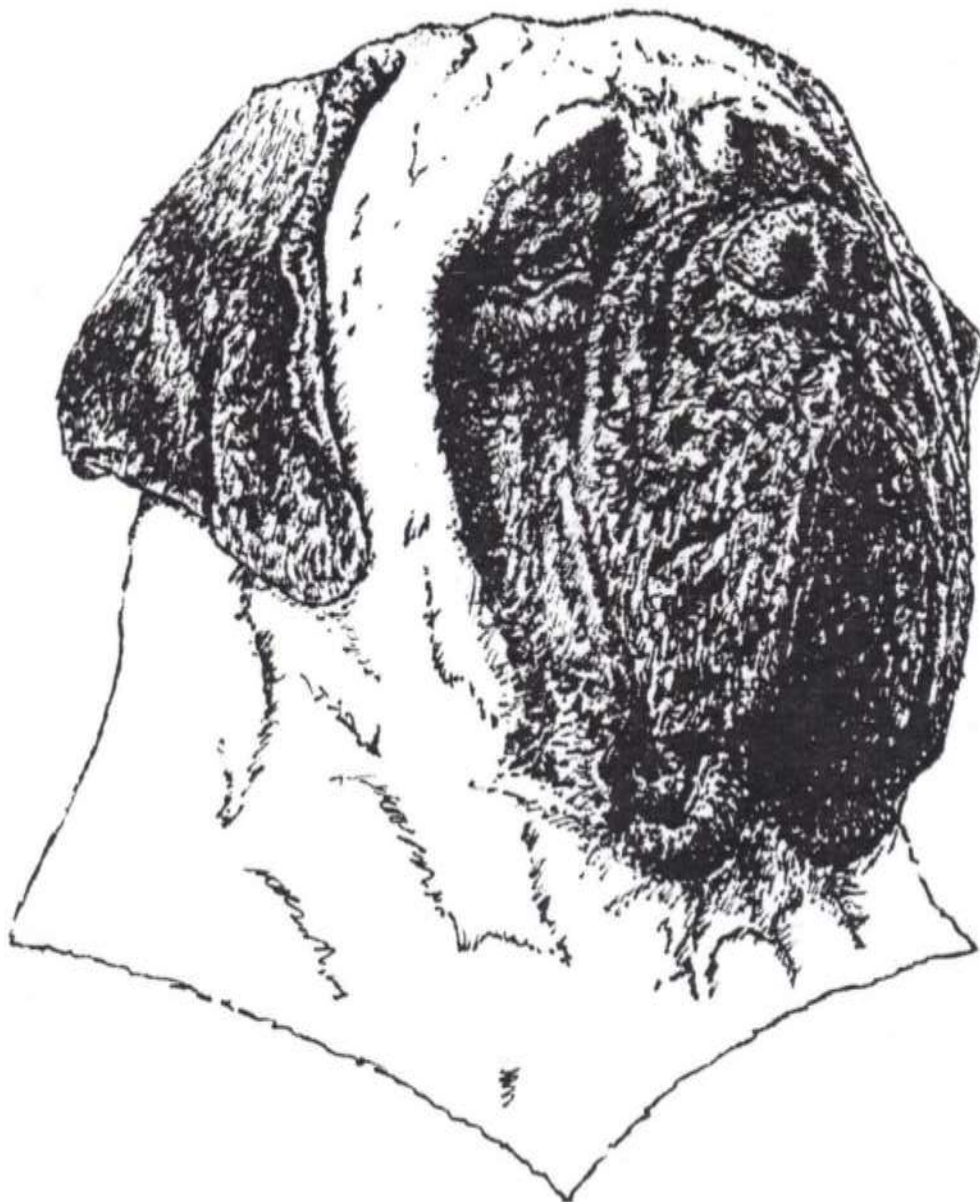


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Mastiff Club of America

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I hope you have noticed the positive changes instilled by this and the previous Board of Directors that are already reaping dividends for the MCOA. The first of these is that all committee open positions are posted to the club website and in the Constant Contact for 30 days. Along with a description of the open position and the specific skill sets necessary to perform any duties of the position. If you are interested in a position, simply send a written resume detailing your interest and what you can bring to the position. The committee will review all resumes and will bring their selections to the Board for approval.

