

MISSOURI ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2022, at 10:30 AM

The meeting was conducted live at 44 Stone Public House, 3910 Peachtree Drive in Columbia, Missouri. The meeting was called to order by President Holly Bowie at 10:10 AM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Holly Bowie __X__ Matt Allen __X__ Mark Hastings__X__ JT Taylor __X__
Christina Elmore__X__ Steve Norman __X__ Sandy Alexander __X__ Dan St. Lawrence __Z__
Jamie Williams __X__ Casandra Mosholder __X__ Sara Spease __X__ Wendy Combs __X__
Kristina Baxter __X__

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dan St Lawrence joined the meeting via Zoom, so all Executive Board members were present.

NON-VOTED COMMITTEE CHAIR ATTENDANCE

Gina Tanner was not present at the meeting.

MEMBER AND GUEST ATTENDANCE

There were no guests in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

JT Taylor made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Wendy Combs seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board. Sandy Alexander made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Jamie Williams seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

MEMBERSHIP'S COMMENTS

There were no guest members present and no comments made.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report

President Holly Bowie said she had prepared the rental storage unit access list and emailed it to the storage unit company, copying the list to those the Board previously agreed should have access. She said those individuals would also be getting the access password soon. She also stated that the Midwest Conference is currently only taking prior exhibitor applications but would open applications for new exhibitors June 15. She stated she would submit the Associations application at that time.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Matt Allen said speaker proposals continue to come in for the Annual Training Conference. Since the last meeting, he said he has received a proposal from a Don Noll on topics of improving Barking Dog Ordinances and Catch Pole Care and Repair. He also said he had also received a proposal from Linda Fielder (Animal League Defense Fund) on the search warrant process from PC/acquisition through its service and all the processing aspects which attach, with case examples included. The title could well be amended to: "Evidence is Everywhere – Search Warrant Service and Crime Scene Processing in Large-Scale Animal Cases." He said most recently, he has received a course catalogue from Kevin Hearst, which he passed out to the Board, with a variety of topics to pick from. He said he is working on a document of proposals received and possible topics, as well as any expense reimbursement requests, and passed out handout of up-to-date information. He went on to thank Holly Bowie for beginning the draft a budget for the Fall Conference and passed out the handout. He said this list included the projected \$1500.00 usually provided by the Certification Committee and a project \$5000.00 in sponsorships. He said he'd received the May version of the lodging reservations list from Camden on the Lake and there has been no change since the last meeting. He said he believed there were only two conference registrations at this time. He said he felt the sooner the Board can advertise some specific lecture topics, the sooner conference registrations will pick up. He asked for a volunteer who would be interested in doing this year's speaker baskets, and Sara Spease and Krissy Baxter said they would do it. He asked if anyone was interested in designing scavenger hunt and Holly Bowie agreed to do it. There was some general discussion on meal tickets, and it was agreed that they should be placed in the attendee's name tag lanyards.

Secretary's Report

JT Taylor reported that work continued to digitizing MACA records, and that the meeting minutes were current on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Casandra Mosholder reported the main account balance is \$11394.00, the certification account balance is \$5,905.01 and that there is \$1392.52 in the Paypal account. She said there would need to be a little adjustment between the accounts but these number would be very close even after the transfers. She said there was a possible issue with the Lebanon Mini MACA in that there were four attendees from Waynesville, all of whom

paid the member's tuition, but records so far only show that one of the four is a member. There was a general discussion on if they became members when they paid for their certification training. Those dates are being looked into but it is doubtful. Sandy Alexander made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Sara Spease and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Awards:

Jamie Williams reported having received six award nominations, four of which appear to not meet the qualifications for the award. There was some discussion on moving the nominee's to awards more closely appropriate to the language of the nomination letter, which has been done in the past. Jamie read the nomination letter for Melany Lehman's Paws for Applause nomination and there was some general discussion regarding if the nomination met the criteria for the award. The Board decided the nomination was appropriate for the Paws for Applause Award.

Certification:

Christina Elmore reported having slowly been getting in CEU's and members paying for their certification. She said she has been able to mail out several certificates out and renewals only have until July 1st to be received. She said she will also be putting reminders on both Facebook pages. She said she and Holly are also checking out a couple of places after the meeting to see if they will work for our next certification class that will be held in Columbia.

Constitution and Bylaws:

JT Taylor stated there were no changes to the Constitution and Bylaws or Certification Bylaws. He said he had fielded several Constitution and Bylaws inquiries and wanted to remind the Board that if they had questions and he didn't respond right away then he was probably having to research the answer in Robert's Rules or Parliamentary Procedures, but he would get back with them as soon as possible.

Legislation:

Dan St Lawrence said the legislative session was over for the year and that all the animals are safe once more. He said it has been a busy year for the legislators and fortunately the animals were spared. He said in talking with many senators and representatives they told him that much if the legislation is a pride thing for them; everyone wants to be able to say they got a Bill passed. He said they said that sometimes it takes an outside person or group such as MACA to bring important attention to them on how their bill could affect law enforcement/ animal control in a negative way. JT Taylor added that he'd heard from a couple of legislators during Humane Day that in many cases they sponsor a Bill or get behind a Bill as part of a campaign promise or supporting a friend, but don't really pursue the Bill beyond that. Dan said that Bob Baker reported to be very grateful for MACA support on Humane Day and that it made a huge impact. Dan added that although its over for this year, many of these issues will be raised again next year, just as they have been in past years so we will be having to address some of these Bills again next spring. Dan

thanked everyone that participated in Humane Day and to all MACA members for their support.

