

MPDBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 19, 2025

Called to Order **by** Rose Hallman **at 7:06 pm**

Approval of Minutes **Date** May 26, 2025 Minutes **not received by anyone.** Carol will check, email out for Board vote via email before next meeting. Lois moved; Kathy 2nd to allow Board to vote by email to approve May minutes when they are sent out. Motion approved unanimously.

Attendance:

Board Present: Betty Brakefield, Chris Gabel, Rose Hallman, Carol Ouhl, Carol Lauren-Schmidt, Kathy Sianko, Lois Walton,

Board Absent: Sandy Mauck, Bobby Moore-Reibel, Tim Peterson, Peggy Simerson, Cinda Waller

Members: Kate McKee-Boston Terrier Club, Wendy Olson, Kathy Raz, Golden Retriever Club

Guests:

President Report: No Report

Vice President Report: None

Secretary Report:

Corresponding: Chris received call from woman asking about our organization and checking on a breeder of ours as she's currently looking at a 4-wk puppy. The breeder about whom she was asking is not a member of our Club. We're sure the woman is confusing us with 1 of the other 2 "breeder" organizations with names similar to ours. Chris will respond with that info plus handout on "How to Choose a Good Breeder" .

Chris received another request from a Brittany breeder interested in our organization and what we do.

We briefly discussed the other 2 organizations "MN Breeders Assoc" and "MN Pet Breeders Assoc" and how long they've been around. Rose will contact one of our members who is an attorney as well as the Attorney General's office to see if there is anything we can / should do about the other organizations using names so similar to ours. Kathy Sianko will purchase a catalog at the upcoming shows to see if any of these people are listed in the catalog.

Recording Secretary: Carol continues to have disastrous problems with WIFI connectivity and ability to update / create documents. During this meeting she was disconnected and/or frozen from Zoom multiple times.

Treasurer Report: Lois - Started month with \$33,776.76 She has deposited dues and donations received so far and paid for our subscription to "Sign-Up Genius" that we use for State Fair Benching sign up and \$392.88 for insurance. Ending balance is \$34,951.89.

Bobby, Lois, and Rose went to the bank to continue setup of PayPal; we need ability to do online banking to use PayPal. They also added Rose as signer on our account should Lois be incapacitated in any way.

Lois sent an email to Bobby with a few questions on checks she'd received. (1) She has a \$30 check for family Jeannette Wilson and Zachary Weston of Pinewood Lane Pet Resort (2) Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption paid \$25 for dues that should have been \$40. Bobby will contact them. (3) She has \$100 for dues

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and she assumes a donation from Rio Gran Boarding (4) She has \$325 from Rio Show Dogs she assumes is dues for Karen Beskau and a donation from Rio Grooming.

Moved to Accept Treasurer Report as emailed. Carol O. moved; Carol Lauren-Schmidt 2nd

Report Accepted: Unanimous

Committees:

Membership: Bobby is ill; Rose reported the PayPal button is expected to be working by end of day tomorrow (Friday the 20th; it wasn't).

Rose said Greyhound Pets of America-MN is rejoining after dropping last year. They understand the concerns we had about allowing the 3-legged dog to demo but not be on the bench. The Greyhound Club has new leadership, understands our previous concerns, has new people benching for them and is willing to abide by our club's requirements for the Fair.

New Members: Miranda Zimmerman lives in Little Canada; has 4 dogs, Golden Retriever, show quality German Shepherd, 2 mixes and is a groomer.

Constitution/Bylaws: Carol O needs to review and potentially revise the final draft of the Bylaws. As Peggy read them, she found discrepancies between our discussion / handling of the various additional documents required for membership. She raised several good questions. Carol is researching and expects to provide either updated Bylaws or questions for the Board to discuss. This will slightly delay the previously determined timing for voting by membership.

Directory: Bobby – no report

Legislation: Chris -nothing occurred in the State regular or special session pertaining to dogs.

