

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, May 27, 2023

1. Roll-Call: 10% of members residing in the Midwest region (12 members) required for quorum. 22 members were in attendance.

The following officers/board members were in attendance:

Anne Midgarden	X	Liz Duncan-Burge	
Tina Wismer	X	Amy Balthrop	X
Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger	X	Pam Leichtnam	X
Amy Sikula	X	K. Carol Artley	
Frank Zajac	X	Jamie Bobrowski	X

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

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the last membership meeting: Amy Balthrop

Second: Kristen Suhrenbrock

Motion passed.

3. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY – Amy Sikula

As of this date, we have 124 active memberships. A total of 63 memberships are life members.

Motion to Approve the Recording Secretary report: Kristen Suhrenbrock

Second: Jamie Bobrowski

Motion passed.

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

- August 12, 2023 - Caledonia, WI (Concurrent)

- Sweepstakes – Kristi Arnquist

- Regular Classes – Prudence Hlatky

- Show Chair – Pam Leichtnam

- Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Diane Bilak

- October 21 & 23, 2023 – Muncie, IN

- AKC Lure Coursing Trial

- May 25, 2024 - Kalamazoo, MI (Saturday) (Concurrent)

- Sweepstakes – Judy Dennis

- Regular Classes – Daniel Dowling (pending signed contract)

- Show Chair – Frank Zajac

- Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts – Jamie Bobrowski

- October 12, 2024 - Lima, OH (2 Specialties on Saturday w/ picnic) (Independent)

- Sweepstakes – Joyce Law

- Regular Classes 1 – Chris Neale

Show Chair 1 – Sandra Hilbert
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts 1 – Amy Sikula
Regular Classes 2 – Patti Neale
Show Chair 2 – Sandra Hilbert
Trophy Chair/Judges Gifts 2 – Amy Sikula
Lure Coursing (Sun)
Chair – TBD

*Site is reserved and AKC has approved both specialties.

Motion to Approve the Corresponding Secretary report: Kristen Suhrenbrock

Second: Jamie Bobrowski

Motion passed.

6. Report of the Treasurer. Frank Zajac's report attached.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer report: Tina Wismer

Second: Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

Motion passed.

7. Report of the Committees.

- The Nominating Committee members for 2024 are: Chairperson Sandra Hilbert (OH), Kristen Suhrenbrock (IL), Judy Dennis (MI), Tina Pickett (IN) and Kristi Arnquist (WI).
- Any other committee reports:
 - Upcoming Events: Pam Leichtnam reported that there will be a supported entry in Shaumburg, IL in 2024.
 - Supported Entries: Amy Sikula reported that the new committee for supported entries has new members interested in each state but needs additional experienced mentors to help teach these members how to make contacts with local kennel clubs, ask for trophy donations, etc. The first official meeting will be scheduled soon.

Motion to Approve the Committee reports: Amy Balthrop

Second: Tina Wismer

Motion passed.

8. Second Reading of new members – Amy Sikula

- Allison Flynn
- Angela Kohls

Motion to Approve the New Members: Amy Balthrop

Second: Tina Wismer

Motion passed.

9. Unfinished Business. None.

10. New Business.

10A. The board recommends that the members vote to hold the 2024 annual Membership meeting at Kalamazoo MI, Saturday May 25, 2024, with the MBC specialty show.

Motion to Approve: Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

Second: Maria Sabella

Motion passed.

10B. Election of officers & board members.

There were no petitions to run for a board position. As a result, the nominating committee's slate is elected: President Anne Midgarden DVM, Vice President Tina Wismer, Corresponding Secretary Rebecca Heighton Drollinger, Recording Secretary Amy Sikula, Treasurer Francis (Frank) Zajac, Directors: Jamie Lynn Bobrowski and Liz Duncan-Burge.

Regrettably, Tami Marshall stepped down from the board. Since it was after the deadline to change her name on the slate for the election, per the Standing Rules, the President will appoint her replacement.

10C. Discussion of Upcoming Specialties & Events

- August 12, 2023 – Caledonia, WI – Pam reported that the ring will be outdoors, and that trophies are done
- July 22, 2023 – Lima, OH – Health Clinic – volunteers needed
- October 14, 2023 – Columbus, OH – AKC Meet the Breed Event – contacts are Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger and Gayle Snoddy
- October 21 & 22 – Muncie, IN – AKC Lure Coursing Trial
- October 12, 2024 – LGRA may be offered along with the two independent specialties: Jamie Bobrowski & Tina Wismer are working on this. Also, Jennifer Morgan and Claire Breen volunteered to do a raffle.
- Does anyone have additional suggestions for venues into 2025 & 2026? There was discussion about remaining with Kalamazoo or exploring Shaumburg Il after the supported entry in January, 2024.

10D. Is anyone interested in presenting a demonstration of activities they do with their borzoi at an MBC event (current examples are freestyle, scent work, grooming, obedience)?

There was some discussion about possibilities, but no volunteers at the meeting.

10E. Judge's Comments

Jon Steele spoke to the attendees regarding the entry. He reminded the exhibitors to pay attention to key features of the breed, such as muzzles. He recommended that breeders pay more attention to canine inclusion and v-shaped underjaws. He also discussed the importance of correct toplines, pro-sternums, bone, heads and ears.

10F. Awards & Recognition

- MBC Top 10 Awards – Tina Wismer
- Breeder Hall of Fame was awarded to Pam Leichtnam.

Motion to Adjourn: Amy Balthrop

Second: Kevin Hoffman

Meeting adjourned.