

MBC Board Minutes
Date: February 9, 2017
Place: Conference Call

1. ROLL CALL – taken and meeting commenced at: 9:05 pm

OFFICERS/BOARD	IN ATTENDANCE
K.C. Artley	X
Kalen Dumke	X
Amy Sikula	X
Barbaranne Benjamin	X
Nancy Reimer	X
Laura Hyatt	X
Pam Leichtnam	X
Michlene Nash	X
Liz Duncan-Burge	X
Dana Thompson	X
Mike Bilak	X
Lynne Bennett	X

2. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING – Barb Benjamin

- Motion to suspend reading of last board meeting made by N. Reimer with second by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting made by P. Leichtnam with second by N. Reimer. Motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Barbaranne Benjamin

- The MBC Yearbook (Directory) with the ballot for 2020 specialty and sweepstakes judges was mailed to the membership.
- The deadline for submission of judges ballots was January 15th. The results of the balloting was provided with several ties that will need a board vote.
- Marilyn Kivela has requested reinstatement of her MBC membership. Marilyn has been a member of MBC since 1998; she sent in her dues after the deadline and grace period for dues payment.
- Five new memberships have been received: four individual and one family.
- Motion to accept the report of the recording secretary made by L. Bennett with a second by M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY –Amy Sikula

- AKC approval of the MBC designated specialty with the Grand Rapids kennel club's all breed show May 27, 2017 at Kalamazoo: I received notification that the host club has not given their written approval for us to hold this event. I contacted KC and she forwarded an email approval to them. I called them on 2/1 and requested a return phone call. Approval was received.
- Holley Eldred has agreed to judge sweepstakes at the Fall Specialty in Wisconsin on Saturday, August 12, 2017. I received her signed contract via US mail.
- Emailed BCOA for permission to hold Fall Specialty in Wisconsin on Saturday 12, 2017. I received a copy of the approval letter from Karen Mays dated 1/23/2017.
- Motion to accept the report of the recording secretary made by M. Nash with a second by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Nancy Reimer

- From the Treasurer's Report: 2016 started with \$27,326.04 and ended on December 31, 2016 with \$26,462.41.
- Motion to file the treasurer's report made by B. Benjamin with a second by L. Bennett. Motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES –

- Annual Awards—KC Artley: Annual awards will be presented at the Saturday May 27, 2017 annual membership meeting in Kalamazoo.
- Archives—Lynne Bennett
- AKC Legislative Liaison—Mickey Nash
- Breeder Referral—Pat Murphy
- Event Publicity—Mickey Nash & Amy Sikula
- Hall of Fame—Barbara Tyler Lord: Six nominees met the criteria for the Service Award.
- Lure Coursing Trials—Nancy Reimer: Please see new business item.
- MBC Bulletin Editor—KC Artley: The Bulletin was published in October issue, emailed to members and uploaded on the MBC website.
- MBC Website—KC Artley: Pictures and results for the November 2016 specialty have been uploaded. Information is up-to-date including notice of 2017 events.
- NBRF Delegate—Liz Duncan-Burge—Please see attachments: end of year report and article.
- New Membership—Lynne Bennett—Several new member applications have been received. See Election of New Members.
- Nominating Committee—Patricia Murphy: The members of the nominating committee include Krisit Arquist (WI), Kim Janek (IN), Lynne Bennett (MI) and Gale Snoddy (OH). Please see new business item for the slate of 2017-2018 officers.
- Specialty, November 19, 2016, Columbus OH—Amy Sikula & Anne Midgarden: The show was a success with an entry of 46 in the regular classes, 9 in puppy sweeps and 6 in veteran sweeps. Lima kennel club paid for our judge.
- Specialty, May 27, 2017, Kalamazoo MI—Laura Hyatt: The specialty show will be outdoors Saturday with the Grand Rapids kennel club, judge William P. Shelton and sweeps judge Tami Marshall. Annual membership meeting will occur after the judging. Sunday will be the MBC Trophy Supported entry (no sweeps) with the Kalamazoo kennel club, judge Judy Webb, trophy chairperson Mickey Nash.
- Specialty August 12, 2017 Cudahy WI—Pam Leichtnam: MBC will hold our specialty in the afternoon, with Grant Winchell judging. Sweeps judge will be Holley Eldred. Borzoi can also be shown at the all-breed Cudahy show in the morning, but no sweepstakes. Show will be outdoors at Caledonia Mt Pleasant Memorial Park, 9614 Northwestern Ave (also called City Truck K) Franksville WI 53126. There will be 4 days of all-breed shows there (Friday & Saturday Cudahy kennel club show and Sunday & Monday Racine kennel club shows). Roy Jones superintendent.
- Statistics—Conformation—Lynne Bennett: On the MBC website.
- Statistics—Lure Coursing AKC—KC Artley: On the MBC website.
- Statistics—Lure Coursing ASFA—Amy Sikula: On the MBC website.
- Statistics—Obedience—KC Artley: On the MBC website.
- Sunshine Committee: Michelene Nash: Several condolence or get well cards were sent.
- A motion to accept all committee reports was made by M. Nash with a second by B. Benjamin. Motion passed unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Membership applications have been received from: Jordy Berger of Brookston, IN; Maurine Conti and Roman Sukley of DesPlaines, IL; Adrienne Hopple of Celina, OH;

