

MBC Board Minutes
Date: January 25, 2018
Place: Conference Call

1. ROLL CALL – taken and meeting commenced at 8:04 pm CDST

- Officers/Board Members present: K.C. Artley, Kalen Dumke, Amy Sikula, Mike Bilak, Nancy Reimer, Laura Hyatt, Pam Leichtnam, Michelene Nash, Liz Duncan-Burge, Barbara Danieli, Dana Thompson.
- Officers/Board Members absent: None.

2. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING – Mike Bilak

Motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting made by P. Leichtnam and seconded by B. Danieli. Motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Mike Bilak

- The following members have requested reinstatement due to late dues submission:
Cynthia Ernst, Single membership
Alana & Greg Hintz, Family membership

Motion for reinstatement made by P. Leichtnam and seconded by B. Danieli. Motion passed unanimously.

- The following members have dropped from the membership rolls due to non-renewal:
Loretta Franklin
Edita Braychenko
Eugene Zainiervkynaite
- Deceased members:
Marilou Dana
Priscilla White-Linekar

4. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Amy Sikula – No report.

5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Nancy Reimer

- Only one check written and one check deposited since November board meeting. No formal written report submitted.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES –

- Annual Awards - KC Artley, Awards will be given out at the annual membership meeting Sunday May 27, 2018, after the borzoi judging at the Kalamazoo MI show.
- Archives - Lynne Bennett
- AKC Legislative Liaison - Michelene Nash
- Breeder Referral - Pat Murphy
- MBC Bulletin Editor - KC Artley, The next Bulletin will be sent, when the premium is available for the 5-day cluster of shows in Kalamazoo MI, including the MBC specialty on Sunday May 27. That way the MBC Bulletin can promote our specialty and also the other activities such as health clinics, offered by the kennel clubs that weekend.

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- MBC Facebook page - Amy Sikula
- MBC Inventory (challenge trophies, medallions, ring gates) - Lynne Bennett.
- MBC website - KC Artley, Website is up to date.
- Lure Coursing Trials - Nancy Reimer
- NBRF Delegate - Liz Duncan-Burge, See attached report.
- Nominating Committee - The 2018 MBC Nominating Committee Gale Snoddy, Chairperson, Kim Janek, Dana Thompson, Ginger Jones, Kristen Suhrenbrock submits the following slate for its members consideration:
 - President - K. Carol (KC) Artley
 - Vice President - Kalen Dumke
 - Corresponding Secretary - Amy Sikula
 - Recording Secretary - Michael Bilak
 - Treasurer - Nancy Reimer
 - Board (3-year terms): Mickey Nash and Liz Duncan-Burge
- Publicity - KC Artley, KC needs mailing addresses for new borzoi exhibitors who show in our region which will allow her to mail them an invitation to attend our specialties.
- Specialty, May 27, 2018, Kalamazoo MI - Laura Hyatt, Laura is looking into options for the ringside lunch.
- Specialty, August 11, 2018, Cudahy WI - Pamela Leichtnam
- Specialty, May 25, 2019, Kalamazoo MI - Laura Hyatt
- Specialty, November 16, 2019, Columbus OH - Amy Sikula, Judges will be Regular Classes – Carol Spritzer and for Sweepstakes – Jenni Steele.
- Statistics, Conformation - Lynne Bennett
- Statistics, Obedience & Rally - KC Artley, Published on the club's website for 2017, and published in the October Bulletin.
- Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC - KC Artley, Published on the club's website for 2017, and published in the October Bulletin.
- Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA - Amy Sikula
- Sunshine Committee – Michelene Nash

Motion to accept all committee reports was made by N. Reimer with a second by M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS – Mike Bilak

First reading for the following Membership Application(s):

- Lee Hayes, Gary IN sponsors Jonathan Reimer and Nancy Reimer

Per club rules if you have any objections to any of these people becoming MBC members, please notify Mike Bilak at mcbilak@wi.rr.com prior to the next board meeting.

