

MBC Board Minutes
Date: November 2, 2017
Place: Conference Call

1. ROLL CALL – taken and meeting commenced at 8:06 pm CST

- Officers/Board Members present: K.C. Artley, Kalen Dumke, Amy Sikula, Mike Bilak, Nancy Reimer, Laura Hyatt, Pam Leichtnam, Michelene Nash, Dana Thompson, Barbara Danieli.
- Officers/Board Members absent: Liz Duncan-Burge

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting as amended made by K. Dumke and seconded by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Mike Bilak

- The following is the status of the current 2017-2018 membership:
 - Total Members – 104
 - Single Memberships – 36
 - Family Memberships – 16
 - Life Memberships – 52

Motion to accept the report of the Recording Secretary made by N. Reimer with a second by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Amy Sikula

- Judges confirmed for 2018:
 - May Specialty Show: Karen Dumke
 - May Sweeps: Gale Snoddy
 - August Specialty Show: James E. Fredericksen
 - August Sweeps: Kristina Terra
- Judges confirmed for 2019:
 - May Specialty Show: Barbara O'Neill
 - May Sweeps: Valori Trantanella
 - November Specialty Show: TBD
 - November Sweeps: TBD

I am currently working on the November judges for 2019. A list has been provided to Ellen Fetter of Lima Kennel Club for review.

Motion to accept the report of the Corresponding Secretary made by M. Nash with a second by P. Leichtnam. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Nancy Reimer

- From the Treasurer's Report: July, 1 – October 31, 2017 with beginning balance of \$24,982.65 and an ending balance of \$26,801.93.

Motion to file the Treasurer's Report made by P. Leichtnam with a second by M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

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6. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES –

- Annual Awards - KC Artley. The awards for last year were presented at the May 27, 2017 membership meeting. Awards not picked up were mailed in June.
- Archives - Lynne Bennett. Archives are up to date including the additions of the marked catalog and the pictures of the winners from the August 2018 specialty. The archives are in a climate controlled storage unit
- AKC Legislative Liaison - Michelene Nash
- Breeder Referral - Pat Murphy
- MBC Bulletin Editor - KC Artley. The October issue was emailed to members (and mailed to 14 members), and is on the MBC website.
- MBC Facebook page - Amy Sikula
- MBC Inventory (challenge trophies, medallions, ring gates) - Lynne Bennett. Currently in inventory are 45 large medallions, 7 small medallions and box of medallions with the club design and a dog on top. The medallions are mounted on the plaques given at our specialties for BOB, BOS, WD, WB, Best and BOS in puppy and veteran sweepstakes.
- MBC website - KC Artley, Website is up to date, with pictures and results of the August 12 specialty, and information about the two 2018 specialty shows.
- Lure Coursing Trials - Nancy Reimer. MBC held a one-day borzoi only AKC lure coursing trial in Ohio sharing the site with a whippet club and a saluki club, that made \$83 profit. Chairperson KC Artley thanks Kristen Suhrenbrock, Amy Sikula and Nancy Reimer for helping with this trial. MBC also held 2 days of AKC lure coursing for all sighthounds, in Indiana, which made \$413 profit. Chairperson Nancy Reimer thanks Betty Veitch and Denise Scanlan for doing the bulk of the work and to KC Artley and Anne Midgarden for helping that weekend. All totaled, the 2017 lure coursing events made almost \$500 profit for MBC, so even though most of our club members do not lure course their dogs, AKC lure coursing is a good fund raiser for our club.
- NBRF Delegate - Liz Duncan-Burge
- Publicity - KC Artley. Our specialty shows and lure coursing trials are advertised on (1) MBC website (2) MBC Facebook page (3) MBC Bulletin (4) the AKC Events webpage. In addition, for specialty shows, I mailed a one-page letter about 4 weeks before our specialty show, inviting non-MBC members who show borzoi in this region to the specialty and to the MBC lunch. I have 16 people on the non-MBC exhibitor list and can use help adding names to this list.
- Specialty, August 12, 2017, Cudahy WI - Pamela Leichtnam. Our August 12 specialty show at the new site in Wisconsin was well attended. Though we don't have an exact dollar figure, the show is in the black. The Cudahy and Racine kennel clubs gave us our own ring and tent, with parking next to the ring at no cost. The Cudahy club also paid most of the expenses for our breed judge. Chairperson Pam Leichtnam thanks Mike Bilak, Diane Bilak and Susan Motisi for helping with this show. Also thank-you to all the MBC members who donated trophies.
- Specialty, May 27, 2018, Kalamazoo MI - Laura Hyatt. Laura is looking into options for the ringside lunch