Another change is that a Board Member has been assigned as a liaison to each standing committee to encourage and ensure open communication between the committees' chairs and the members we serve. We are finding that this enhanced communication has already shown huge benefits to the club with the Ways and Means Committee. They are shining example of what can be achieved with volunteers. I know many of you have already been to the MCOA's Café Press site and purchased Club and Mastiff related items. These would make fabulous Christmas gifts, so if you haven't been to the site, I strongly encourage you to do so, as the proceeds continue the clubs ability to host Nationals, promote the Mastiff breed and make sure that rescued Mastiffs find their forever homes.

The Board wants to encourage everyone to be a volunteer to get involved and be part of the making sure that the MCOA continues to be the chief advocator and protector of the Mastiff.

I wish you all a happy and safe Holidays, I look forward to seeing everyone next year in Sacramento.

Your friend,

Diane

AKC DELEGATE REPORT

The December 2016 AKC Delegate Meeting was held in Orlando Florida in conjunction with the National Championship Show. It was great to see the Meet the Breed Booth – Thanks to the Florida Mastiff club. I also enjoyed watching the mastiffs compete and seeing the many Mastiff Fanciers that were in attendance.

As part of my Delegate Duties, I helped with the AKC Disaster Trailer Booth. It was great to be able to tell individuals that my Parent Club helped contribute to a Trailer! I also assisted with the Medallion Table. Again, thanks to our Board, the Mastiff winners were awarded Medallions!

The Delegate Body voted on a proposed amendment change Chapter 6, Section 9 that would extend the closing time for entries to dog shows. This did not pass so the closing times will not change. The major focus of the next Delegate meeting will be the election of Board Members. I have forwarded the candidates bios to the BOD for their recommendations. If anyone would like to see the bios, please let me know and I will forward them to you.

A Club Relationship Department has been added to AKC.

A presentation of the Canine College was presented during the Parent Club Committee meeting. There are 8 Breeds in process. Prior to posting, Parent Clubs will be contacted for approval. This can be found at AKC.org under resources.

The realignment committee continues to meet. I anticipate that this will be a slow process!

I also attended the Companion Club Meeting. A new Rally class will be offered, It will be called the Intermediate Class. It will be much like the Advanced Class only no jumps and the dog will be on leash. A Rally Masters Class will also be added. Clubs can start applying for these classes in August of 2017.

ACT NOW is being introduced for Agility. It will be a title. For more details go to www.akc.org/act.

A Patch program has also been added. This is an activity for children to participate in a dog shows. It was introduced at the National Championship Show. Information can be found on the AKC site.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can be of any assistance.

Becky Campbell
AKC Delegate, Mastiff Club of America
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NATIONAL SPECIALTY ADVISOR REPORT

I am so very excited to announce that we now have the next three years locations for our National specialty! Since the last Castlekeeper, we have 2019 set for Asheville, North Carolina, to be hosted by Southern States Mastiff Fanciers! I'm so excited for these next three years, and I hope you all will be too. In case you have missed the announcements of the upcoming locations here they are:

2017 - Sacramento, CA hosted by REMC

2018 - St. Charles, IL hosted by MWMF

2019 - Asheville, NC hosted by SSMF

REMC, MWMF and SSMF are all working so very hard to put on a great Nationals for us all to enjoy, i would like to send out a big thank you in advance to these clubs, their members and all of those who are working on the Nationals.

If you haven't made your reservations for Sacramento, get them made and come and join us for a great show!

Karen Park
National Specialty Advisor

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

On the following pages, minutes from BOD meetings are included for:

- October 19, 2016

Mastiff Club of America, Inc.
Oct 19, 2016
Board Meeting Minutes-approved Jan 18, 2017

President Diane Collings called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM PT.

Board Members Present: Diane Collings, Jodi LaBombard, Marty Hancock, Sherry White, Mitzi Walters, Tim Plezbert, Lisa D Simons, Dick Greaver (late). Absent: Tricia Dalman

Previous Minutes:

Motion 10/16-1 Marty moved and Tim seconded to approve the Minutes of the Sept 21 meeting that were emailed on Sep 27.

Aye: Tim, Mitzi, Sherry, Jodi, Marty, Diane. Nay: None. Abstain: Lisa. Absent: Dick, Tricia. Motion carried.

Report of the President: Diane reported things were in progress for the arbitration with the Red Lion.

Report of the Recording Secretary: Nothing to report.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary: Sherry reported that she planned to get a Constant Contact communication out tomorrow, and had received AKC approvals for some of the 2017 National events.

