

# The Castlekeepers Times

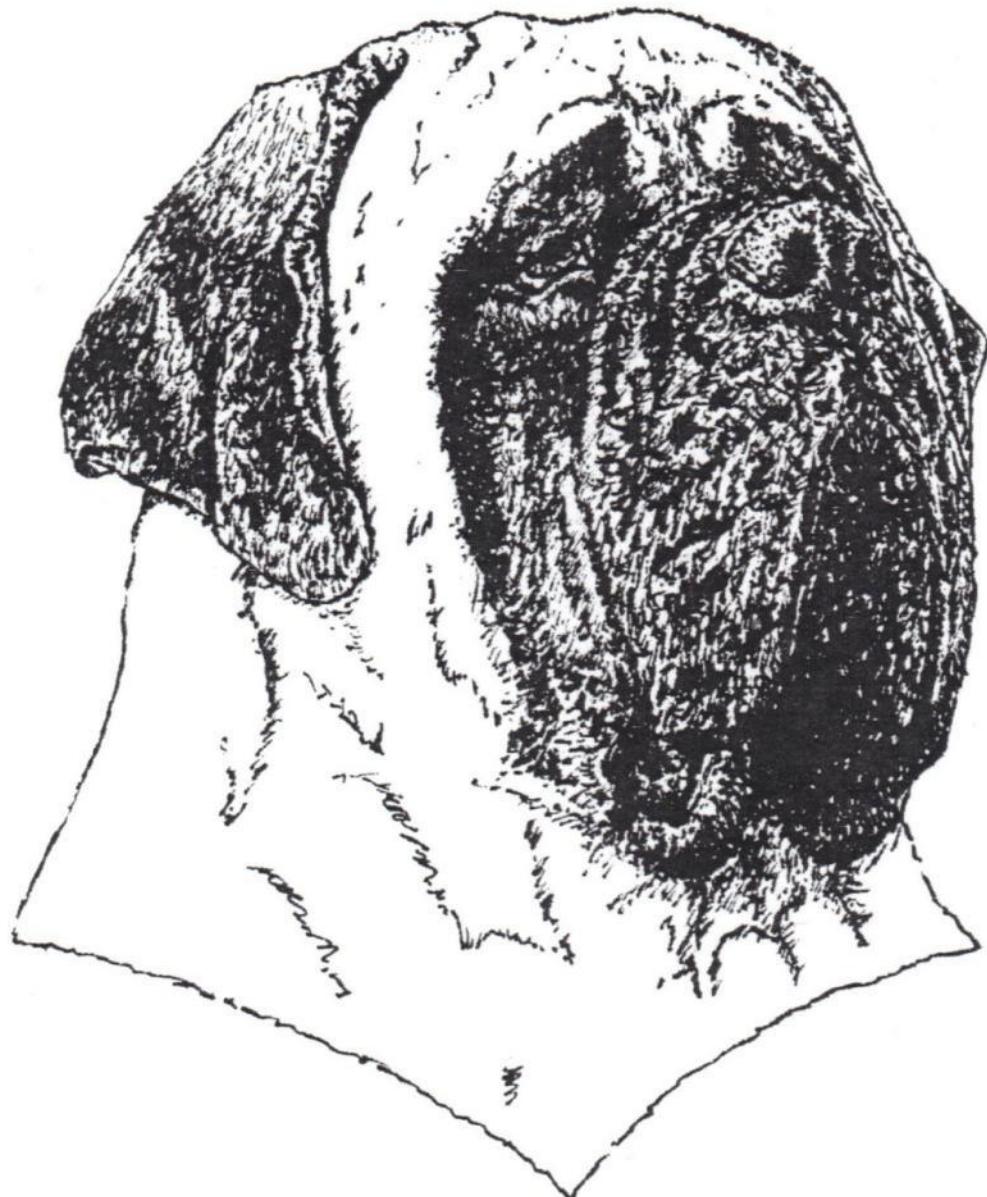
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## Mastiff Club of America

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members –

Today's date is 3/21/2021 and all I can think of is – What a difference a year makes!

This time last year we were cancelling our specialty. This year, I am anxiously awaiting going to Utah and seeing all my friends and wonderful examples of our breed. We have some beautiful specials out this year as well as some promising young stars. The competition should be really fun to watch. Good luck to everyone who is planning on attending. For those competing in performance events, congratulations on your hard work and best wishes for promising results.

