

MISSOURI ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2022, at 11:00 AM

The meeting was conducted live at the Oasis Hotel in Springfield, Missouri. The meeting was called to order by President Holly Bowie at 10:03 AM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Holly Bowie X Matt Allen X Mark Hastings X JT Taylor E
Christina Elmore X Steve Norman X Sandy Alexander X Dan St. Lawrence X
Jamie Williams X Casandra Mosholder X Sara Spease X Wendy Combs X
Kristina Baxter X

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

JT Taylor was not present for the meeting due to working out of state. He was able to Zoom in very briefly during the Awards Committee report but was kicked out due to severe weather in Tennessee. Sandy Alexander made a motion to excuse JT Taylor's absence. Sara seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

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

Holly Bowie made an amendment to the agenda, moving award selections and scholarship selections to their respective committee reports rather than under new business. Sandy Alexander made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Steve Norman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board. Christina Elmore made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Wendy Combs 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 didn't have much to report. She said she had been putting together a list of swag and give-away items for the conference.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Matt Allen reported that as of 8/3, there were 15 or 16 people registered for the conference, five of whom were Board members. He asked that everyone submit their bio to either himself or Holly Bowie by September 1 so they can be included in the conference books. He said that so far, an additional 14 people will be added to the meals count from speakers and exhibitors. Matt said he had been working on the meals scheduling with an eye toward ensuring lunch and dinners were not repeating the same meal schedule from last year. He presented menu options for the Awards Banquet and the socials. There was little discussion on the meal selections, and no one had objections to his choices. He said the break snack options were basically the same as last year so there was little to discuss there, and he said he'd be ordering the amounts closer to the conference when there is a better head count of attendees. He said last year during the social, the Board just covered a bar tab for an hour. He asked if anyone had thoughts on appetizers for the social and no one did. He said he'd make a selection later when there were better ideas on numbers. There was some discussion on the scavenger hunt and Holly and Matt will be setting it up this year. He confirmed duty assignments, to include Kristina Baxter preparing speaker baskets, Christina Elmore is preparing Bingo and meal tickets, and Steve Norman will again be taking on the IT responsibilities. There was a general discussion on how to handle the meal count. Matt asked that if anyone had anything for give-aways or to go in Swag Bags that they get it to him or Holly by September 1.

Secretary's Report: JT Taylor was not present but reported via email that the website was current with meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Casandra Mosholder reported the main account balance is \$14,082.11, with a certification account balance of \$3,148.68. There is also currently a Paypal balance of \$3217.46. Casandy also reported that the money previously borrowed from main account for the certification account had been replaced. There was a general discussion on new memberships being paid with conference tuitions. Matt Allen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented which was seconded by Christina Elmore and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Awards:

Jamie Williams presented the awards nominations. There was a general discussion on various nominations. There was no nomination for the Outstanding Animal Welfare Agency of the Year so no award will be presented this year. Following discussion the Board voted the following award winners: John Rhodes Award- Christine Kalish; ACO of the Year- Jamie Williams; Animal Care Specialist of the Year- Cheri Hill-Heaps; Pause for Applause- Kathy Zipp; Veterinarian of the Year- Dr Kent Jackson. There was also some general discussion on the awards ceremony.

Certification:

Christina Elmore said she was still working on getting the October certification renewals organized and sent out. She said the speakers for the fall certification program were all on board and things were progressing well. She said there have been several people showing interested. Holly complimented Christina for taking on such a heavy role as the new Certification Chair.

Constitution and Bylaws:

JT Taylor was not present but reported via email that there were no changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and there was nothing to report.

Legislation:

Dan St Lawrence said he had nothing to report at this time and that the legislature was not in session at this time.

Historian and Photographer:

Mark Hastings said he had nothing to report at this time.