Report of the Treasurer: Mitzi presented the Balance sheet and P&L from July 1 to Sept 30, 2016. She also reported that she received a letter from the IRS that we owed taxes from June 2014, and has asked Jill to look into this.

Motion 10/16-2 Lisa moved and Sherry seconded to approve the Treasurer report as presented.

Aye: Tim, Mitzi, Sherry, Jodi, Marty, Lisa, Diane. Nay: None. Absent: Dick, Tricia. Motion carried.

AKC Delegate report: Becky reported that there is a newly revised AKC document on misconduct, an AKC disaster trailer was deployed to NC after the recent hurricane, she will be sending us bios on who is running for the AKC board, and that AKC is again looking at group realignments. There is an upcoming vote on the option of extending the closing deadline from Noon to Midnight, where she plans to vote yes unless there are objections. AKC is now publishing a list of disqualified aggressive dogs and there are new guidelines to reinstate those dogs.

Committee Reports:

Engagement and Retention Committee – Lisa has reported that they have a list started of businesses that will offer MCOA member discounts in exchange for links to their site on our website. We encourage members to support these businesses by purchasing products and indicate you are a MCOA member for your discount. The current list is below.

- ❖ Jagger's Doggy Deli
- ❖ Better World Club

- ❖ Modern Molosser Magazine
- ❖ UBS
- ❖ Carl and Bes Von Beal
- ❖ Gensol Canine Diagnostics
- By-Law Committee – Lisa reported current status is waiting for legal review.
- Breeder Referral – Mitzi reported that the mailed Breeder Referral packets provide our club \$5 income, but often it costs more than that to mail out. She and Kelly will monitor the activity to see if it needs to be raised, since most are emailed.
- Sunshine Committee – Marty indicated there was not much activity, and we need to remind members to contact us if there is a MCOA member that should be contacted.
- Ways and Means Committee - Marty asked that we remind members about the great projects this committee is working on: The Café Press site, including the new T-Shirt they have recently done, and the Calendar Photo contest.
- Journal Committee – Marty reported that the Journal needs ads, so please remind everyone to submit ads for the upcoming issue.
- Committee Chairs that are open – Sherry had not received any volunteers yet, and will include a reminder in the upcoming Constant Contact.

New Active Members:

Motion 10/16-3 Jodi moved and Marty seconded to approve Julie Kay Webber from Associate to Active status.

Aye: Tim, Mitzi, Sherry, Jodi, Marty, Lisa, Dick, Diane. Nay: None. Absent: Tricia. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Reviewed and updated action log (see attached)
- NSA apprentice – discussed timing of when to appoint a NSA apprentice. We'd like to put someone in that position this year.

Action: Jodi will contact Karen Park to get some qualifications to post in the volunteer section of our website.

- Internet documents and Form previously approved in July.

Action: Tim will work with Dave to map out the follow up actions that need to be done and help to get those done.

New Business:

- **Motion 10/16-4** Jodi moved and Sherry seconded to approve reimbursing Chuck Cuthbert for shipping a retired trophy to Susie Farber. Cost is estimated to be \$20-\$30.

Aye: Tim, Mitzi, Sherry, Jodi, Marty, Lisa, Dick, Diane. Nay: None. Absent: Tricia. Motion carried.

- Temperament Testing at 2017 National, would like to have this co-hosted with the Working Group Club and the REMC. The Board expressed their agreement.

- **Motion 10/16-5** Jodi moved and Lisa seconded to approve reimbursing Susan Dahl to replace Don Crumb as Treasurer on the RFI board.

Aye: Tim, Mitzi, Sherry, Jodi, Marty, Lisa, Dick, Diane. Nay: None. Absent: Tricia. Motion carried.

Action: Diane will follow up with Mary Speer to clarify who they are suggesting to fill the other current opening to replace Dave Henson.

- Discussion to rotate agendas such that we have the full agenda quarterly, and just motions to approve and any special topics on the 2 meetings in between the quarterly meetings.
- **Motion 10/16-6** Marty moved and Sherry seconded to approve the "Proposed" Budget as submitted.

Aye: Tim, Mitzi, Sherry, Jodi, Marty, Lisa, Dick, Diane. Nay: None. Absent: Tricia. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Jodi moved to Adjourn. Adjourned at 6:04 pm PT.