Education: Carol Lauren-Schmidt has found some articles she wants to publish

Outreach/Recruitment: Betty was able to connect with some members of her Sheltie Club at a different social event. She was able to determine that their concerns with our organization stemmed from them researching the wrong organization similar to the information raised in Chris G's Corresponding Secretary report.

Juniors: Wendy – Received an application for the Junior's Scholarship. Mia Klesmith will be majoring in Electrical Engineering in college rather than anything dog related. But she has helped Bobby Moore at the Fair and elsewhere and found it gave her more confidence in pursuing her other endeavors. Wendy will work with Bobby on the cake and certificate presentation. Bobby will work with Lois on the check for Mia.

Social Media: Peggy -Nothing

Sunshine: Wendy -Nothing

Grievance: Not discussed; not staffed

Website: Diane Prange - Nothing

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State Fair: Rose - **Bench assignments** filling up and looking good. Rose just received a few reservations after her last reminder to members. Now she will start calling those who have not responded. **Demo schedule** is full. List has been submitted to State Fair.

St. Paul Police K9 will demo all days. Rose will check with them to see if we should ask Ramsey County Sheriff to be backup at the last minute should duty call as it sometimes does prevent St Paul K9s to appear. Police demo is finished between 7:30 – 8 pm which means we will have lots of traffic by our benches between 8pm and closing at 9pm.

Unfinished Business: Our discussion on rules regarding dogs on bench, specifically the 3-legged dog rule that has been in place since 1980. We started requirements because of the breed bans and all the designer dogs. We wanted a correct looking dog for each breed. We required a dog in a show clip with no disqualifying faults nor unacceptable coat colors. Additional points discussed were:

- (1) AKC judging discusses correct movement of dogs
- (2) We are a group of breeders dedicated to breeding to AKC / parent club standards. We don't allow dogs with disqualifying faults for their breed.
- (3) MPDBA is not an AKC club
- (4) This is the age of inclusivity. We present our dogs to the public who have a variety of challenges / disabilities; the public relates to that in our dogs and in their dogs.
- (5) Our rules over the years have changed with the changing perceptions of the public.
We still ban muzzles on dogs; the public perceives a dangerous dog.
Years ago, we didn't allow crates on the benches because the public perceived them as abusive cages. Today we do allow them because the public has been educated on the benefits of crates for dogs.
Perceptions are always changing.
- (6) We now have several rescue groups as members; we didn't accept rescue groups years ago
- (7) Our group is dedicated to using the Fair to educate the public on all things dogs such as what makes a dog suitable for breeding, how to find a good breeder, encouraging pet owners to be active with their dogs and all dogs can be active regardless of their physical challenges

New Business: Wendy – Reminded us of the person who collapsed at a show and almost died except for a couple of nurses at that show. Wendy spoke with the St. Croix Valley and Minneapolis Kennel Clubs about CPR training and having an AED on premises. The Fair has 2 AEDs; neither are near our Pavilion. MKC wants to partner with us for CPR classes. AEDs cost about \$2000; training is not needed to operate the AED.

Chris explained Gilbert, the Golden Retriever owned by Senator Melissa Hortman that was killed along with the family during their home invasion had flunked out of Helping Paws and was placed with the Hortmans as they had been puppy raisers for Helping Paws. Helping Paws had set up a fund for the ER that treated Gilbert and other Mpls K9s. Chris moved; Carol 2nd to donate to the Fund. Motion carried unanimously. Rose moved; Betty 2nd to donate \$250 to Helping Paws Fund in memoriam of Gilbert. Motion carried unanimously.

Rose previously discussed with the Board nominating Honorary Members who have been members since the early 80s, have volunteered many years for the Board and have helped a great deal in many capacities for years

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with the State Fair. Board approved Carol Ouhl and Lois Walton as 2025 Honorary Members. Carol and Lois thanked the Board for the honor.

Adjourn: Moved by Carol Lauren-Schmidt; 2nd by Betty. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.