Even though this past year has been non-conventional, the MCOA can be proud of what they have accomplished as an organization. To name a few...

1. The by-laws have been updated and approved by the AKC. Our next step is to have the membership vote on the latest and greatest version. Stay tuned for those details announcements on next steps.
2. The Judges' Ed committee set some "north star" goals almost two years ago and I am happy to say that they are very close to achieving those. Mary Speer, the committee chair, and her committee are looking forward to presenting their accomplishments at this year's annual meeting.
3. The Illustrated standard committee has been working DILIGENTLY and making AMAZING strides. I am really excited about what this group is doing. It is no small feat and there is still much to achieve. After this first year of effort, I am confident this committee will get it done!
4. The journal committee – or in my mind, the little engine that could! Issue after issue, they make us proud. Kudos to the entire crew. It is 100% volunteer and requires countless hours of effort. Thank you all!

Even though I only mentioned a few, there are several more that deserve a bow! Please know that we plan to do just that. This year's annual meeting format will be typical of our standard Roberts Rule agenda; however, we will take some time to get to know these committees and the work they are accomplishing during the "report of the committees" section of the meeting.

I hope that everyone can make it out to our specialty! It is always one of my favorite events of the year.

Be kind, play nice and I'll see everyone there!

Cheers,  
Mark

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## **AKC DELEGATE REPORT**

The March 9<sup>th</sup> Delegate Meeting once again was held via Zoom. The process has become quite easy to access and few problems were noted this time! It is uncertain if the June Delegate Meeting will be held in person or via zoom. Attendance has increased as delegates are able to attend via zoom and expenses have decreased!

The major focus of this meeting was the election of the AKC Board of Directors for the Class of 2025. The following were elected: Rita J. Biddle, Esq., Delegate from the Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc., Dominic Carota, Delegate from the Pharaoh Hound Club of America, Dr. Thomas Davies, Delegate from the Springfield Kennel Club, and Thomas Powers, Delegate from the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills.

Three new member clubs were approved. The Amendment Chapter 6, Section 2 of the Rules applying to Dog Show Premium Lists and of Closing Entries was passed.

The AKC remains in excellent financial position.

There has been a significant increase in virtual rally titles. This has been expanded to other titles as well.

Due to the board election there was a very short agenda.

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Becky Campbell  
AKC Delegate  
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## **National Specialty Advisor Report**

The end of this year has us all wondering if the 2021 National Specialty will take place in NY next year or not. But in the meantime the committees for both 2021 and 2022 are working hard preparing for wonderful shows that are in place to happen. Hopefully we all be able to safely gather next year and once again enjoy catching up with friends, seeing dogs and making new friends!!

Karen Park

Julia Kriebs

National Specialty Advisors

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## **MCOA FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Attached are the following statements:

- Statement of Activity for July – December 2020
- Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2020

**MASTIFF CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.****Statement of Activity (unaudited)**

July - December, 2020

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	7,231.92
Interest Inc	7.63
Journal Income	5,898.50
Regional Specialty Income	1,059.55
Ways & Means Income (net)	(5.75)
Website Litter Listing Revenue	275.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 14,466.85</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 14,466.85</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank Chgs/PayPal fees	332.99
Castle Keeper Bulletin Expenses	79.91
Insurance	1,102.50
Journal Exp	2,662.95
Judges Ed Exp	74.81
Office/General Administrative Expenses	414.73
Professional Fees	900.00
Regional Specialty Expenses	3,019.45
Statistician Expense	85.00
Telephone/Conferences	107.50
Treasurer Exp QBs	215.24
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,995.08</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 5,471.77</b>
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**MASTIFF CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**  
**Statement of Financial Position (unaudited)**  
As of December 31, 2020

	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
\$\$ in PayPal that will go to Specialty PayPal acct	22,303.99
\$\$ that will go into MCOA PayPal dues/etc	330.66
All Chking and Savings Accounts	203,731.47
Total Bank Accounts	<b>\$ 226,366.12</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Marie Moore Medallions	1,455.00
Prepaid Exp	17,371.73
Security Deposits- for Specialties	3,542.50
Total Other Current Assets	<b>\$ 22,369.23</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 248,735.35</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
<b>Intangible Assets</b>	
Total Fixed Assets	<b>\$ 321.13</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 249,056.48</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
A/P Owed to RFI	1,419.72
Accounts Payable Health Trust	153.79
Deferred Perpetual Trophy Rev Rec'd	153.82
Deferred Revenues	50,718.64
Designated Futurity Funds	500.00
Designated Juniors Funds	13,187.51
Federal Income Tax Payable	(0.33)
Total Other Current Liabilities	<b>\$ 66,113.15</b>
Total Current Liabilities	<b>\$ 66,113.15</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 66,113.15</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>177,471.56</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>5,471.77</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 182,943.33</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 249,056.48</b>