Next meeting Wed Nov 16, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted

Jodi LaBombard
Recording Secretary

MASTIFF CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
Profit and Loss (unaudited)
July - September, 2016

	Total
Income	
Dues	4,388.95
Interest Inc	15.34
Journal Income	286.70
Misc Income	73.25
Other donations	252.00
PayPal Income	0.00
Shipping/Postage Income	160.00
Specialty Income	0.00
Ways & Means Income	430.00
Total Income	\$ 5,606.24
Gross Profit	\$ 5,606.24
Expenses	
AKC Delegate	640.59
Bank Charges	276.41
Election Exp	250.00
Journal Exp	58.35
Office/General Administrative Expenses	320.74
Professional Fees	300.00
Public Ed	110.00
Regional Specialty Exp	53.80
Specialty (National) Expenses	0.00
Telephone/Conferences	67.56
Trophy- Regional Clubs	560.62
Total Expenses	\$ 2,638.07
Net Operating Income	\$ 2,968.17
Net Income	\$ 2,968.17

Monday, Oct 17, 2016 06:55:37 PM PDT GMT-4 - Accrual Basis

MASTIFF CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
Balance Sheet (unaudited)
As of September 30, 2016

	<u>Total</u>	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
\$\$ that will go into MCOAPayPal dues/etc	1,680.52	
All Chking and Savings Accounts	173,988.50	(about \$50K of this is "old")
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 175,669.02	
Other current assets		
Marie Moore Medallions	2,182.50	
Prepaid Exp	750.00	
Security Deposits- for Specialties	1,000.00	
Total Other current assets	\$ 3,932.50	
Total Current Assets	\$ 179,601.52	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 179,601.52	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
A/P Owed to RFI	175.00	
Accrued expenses	280.00	
Def Revenue - Dues	12,832.80	
Def Revenue - Journal	7,108.00	
Def Revenue - Journal Ads	3,257.47	
Def Revenue - Journal Postage	122.00	
Def revenue - specialty general	703.50	
Def Revenue Futurity/Maturity funds	1,887.95	
Designated Futurity Funds	1,000.00	
Designated Health Funds	420.00	
Jr. Fund in mem Fred Simon	11,040.95	
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 38,827.67	
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 38,827.67	
Total Liabilities	\$ 38,827.67	
Equity		
Retained Earnings	137,212.11	
Net Income	3,561.74	
Total Equity	\$ 140,773.85	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 179,601.52	

Tuesday, Sep 13, 2016 06:49:23 PM PDT GMT-4 - Accrual Basis

Date Initiated	Owner	Topic	Action	Complete	Status rev post 10.19.16 meeting, update point for 11.16 meeting	28, starting
8/17/16	Board	financial	Make decision on the \$420 that has been set aside for Health.	x	Part of Proposed budget approved	
9/21/16	Jodi	volunteers	Post volunteer needed for historian	x		
9/21/16	Jodi	Journal	request committee to coordinate survey	x		
9/21/16	Sherry	Correspondence	Topics to include in next constant contact: reminders about 2017 specialty, calendar photo submission, remind members to review volunteer section on website, does anyone have historical paper records, new form on website for requesting regional specialty etc, send out Aug approved minutes	x		
10/19/16	Jodi	Correspondence	Resend email from Sherry Brown about Breeder Recognition	x		
10/19/16	Jodi	meeting process	Email board members for input on rotating meeting agenda	x		
8/17/16	Sherry	Correspondence	Sherry to let Regional clubs know about Café Press promotional options			
9/21/16	Diane	Historical info	Ask Jessica if she knows where some of our club paper records went.			
10/19/16	Mitzi	financial	Work with Jill to understand IRS letter about taxes due			
10/19/16	Lisa/Tim	website	Get Businesses offering member discounts on our website			
10/19/16	Jodi	committees	Ask Karen Park for NSA qualifications and post volunteer position on website			
10/19/16	Tim	website	Work with Dave for follow up actions related to best practices and form			
10/19/16	Diane	RFI	Follow up with Mary Speer for clarification on which volunteer they recommend to fill the other open Board position			

MCOA COMMITTEE REPORTS - MEMBERSHIP

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The following membership applications have been received by MCOA. These applicants are now Associate members. You have one (1) year from the date hereof to submit any negative letters to the Corresponding Secretary, Sherry White, 7529 Curtis Creek Road, Junction City, KS 66441. If the Corresponding Secretary receives any negative letters they will be forwarded to the Ethics Committee.

