should be in a separate email from the one sending out the Bylaws to be read.

Paper Ballot - Anyone wanting a paper ballot will receive that from either Chris or Carol in snail mail with instructions on how to complete and a deadline by which paper ballot must be received by us. The address on the paper ballot will be to send it to Carol as Recording Secretary.

Directory: Bobby – Directory is on our website

Legislation: Chris - State passed access rights for service dogs in training (not previously allowed) in Home Owners' Associations (HOAs).

Education: Carol Lauren-Schmidt - No report

Recruitment: Betty will contact her Sheltie Club and St Croix Valley on benefits of MPDBA membership of Stte Fair and Juniors

Juniors: Wendy – Received one application for our Scholarship.

Social Media: Peggy -Nothing

Sunshine: Wendy -Nothing

Grievance: Not discussed; not staffed

Website: Diane Prange -Nothing

State Fair: Rose mentioned last month the change in our exhibit hours. The Fair wants us to go back to being open from 9 am to 9 pm to be consistent with other exhibits.

Police K9 will demo 5 days including Labor Day. They have no problem with us asking Ramsey County to fill in at last minutes days they can't demo.

Unfinished Business:

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New Business:

Brag:

Adjourn: Moved by Carol Lauren-Schmidt; 2nd by Betty. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.