Penny Keiffer of Pleasant Prairie, WI; and Colin Kennedy of Lindenhurst, IL. This is the first notification of application.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- Proposal to hold the end of May 2019 specialty at Kalamazoo as a concurrent specialty (like we do in August with the Cudahy Wisconsin kennel club). Borzoi could show twice that day (either Saturday or Sunday) at the all breed show and at our specialty. KC Artley who proposed this item requested postponement of discussion until the next board meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS –

- Motion by P. Leichtnam for MBC holding AKC trials and tests for all sighthound, October 21 & 22 at Stoney Run park, Leroy Indiana. Betty Veitch will be trial secretary, and Nancy Reimer chairperson. A. Sikula seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The Nominating Committee (Patricia Murphy (IL) chairperson, Krisit Arquist (WI), Kim Janek (IN), Lynne Bennett (MI) and Gale Snoddy (OH)) have nominated:
President: KC Artley, Vice-President: Kalen Dumke, Corresponding Secretary: Amy Sikula, Recording Secretary: Michael Bilak, Treasurer: Nancy Reimer, Board: Pam Leichtnam (3 year term), Laura Hyatt (3 year term) and Barbara Danieli (2 year term, replacing Mike Bilak).
Motion to mail this slate of officers to the membership 60 days before general membership meeting was made by N. Reimer with a second by L. Hyatt. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The ballot results for 2020 specialty judges were provided in an attachment. The board will vote on the ties. Item postponed until the next board meeting.
- 2017 Hall of Fame Service Award will be presented at the Saturday May 27, 2017 annual membership meeting. Six eligible nominees for the Hall of Fame Service award are provided in the attached committee report. The Board will need to vote on this issue. Board members will send their vote by email to Barbara Tyler Lord before March 1, 2017.
- Nancy Reimer has needed to send MBC payment checks via certified mail due to problems with the post office delivery those checks in a timely manner. K. Dumke moved that the treasurer is authorized for reimbursement when it is necessary to send checks in a timely manner through certified mail. L. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Five MBC members have passed: Donna Bokar, Suzan Breaz, Pauline Eldred, Patricia Smith, and Christine Ratke. A motion was made by P. Leichtnam and seconded by N. Reimer that all five members who have passed be honored at the August Specialty. The motion passed unanimously. The board discussed ways of honoring these members including publishing in memoriam pages in the MBC catalog at the Cudahy Specialty. The cost of printing extra catalogs for distribution will be provided at the next board meeting. Board members agreed to send write ups and pictures to KC Artley before March 10th so that our members can be honored by BCOA as well.
- Marilyn Kivela has requested that her membership be reinstated. Her dues for 2016-2017 were received after the deadline and after the grace period for dues payment. Motion to reinstate Marilyn Kivela's membership made by N. Reimer with a second by A. Sikula. The motion passed unanimously.
- Liz Duncan has written an article on having contact information readily available in case of accident to protect your dogs—such as taping to the back of your driver's license the contact information for persons to be notified to take care of your dogs in an emergency. The article is on the MBC website and will be included in the next Bulletin.
- There was discussion regarding the rules for annual awards. A board member was concerned that the rules allow MBC members in good standing who do not live/show

in the area and generally do not show at MBC specialty shows to be listed in the top 10 rankings. Further discussion concerned the exclusion of dogs in the top 10 who were not owned by a MBC owner as the primary owner (first owner) listed on the AKC registration but had a MBC member as second or third co-owner. Publicizing the rules for annual awards to the membership should clear up misconceptions of any members. Finally, awards are tabulated September 1 through August 31 due to timing needs in the non-technological past. Discussion ensued about changing the award period to a calendar year. A motion was made by L. Hyatt with a second by P. Leichtnam to bring this issue up at the general membership meeting. The motion passed with 11 for and 1 against.

- Tentatively the next board meeting will occur on April 6, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:06