LAST	FIRST	St	Kennel Name	Phone	Email	Date Joined	Sponsor1	Sponsor2
Robinson	Kelly	MA		508-735-6891	epimastiffsmom@gmail.com	1/26/17	Doreen Dysert	Karen Reagan Paquette
Stevens	Shana	KS		316-207-5947	shanamadison2000@yahoo.c	1/18/17	Marty Hancock	Celeste Guerrero
Baggenstos	Luke	WA		503-409-7449	lbaggenstos@hotmail.com	1/9/17	Doreen Dysert	Tim Pearson
Baggenstos	Rowan	WA	Lotus Kennels	253-777-5858	dogs@lukeandrowan.com	1/9/17	Doreen Dysert	Tim Pearson
Wright	Brian	AZ	Magna Carta Mastiffs	602-300-6728	bwright5500@gmail.com	11/25/16	Laura Olsen	Candace Holmes
Hatch	Deborah	IN	Legend Mastiffs	985-788-6558	akiwibc@hotmail.com	10/23/16	Mary Ham	Tricia Dalman

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The MCOA Membership Directory can be accessed in the Members only section of the MCOA website. If you do not have access to that, contact the MCOA Membership Secretary. Copies will be e-mailed in an Excel Format unless another format is requested. If a hard copy is required, please indicate that in your request.

Jodi LaBombard, MCOA Membership Secretary

189 Miranda Ln, Roxboro, NC 27574

Phone: (585) 594-5354

E-Mail: jodimastiff@gmail.com **Note new email address!!**

To help keep the information up to date, please check the MCOA Membership Directory regularly to verify that your address and other contact information is correct and notify the Membership Secretary if updates **or** corrections need to be made. The MCOA Membership Directory is used when mailing the MCOA Bulletin and other important information to the members.

Jodi LaBombard, Membership Secretary

jodimastiff@gmail.com

MCOA COMMITTEE REPORTS – FUTURITY/MATURITY/BREEDERS CUP

Just a reminder to get your Futurity nominations in by the deadlines outlined in the Members Handbook. The postmark on the envelope is the official date of nomination.

Litter Nominations are made after the breeding but before the puppies are whelped, by the breeder or co-breeder, who must be an MCOA member.

Puppy Nominations must be made before the puppy reaches four months of age, by the owner or co-owner.

Forms should be sent to Mitzi Walters, 7652 Dublin Road, Dublin, OH, 43017. For additional information, contact Julia Kriebs, phone: (319) 643-5315 or email: nyalmast@Lcom.net.

MCOA COMMITTEE REPORTS – WORKING DOG COMMITTEE

The Working Dog Committee and the Obedience Statistician are making a joint plea for trophy sponsorship for the 2017 National Specialty!

<http://www.mastiffclubofamericanationalspecialty2017.com/trophy-sponsorship.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CASTLEKEEPER?

Email Jennifer Lambden by the publication deadline to be included!

sunnydalemastiffs@yahoo.com

Mark Your Calendars!



**Hop On Down For the
2017 MCOA/SSMF Regional Specialty
Perry Georgia, APRIL 16th, 2017**

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter

Through Combined Specialty Clubs of Atlanta (CSCA)

What a fun way to support the Mastiff breed in the South
& enjoy up to five days of back-to-back shows
ending with the Regional Specialty

**SSMF
Annual
Meeting &
Food Served**

**Closing Date Of Show:
March 29th, 2017**

Opportunity for FIVE days of shows

**Four To Six Month Puppy Event
& Mastiff Breed Judge Sunday
Deborah Thornton**

**Puppy & Veteran Sweeps Judge
Carrie Klaiber**

**Handling
Critique
Fun
Competition**

FROM THE EDITOR

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Castlekeeper. With continually increased use of Constant Contact and Facebook, some of this information may be old by the time it's published quarterly, which is good – MCOA continues to strive to keep their members informed in a timely manner.

But if you missed something, the Castlekeeper has everything in one location for you. We will also be contacting all committee chairs and regional clubs quarterly to see if they have anything to contribute. If you have anything that you would like to include, please send to sunnydalemastiffs@yahoo.com.

Jennifer Lambden

CASTLEKEEPER DEADLINES

BOD, Membership and Regional Club information should be submitted by the following dates:

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| 1 st Quarter Castlekeeper (Jan - Mar) | - | April 1 |
| 2 nd Quarter Castlekeeper (Apr - Jun) | - | July 1 |
| 3 rd Quarter Castlekeeper (Jul - Sept) | - | October 1 |
| 4 th Quarter Castlekeeper (Oct - Dec) | - | January 1 |
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