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

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

- October 21, 2020
- November 18, 2020

# **Mastiff Club of America, Inc.**

**\*October 21, 2020\***

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Board President Mark Tichenor called the meeting to order 5:03PM PST

**Board Members Present:** Mark Tichenor, Karen Cornelius, Heather Moore, Barbie Fiorentino, Dani Hall, Karen Paquette, Liz Simon, Erika Wepner. Absent: Lisa Armstrong

**Previous Minutes:** September

**Motion 10/21-1** Karen C motioned to approve minutes. Liz seconded.

Aye: Mark, Karen C, Barbie, Dani, Karen P, Liz, Erika, Heather. Nay: None. Absent: Lisa. Motion carried.

**Report of the President:** None.

**Report of the Recording Secretary:** None.

**Report of the Corresponding Secretary:** Has received complaints about the Mastiff image used on AKC website.

**Action:** Dani will have Public Education look into how to change it.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Income \$4,838 Expenses \$4,506 Net \$305.

**Motion 10/21-2** Dani motioned to approve the Treasurer Report. Karen C seconded. Aye: Mark, Karen C, Barbie, Dani, Karen P, Erika, Liz, Heather. Nay: None. Absent: Lisa. Motion carried.

**Report of the AKC Delegate:** None.

**Report of the Committees:** Karen P spoke with Mary DeLisa on Health Committee, there is an article coming out on DM. They also received a spine donation from a

rescue Mastiff. Also wants to find out from PennHip optimal age to do hips, we currently have 24 months.

**Associate to Active Members:** October

Diane Caoua: Sponsors Angela Dinneen and Mitzi Walters

**Motion 10/21-3** Liz motioned to approve new member. Karen C seconded. Aye: Mark, Karen C, Barbie, Dani, Karen P, Erika, Liz, Heather. Nay: None. Absent: Lisa. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Discuss Nominating Committee Chair from board. Heather recommended Lisa since she is not up for reelection. Will vote next month. Karen C is also willing to do it.

RE: Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> email about fundraising, discussion regarding different solutions to wording on page.

Next Meeting Scheduled for November 18, 2020

Karen C motioned to adjourn. Liz seconded. Adjourned at 5:48PM PST

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moore Recording Secretary

# Mastiff Club of America, Inc.

**\*November 18, 2020\***

## Board Meeting Minutes

Board President Mark Tichenor called the meeting to order 5:02PM PST

**Board Members Present:** Mark Tichenor, Lisa Armstrong, Karen Cornelius, Heather Moore, Barbie Fiorentino, Dani Hall, Karen Paquette, Liz Simon, Erika Wepner.

**Previous Minutes:** October, tabled until January

**Report of the President:** Working on finalizing JEC criteria to be on committee. Illustration committee still working.

**Report of the Recording Secretary:** None.

**Report of the Corresponding Secretary:** MCOA BOD approved Lonestar Mastiff Club's Specialty request.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Income \$40,243 Expenses \$22,450 Net \$11,693.

**Motion 11/18-1** Heather motioned to approve the Treasurer Report. Karen C seconded. Aye: Mark, Lisa, Karen C, Barbie, Dani, Karen P, Erika, Liz, Heather. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**Report of the AKC Delegate:** None.

**Report of the Committees:** None.

**Associate to Active Members:** November

Rachel Diller: Sponsors Christi Keller and Tina Woods

**Motion 11/18-2** Karen C motioned to approve new member. Liz seconded. Aye: Mark, Lisa, Karen C, Barbie, Dani, Karen P, Erika, Liz, Heather. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Discussed complaint from member Jodi Labombard regarding MCOA website. Tina has requested help for her committee.

**Action:** Erika will set up feedback loop.

Discussed criteria options for what pictures to be used on AKC website. Judges Ed will chair this task.

Nominating Committee Chair, the board nominated Lisa Armstrong.