Membership:

Sandy Alexander said she'd sent all of the Board members a copy of the most current membership roster. She said there were still a few addresses missing but she was still working on them. She said there was an issue with Stephanie Bugbee's membership, previously reported as having been paid, but that payment was for the 2021 membership meaning she was not current for 2022. Casandy said she had just recently received Stephanie's 2022 membership renewal. Sandy asked that if there were any corrections noted, to let her know.

Nominations:

Dan St Lawrence said all he could say was that everyone needed to try to talk to attendees when they arrive at the conference about the importance of serving on the Board and see what interest can be generated. Kristina Baxter, Christina Elmore and Beth Gillespie are currently candidates for Director's seats and Matt Allen is a candidate for Vice President. There was some general discussion on seeking additional candidates before the conference.

Lunch Break: Holly Bowie recessed the meeting at 12:03. The meeting was reconvened at 12:33.

Scholarships:

Sara Spease presented the applicants for scholarships. She said there were seven applicants. Applicants include Amy Nash, Beth Gillespie, Chrissy Blundell, Kayce Fish, Hayley Rogers, Delores Lynn Patrick, and Aubrey Silvey. Matt Allen said the budget called for six scholarships, four from MACA, one from NACA and then the Gabby Evans Scholarship from Datamars. Steve Norman said NACA would prefer their scholarship go to a NACA member. The Board decided to offer six full and one partial scholarship. Sandy Alexander made the motion and Wendy Combs seconded it. It was approved unanimously. Aubrey Silvey will receive the partial scholarship.

Merchandise:

Wendy Combs said she had been looking at 4imprint.com for purchases and has been speaking to several people about ideas for merchandise. She said she had some shirt front ideas and logoed item ideas, such as keychains, stickers, decals, presentation folders with notepads and flash drives. Matt Allen said there was \$1500.00 budgeted for merchandise. Holly Bowie suggested a lunch box. Wendy suggested three different new shirt designs to sell members. It was decided to purchase a few shirts in medium sizes and the rest up through the XL ranges. After much discussion, four t-shirt designs were selected. The design for the new Board shirts were selected, which does not come from the merchandise budget. There was also a discussion on updating or possibly eliminating the Online Store.

Exhibitors:

Steve Norman reported that AVID will not be sending anyone this year and that Tomahawk could not send anyone this year. He said Tomahawk did say they would be sending stuff. He said at this time there are six exhibitors.

Grants:

Steve Norman said he had still not received responses from several places, but hadn't received many new rejects. He said it was really tough to get grants from anyone this year.

Social Media:

Christina Elmore said she had nothing new to report for social media. She continues to promote the August Mini-MACA and the Annual Conference. She said she was trying to determine the most appropriate time to make posts when the most people will view it.

Newsletter:

JT Taylor was not present but reported via email that there was nothing new to report.

Mini-MACA:

Christina Elmore said there was currently only four people signed up for the August Mini-MACA. She said Dr Friggle, one of the presenters for this Mini-MACA, had had emergency surgery but felt she could still be available to present her presentation by the Mini. There was a general discussion on the whether or not we continue to offer Mini

MACAs. With so few registered, the decision was made to continue with it and really promote it heavily.

Website:

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

OLD BUSINESS

NACA Scholarship for ACO Training

This scholarship went to Wendy Combs' agency. Holly said that offering to MACA members did not go well at all. Wendy thanked the Board for her agency being given the scholarship and said she'd report back on how the training went.

DHSS Lecture

Matt Allen said that based on the response from DHSS today, Molly didn't seem interested in talking on a topic this year other than rabies. Matt said there was another option Dan St Lawrence recommended which was for a vet from his area do a presentation on heartworm. He also said there was an option to go with a different topic.

Inventory of Raffle Items

Matt said that he wanted to make sure to share any giveaway items so that he and Holly know what to purchase prior to the conference for raffles.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled as a Zoom meeting and is set for Sept 21, 2022, at 10:30 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 2:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Taylor

James A. (JT) Taylor
Executive Secretary