

## Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, May 25, 2024

**1. Roll-Call:** 10% of members residing in the Midwest region (13 members) required for quorum. 21 members were in attendance.

The following officers/board members were in attendance:

Anne Midgarden		Liz Duncan-Burge	
Tina Wismer	X	Amy Balthrop	X
Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger	X	Pam Leichtnam	
Amy Sikula	X	Jenni Steele	X
Frank Zajac	X	Jamie Bobrowski	X
Jennifer Morgan	X		

**2. Reading of the minutes of the last membership meeting.** Tina Wismer

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the last membership meeting: Jennifer Morgan

Second: Amy Balthrop

Motion passed.

**3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.** Tina Wismer.

There was no report of the president at this meeting.

**4. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.** Amy Sikula

As of this date, we have 127 active memberships. A total of 61 memberships are life members.

Motion to Approve the Recording Secretary report: Joyce Katona

Second: Jennifer Morgan

Motion passed.

**5. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.** Rebecca Heighton-Drollinger

No report was not presented at the meeting, as Rebecca was showing her dog in the Hound Group.

**6. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.** Frank Zajac's report attached.

Motion to Approve the Treasurer report: Claire Breen

Second: Louise O'Bryan

Motion passed.

## **7. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

No committee reports were presented.

## **8. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.**

Second reading:

- Lauren Bagley and Mat Marrash
- Kim Ketelsen

Motion to Approve: Jamie Bobrowski

Second: Amy Balthrop

Motion passed.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS.**

**10A.** The board recommends that the members vote to hold the 2025 annual Membership meeting at Kalamazoo MI, Saturday May 24, 2025, with the MBC specialty show.

Motion to Approve: Frank Zajac

Second: Jennifer Morgan

Motion passed.

**10B.** Discussion of upcoming Specialties and events:

- October 12, 2024 – Lima, OH (independent – 2 shows)
- May 24, 2025 – Kalamazoo, MI (concurrent)
- August 9, 2025 – Caledonia, WI (concurrent)
- May 23, 2026 – Kalamazoo, MI (concurrent)
- October 10, 2026 – Crown Point, IN (independent)
- Spring 2027 – Kalamazoo MI date TBD (concurrent)
- Does anyone have suggestions for venues for fall of 2027 and/or 2028?

Suggestions made by the membership for potential future specialty locations:

- Lansing, MI
- Ingram County KC with Hound show
- Freeport, IL (September)

The board agreed to look into these shows to see if any of them are a good candidate for a specialty. The membership is encouraged to contact the board with any additional suggestions.

### **10C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

The proposed slate of officers is:

- President: Anne Midgarden
- Vice President: Tina Wismer
- Corresponding Secretary: Rebecca Drollinger
- Recording Secretary: Amy Sikula
- Treasurer: Frank Zajac
- Board Position: Jamie Lynn Bobrowski (2024)
- Board Position: Liz A. Dincan-Burge (2024)

Motion to Approve: Claire Breen

Second: Amy Balthrop

Motion passed.

### **10D. Announcement of new committee: Membership Chair – Diane Bilak.**

Diane will be responsible for contacting new members after they are voted into the club.

### **10E. Discussion of removing snail mail as an option for board and membership meeting minutes. This is costing the club \$380.00 per year.**

A mailing was sent to the 23 members who are currently receiving paper copies of meeting minutes. They were asked to provide feedback on two proposed options:

- 1) Discontinue paper meeting minutes, and make them viewable online only (as BCOA has done).
- 2) Charge an extra fee of \$5.00 per mailing for paper meeting minutes (\$20.00 per year).

The recording secretary received four (4) responses. All four members indicated a preference for the first option. Only one member made any additional comments regarding this discussion. Those comments were available at the meeting for the members in attendance to read and discuss.

Most of the members in attendance who commented felt we should discontinue sending the paper minutes entirely, since they are available on the club website. Jenni Steele commented that there are some concerns if members are solely receiving

communications via email and they choose to “unsubscribe” then they will no longer receive those emails.

Noone made any motion, and it was agreed that we would take the feedback received to the next board meeting for further discussion.

**10F.** We are looking for volunteers to form a new committee to update our Constitution and Standing Rules to include current/future technologies and communication.

Volunteers:

- Jennifer Morgan
- Amy Balthrop

**10G.** Claire Breen is looking for someone to assist her with the MBC Bulletin. Any members who are interested should reach out to Claire directly, or to the board.

## **11. AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- MBC Top 10 Awards – Tina Wismer

Motion to Adjourn: Rebecca Drollinger

Second: Amy Balthrop

Meeting adjourned at 5:21PM.