**Motion 11/18-3:** Dani motioned to appoint Lisa as Nominating Committee Chair. Liz seconded. Aye: Mark, Lisa, Karen C, Barbie, Dani, Karen P, Liz, Erika, Heather. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting Scheduled for January 6, 2021

Erika motioned to adjourn. Lisa seconded. Adjourned at 5:39PM PST

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moore Recording Secretary

## MCOA COMMITTEE REPORTS - HEALTH

### 2020 Fourth Quarter AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund



#### Mastiff Club of America, Inc. Donor Advised Fund

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 Statement (1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020)

<b>1/1/2020 Balance</b>	<b>\$31,178.02</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>PPCPP Contribution</b>	<b>\$1,222.14</b>
<b>Investment Earnings/(Losses)</b>	<b>\$3,771.23</b>
<b>Research Support*</b>	<b>\$1,808.57</b>
<b>12/31/2020 Balance</b>	<b>\$34,362.82</b>

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Dear Jodi,

Your organization's 2020 fourth quarter AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Donor Advised Fund (DAF) statement is above, showing activity through 12/31/20 and including 2019 Purina Parent Club Partnership Program earnings.

We thank all Donor Advised Fund holders for their continued support of CHF's mission to advance the health of all dogs and their owners by funding sound scientific research. Despite the challenges faced during 2020, we are grateful to remain fully functional in our remote capacity with our canine coworkers. *Please stay up-to-date on how COVID-19 relates to your dog(s) [here](#).*

In 2020, CHF's research grants portfolio grew by \$3.29 million with 53 new research and educational projects. As the leading funding organization for canine-specific health research, we value your involvement to enrich the health of all dogs and the breed you love.

Active research grants needing support can be viewed in the [2021 Research Grants Portfolio](#) or searched by research program area on [our website](#). Please contact [chf@akcchf.org](mailto:chf@akcchf.org) or call [888-682-9696](tel:888-682-9696) to discuss specific projects. You can also make your important recommendation for sponsorship by completing a [research sponsorship form](#) to support innovative canine health research. Grant sponsorships at a level greater than \$2,500 earn regular scientific progress updates on these critical studies.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

Sincerely,

Andrea Fiumefreddo, CHF Director of Programs and Operations: [andrea.fiumefreddo@akcchf.org](mailto:andrea.fiumefreddo@akcchf.org)

and

Katherine Brantley, CHF Director of Finance: [katherine.brantley@akcchf.org](mailto:katherine.brantley@akcchf.org)

PLEASE NOTE: *Notice regarding AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Funds: per Foundation policy, a required minimum 5% annual distribution of your fund balance is a recommended standard for each donor advised fund to meet IRS regulations. Thank you for your help in keeping the Foundation compliant with IRS regulations.*

Mary DeLisa, [divinemastiffs@gmail.com](mailto:divinemastiffs@gmail.com) cell 303.929.5529  
Health Committee chair

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## MCOA COMMITTEE REPORTS - MEMBERSHIP

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, Karen Cornelius, 41 Frendale Rd., Deer Park IL 60010. 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
Shorr	Rick	FL		954-205-5395	rickshorr@gmail.com	11/8/20	Karen Loving	John Loving
Anelli	Gina	CT	Mighty Oak	860-506-4598	ganelli20@comcast.net	11/20/20	Steve Oifer	Karen Cornelius
Clayton	Hannah	MO	Claymore	816-730-9917	claymoremastiffs@gmail.com	12/13/20	Kara Berrey	Tara Grey

### 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.

Niko Hagan, MCOA Membership Secretary  
5146 KY HWY 1842N, Cynthiana, KY 41031  
Phone: (859) 421-3303  
E-Mail: [deezmastiffs@yahoo.com](mailto:deezmastiffs@yahoo.com)

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.

Niko Hagan  
Membership Secretary

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**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](mailto:nyalmast@Lcom.net).

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CASTLEKEEPER?

Email Jennifer Lambden by the publication deadline to be included!

[sunnydalemastiffs@yahoo.com](mailto:sunnydalemastiffs@yahoo.com)

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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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. All committee chairs and regional clubs are welcome to submit quarterly updates if they have anything to contribute. If you have anything that you would like to include, please send to [sunnydalemastiffs@yahoo.com](mailto:sunnydalemastiffs@yahoo.com).

Jennifer Lambden

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## CASTLEKEEPER DEADLINES

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

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Castlekeeper (Jan - Mar) - April 15

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Castlekeeper (Apr - Jun) - July 15

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Castlekeeper (Jul - Sept) - October 15

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Castlekeeper (Oct - Dec) - January 15

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