

1. Meeting was called to order by President KC Artley at: 5:00pm

ROLL CALL – 10% of members residing in the Midwest region (12 members) required for quorum. 20 members signed the roll. The following officers/board members were in attendance: K. C. Artley, Amy Sikula, Barbara Danieli, Michelene Nash, Nancy Reimer, Laura Hyatt . The following officers/board members were absent: Kalen Dumke, Liz Duncan-Burge, Dana Thompson, Pamela Leichnetm.

2. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEMBERSHIP MEETING – KC Artley

o Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes and approval of those minutes by Amy Balthrop with a second by Ron Mater. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY AND THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Amy Sikula

As of this date, we have 109 active memberships. At total of 53 memberships are life members.

The 2019 judges are available on the club website. Here are the judges for 2019-2020:

o November 16, 2019, Columbus OH
-Sweepstakes – Jennifer Steele
-Regular Classes – Carol Spritzer

o May 23, 2020, Kalamazoo MI
-Sweepstakes – TBD
-Regular Classes – Gwen Post

o November 14, 2020, Columbus OH
-Sweepstakes – TBD
-Regular Classes – Kalen Dumke

Motion to approve the reports of the recording secretary and corresponding secretary by Judi Dennis with a second by Ralph Finkelstein. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

MBC Hall of Fame Breeder award was presented to Judi Dennis, read by Ron Mater.

6. REPORT OF THE TREASURER. Nancy Reimer.

Motion to approve the report of the treasurer by Anne Midgarden with a second by Kristen Suhrenbrock. Motion was approved unanimously.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

8. NEW BUSINESS – KC Artley

The board recommends that the 2021 the Annual Specialty and General Membership meeting be held during the West Michigan Apple Blossom Cluster in Kalamazoo in conjunction with either the Grand Rapids Kennel Club Saturday May 29 or the Kalamazoo Kennel Club Sunday, May 30. Ralph Finkelstein made a motion to accept the board recommendation. Motion was seconded by Kristen Suhrenbrock. Motion was approved unanimously.

Election of MBC Officers and Board Members. As there were no petitions to run for office, the candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee will take office: President: Anne Midgarden, Vice President: Kalen Dumke, Recording Secretary: Amy Sikula, Corresponding Secretary: Rebecca Heighton Drollinger , Treasurer: Nancy Reimer and Board (3-year term): Dana Thompson and Tami Marshall

The meeting agenda is passed to Anne Midgarden.

Discussion: Anne Midgarden brought up that volunteers are needed for the 2021 BCOA National Specialty Show in Ohio. Interested parties should contact her directly.

Discussion: Anne Midgarden explained current challenges with grooming space for the 2021 BCOA National Specialty Show. It may be housed outdoors, with crating in a separate area. Ideas and suggestions are welcomed.

Discussion: Anne Midgarden asked the membership if we should consider holding an MBC Spring lure coursing trial. The discussion was generally favorable, but no final motion was made.

Awards: Presented by Anne Midgarden. Available on the MBC website.

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:45 pm