Historian and Photographer:

Mark Hastings reported there was not much going on with Historian and Photographer.

Membership:

Sandy Alexander said she had nothing new to report, but that she had sent out the most recent updated membership list to the Board.

Nominations:

Dan St Lawrence said he thought the Board needed to physically talk to members about Board service and promote nominations. He said he hadn't received any nominations so far. Holly Bowie said he should have received one for Beth Gillespie and Dan said he'd go back and look for it. There was some general discussion on nominations and JT Taylor said he'd nominated Beth when Dan was having work computer problems and he might not have received it. Holly said she'd try to send it to Dan again.

Scholarships:

Sara Spease reported having received another application this month, bringing the total to four. She said Holly Bowie had invoiced Datamars for the Gabby Evans Memorial Scholarship, so MACA should receive payment for that soon.

Merchandise:

Wendy Combs said she didn't really have much to report on merchandise this month. She said she brought some items for Holly to put in storage that she didn't need currently. She said she did get the MACA logo from JT so she will get ahold of some t-shirt places and price items soon as she can. She said she was looking for some new merchandise ideas.

Exhibitors:

Steve Norman reported there were currently 7 exhibitors and that he'd not yet heard from two of the historically regular exhibitors. He said he'd just gotten confirmation from ALDF. He said he has a tentative confirmation from Tomahawk, and if everyone comes through, he expects 10 exhibitors this year, possibly more as he has still not heard from approximately 100 companies he's reached out to.

Grants:

Matt Allen said he had nothing to report with regards to grants. Steve Norman said he has received now 18 rejection letters from Wal-Mart stores. Christina Elmore said she'd talked to Amazon and they'd said no. Casandy Mosholder gave Steven two new contacts she'd picked up at HSMOs Bark in the Park.

The meeting was called to recess by Holly Bowie, for lunch at 1135 AM and called back to order by Holly at 1202 PM.

Social Media:

Christina Elmore said there was not a lot going on, just posting things. She said she will be starting to push the awards and scholarships since they are all due by Aug 1st and will also be posting the mini maca for Sikeston and reminders that certification dues/CEU's that are due. Steve asked if she could post a request for members to recommend possible donors, sponsors or exhibitors and she said she would.

Newsletter:

JT Taylor said the third quarter MACA News was basically written and waiting to be placed. He said he was still waiting for incumbent Board members who planned to run for re-election to send him a short little bio. He said he thought he had everyone but Mark Hastings, who said he didn't think he would run for re-election. Krissy Baxter reminded JT that her appointed term would be up in October, and she hoped to run for election. She said she'd get him some bio info.

Mini-MACA:

Christina Elmore said the first Mini had been held and she thought it went well. She said the class was very attentive and asked lots of questions. She said the first speaker's 2nd half of her presentation was too short, but she and JT had made it work and the speaker was making sure it is longer for the 2nd Mini in Sikeston in August. JT said there had been 14 participants, including the two instructors, and agreed that it had all gone very well. Promotion for the August 17th Mini will begin right away.

Website:

Gina Tanner was not present, so no report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Conference T-Shirts for Board Members

Holly Bowie said it had been several years since the Board updated its Conference shirts. There are several new Board members with no shirts and several with hand-me-downs. She is hoping that we can get back to all wearing the same shirt on the same day of the conference so Board members are easily identifiable during the conference. Wendy Combs and Krissy Baxter agreed to coordinate on design ideas for the next meeting and then get everyone's sizes so that each Board member will have three identical shirts to wear during conference.

NACA Training Scholarship

Holly Bowie presented a letter from NACA which explained that NACA is offering one online ACO I or ACO II training program tuition for a MACA member who is in an under-served part of the state. The application deadline is June 30th. There was some

general discussion about how to promote this and it was finally decided to post the availability to the Members Only FB page and take applications through there.

Conference Speakers

Matt Allen presented a list of speakers and their proposals for the Board to consider. There was some general discussion on the speakers and topic options. Blocks will be available for MAAL, Dept of Ag, and DHSS to do their normal annual presentations. Mike Barnards topic options were reduced to “Expand and Renovate or Build New” and Evolving Trends in Vet Services and Its Effect on Shelters.” Tim Yeaglin’s topic options were reduced to “Demystifying Managed Intake” and Canine and Feline Behavior Programs. ALDF’s Linda Fielder will present “Evidence is Everything-Large Scale Animal Crime Scene Processing” and Matt Allen will speak with Don Noll regarding his proposed “Barking Dog Programs: Time for a Change” presentation and see if he can include proper use of a catch pole in his presentation “Catch Poles: Care and Repair.” Kevin Hearst proposed options were narrowed down to Tactical Animal Handling and one other class. Matt will have to get with Kevin on a couple of questions before determining the second class, possibly workshops 9 or 10.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled as a Zoom meeting and is set for July 7, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Sandy Alexander made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Wendy Combs. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting and it was closed at 11:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Taylor

James A. (JT) Taylor
Executive Secretary