

## **Annual Membership Meeting, November 14, 2020, conference call 7pm EST**

1. Roll-Call: 10% of members residing in the Midwest region (12 members) required for quorum. The following officers/board members were in attendance: Anne Midgarden, Amy Sikula, Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger, Nancy Reimer

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- Anne Midgarden
- Kristen Suhrenbrock
- Tina Wismer
- Kim Janek
- Amy Balthrop
- Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger
- KC Artley
- Steve Artley
- Nancy Reimer
- Frank Zajac
- Gale Snoddy
- Jamie Bobrowski

2. Reading of the minutes of the last membership meeting – Anne Midgarden.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the last membership meeting: Tina Wismer

Second: Kristen Suhrenbrock

Motion passes.

3. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Amy Sikula.

As of this date, we have 112 active memberships. A total of 53 memberships are life members.

Motion to Approve the Recording Secretary report: KC Artley

Second: Gale Snoddy

Motion passes.

4. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

- The 2021 judges are available on the club website.

June 19, 2021-Grayslake, IL

Sweepstakes - Kay Cassella

Regular Classes - Cindi Gredys

November 20, 2021-Columbus, OH

Sweepstakes - TBD

Regular Classes - Shen Smith (contract pending)

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report: Nancy Reimer  
Second: Frank Zajac  
Motion passes.

6. Report of the Treasurer. Nancy Reimer's report attached.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer report: Amy Balthrop  
Second: Frank Zajac  
Motion passes.

7. Report of the Committees.

- The Nominating Committee members for 2021 are: Chairperson Kim Horn Janek (IN), Pat Murphy (IL), Judy Dennis (MI), Sandra Hilbert (OH) and Kristi Arnquist (WI).
- Any other committee reports

Motion to Approve the Nominating Committee: KC Artley  
Second: Gale Snoddy  
Motion passes.

8. Second Reading of New Members – Amy Sikula

- Jill Zamowski, McCall AL
- Lily Butcher (family member with Susan Motisi) Madison WI.
- L Scott Sumeracki (family member with Mary Sue Marcyn) Westchester IL.

9. Unfinished Business. None.

10. New Business.

10A. The board recommends that the members vote to hold the 2021 Annual Membership meeting at Grayslake IL, Saturday June 19, 2021, with the MBC specialty show.

Motion to Approve: Frank Zajac  
Second: Nancy Reimer  
Motion passes.

10B. The board recommends that the members vote to hold the 2022 annual Membership meeting, May 28, 2022, with the MBC specialty show at the Grand Rapids kennel club show at the fairgrounds in Kalamazoo Michigan.

The members wanted to table this discussion to allow the board to explore other venues before making a decision. No vote was held at this time.

10C. Election of officers & board members. There were no petitions received to run for office, so the nominating committee's slate is elected: President: Anne Midgarden DVM, Vice President: Kalen Dumke, Corresponding Secretary: Rebecca Heighton Drollinger, Recording Secretary: Amy Sikula, Treasurer: Nancy Reimer, Directors: Pamela Leichtnam and Laura Hyatt.

10D. Standing Rule change – KC Artley

Change Standing Rule A1 "All annual awards will be tabulated September 1 through August 31" to "All annual awards will be tabulated January 1 through December 31".

If this change is passed, it would be effective for 2021, and the current award year will be changed to 1 September 2019 to 31 December 2020.

Reason: The September to August rule was passed in 1982. That was because there was a delay of several months until the AKC Gazette magazine was published, to see all the wins and calculate which dogs were in the Top Ten. Also, the annual specialty, membership meeting and awards presentation was always in March. The advantage of our club switching to the calendar year, is that other organizations use the calendar year for their awards. Exhibitors plan their campaign to be ranked on top in conformation, lure coursing and obedience, for a calendar year.

Motion to change the Standing Rule A1 as above: Nancy Reimer  
Second: Frank Zajac  
Motion passes.

10E. Motion to purchase more AKC lure coursing ribbons & continue holding field trials – Nancy Reimer  
Second: KC Artley  
Motion passes.

10F. Any other new business.

Motion to Adjourn: Gale Snoddy  
Second: Amy Sikula  
Motion passes.