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Second reading for the following Membership Application(s):

- Rebecca Drollinger, Brookville, OH sponsors Amy Sikula & KC Artley
- Robin Clancy, Newark, IL sponsors Mike Bilak & Penny Keiffer
- Dr Christina Hartensten & Dr. Nina Spadte, Batavia, OH sponsors Gale Snoddy & KC Artley.

Motion to approve membership was made by N. Reimer with a second by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No unfinished business.

9. NEW BUSINESS –

- **Renewal of the club’s Michigan Association for Purebred Dog Association membership – KC Artley**

Discussion – We have had a club membership in the Michigan Association for Purebred Dog Association. The association keeps us informed of dog legislation and issues involving dog ownership. Last year we also gave a donation.

Motion to renew our membership and **make a \$100 donation** to the Michigan Association for Purebred Dog Association. The club representatives to the association should be A. Sikula and M. Nash was made by N. Reimer and seconded by M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Donation to the National Animal Interest Alliance – KC Artley**

Discussion – The NAIA is undertaking a campaign to modernize the pet import laws to prevent importation of unvetted street dogs into the continental United States. Additionally, the organization lobbies for the rights of responsible dog ownership.

Motion to make a \$100 donation to the Michigan Association for Purebred Dog Association was made by B. Danieli and seconded by L. Duncan-Burge. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Modification to standing rules regarding sending draft meeting minutes to board members and then when to send minutes to the membership - KC Artley**

Discussion - Current standing rule states “All board members will receive a copy of the minutes as soon as possible after a meeting. (date approved 3-1970)” and “All draft minutes will require a response (agreement or correction needed) from all board members prior to mailing the board minutes to MBC members (date approved 2-2010)”.

Proposed to change standing rule to read - Draft minutes (board meeting and membership meeting) are to be emailed to the board members and then when a majority of the board approves the minutes, the minutes can be sent to the membership. The Recording Secretary has 2 weeks to email the draft minutes to the board members.

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Board members have 1 week to respond with a correction or their approval. At that time the Recording Secretary will distribute the Meeting Minutes to the general membership. The board will formally approve the minutes at the next meeting.

Motion to adopt change to standing rule was made by N. Reimer with a second by K. Dumke. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Modification to standing rule about entry fees for our specialties – KC Artley**

Discussion - Current standing rule states “Entry fees are \$27 for regular classes (per entry) and \$16 for puppy and veterans classes (per entry) (date approved 6-2008)“. There is no clarification if the \$16 is for regular puppy classes, or for puppy sweeps classes. For designated specialties (like in Michigan), our entry fees are set by the host club. For concurrent specialties (like in Wisconsin), our entry fees are usually set by the superintendent, so that all specialties that weekend have entry fees the same as the host clubs shows.

Proposed to change standing rule to read “For designated specialties entry fees are set by the host club; for concurrent specialties our entry fees are set by the superintendent, and for an independent specialty the show committee will decide what the entry fees.

Motion to adopt change to standing rule was made by K. Dumke with a second by A. Sikula. Motion passed unanimously.

- **AKC and kennel clubs allowing rescue dogs to be in the show venues – M. Nash**

Discussion – At a recent show weekend at Novi, import rescue dogs were allowed to have access to the show area. This practice is dangerous both to show dogs and people being exposed to these dogs. Many of these rescue dogs have temperament issues and illnesses that the public should not be exposed to. AKC and the kennel clubs should cease this practice.

Proposed a letter from the Midwest Borzoi Club be sent to the Oakland KC and Livonia KC expressing the club’s concern about this practice. Additionally, a committee headed by A. Sikula is to research the practice and draft a letter on club letter head.

Motion to form a committee and **draft a letter** expressing MBC’s position on this issue was made by N. Reimer with a second by M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. Nash and seconded by B. Danieli.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm CDST. Next meeting will be 1 March 2018.

Submitted by

M. C. Bilak
MBC Recording Secretary