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- Specialty, August 11, 2018, Cudahy WI - Pamela Leichtnam. Our concurrent specialty show will again be held at the park in Franksville, on Saturday of the 4-day cluster with the Cudahy and Racine kennel club all-breed shows. We will be holding a lunch after the show ringside using the same food vendor. Pam is looking into ways to cut our costs, such as reducing the number of catalogs printed.
- Specialty, May 25, 2019, Kalamazoo MI - Laura Hyatt
- Specialty, November 16, 2019, Columbus OH - Amy Sikula
- Statistics, Conformation - Lynne Bennett
- Statistics, Obedience & Rally - KC Artley, Finals for September 2016 - August 2017 were published in the October 2017 Bulletin and uploaded on the MBC website. The number of MBC members participating in obedience has increased to 8.
- Statistics, Lure Coursing AKC - KC Artley, Finals for September 2016 - August 2017 were published in the October 2017 Bulletin and uploaded on the MBC website. 35 dogs belonging to MBC members got placements in AKC coursing.
- Statistics, Lure Coursing ASFA - Amy Sikula
- Sunshine Committee – Michelene Nash – Cards were mailed to Lynne and Mike Bennett. Mickey is mailing out cards to members who have had a death in their family and to members who have been in the hospital. Please notify Mickey when you know of a member who should be sent a sympathy or get-well card from MBC.

Motion to accept all committee reports was made by K. Dumke with a second by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS – Mike Bilak

First reading for the following Membership Applications:

- 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.

Per our club's 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 (January 2018).

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No unfinished business.

9. NEW BUSINESS –

- **Approval of 2018 Nominating Committee - KC Artley**
Gale Snoddy (Ohio) chairperson, Kim Horn Janek (Indiana), Dana Thompson (Wisconsin), Kristen Suhrenbrock (Illinois), Ginger Jones (Michigan) have agreed to serve. Deadline for the Report of the Nominating Committee to be received by the Recording Secretary is February 27, 2018.

Motion to approve the 2018 Nominating Committee was made by N. Reimer with a second by M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

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- **Modification to Standing Rule H10 so that it agrees with Standing Rule M4 - KC Artley**

Current H10 states "Midwest Borzoi Club will publish a membership book each year. The membership book will be mailed in the first quarter of the membership year (October - December) with the judges ballots. The membership book will include name, address, phone, email, kennel name and year membership began." Current Standing Rule M4 states "After October 1, and before February 1, as directed by the Board, the Recording Secretary shall send each member a Ballot for Specialty Judge and for Sweepstakes Judge."

Proposed change to H10, second sentence to read - "The membership book can be mailed with the judges ballots". The proposed change allows the membership book to be mailed in January, either with, or without, the judges ballots.

Motion to adopt the proposed change to H10 was made by N. Reimer with a second by L. Hyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Review of eligibility of nominations for 2021 Specialty Judge and Sweeps judge submitted by members - Mike Bilak**

For Specialty Judge (12): Francis Broadway, Daniel Dowling, Cindi Gredys, Anne Katona, Judy Lowther, Anne Midgarden, David R. Miller, Francine Schwartz, James Sillers, Amy Sorbie, Jon Steele, E.A. "Skip" Thielen.

For Sweepstakes (11): Kristi Arnquist, Lynne Bennett, Bonnie Dalzell, Krista Hunt, Pamela Leichtnam, Ron Mater, Kay McMillan, Mickey Nash, Karla Smith, Jenni Steele, Sue Flynn.

Motion to place all nominations on the judge's ballot was made by L. Hyatt with a second by M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by N. Reimer and seconded by L. Hyatt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm CST. Next meeting will be scheduled after the new year.