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HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB***MAY ISSUE 2017**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this one day before our major two-week trip to Rochester, MN for my husband Elton's brain procedure for his Parkinson's. Scary stuff, but we're hopeful it will take care of some of his symptoms.

Our meeting is on Tuesday, June 6, at 6:30 pm. Please get your thoughts together for an Agenda – I will be home on Saturday, June 3 and should have enough time to issue an updated agenda for the meeting. If you send your ideas to me, please put AGENDA in caps in the subject line, because I will undoubtedly be swamped with email by then.

--Marion Erp, President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF MAY 2, 2017

Present: Allyn Ann Cummins, Chris McGonigle, Tommie Dahl, Barb Delaney, Marion Erp, Linda Owen, Desiree Moffett, Catherine LeCours, Janice Frisch, Alice Elliott, Connie Leatherman, Patty Mott, Jean Norderud, Rita Munson, Jeanine Blaner.

The president called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of April. Patty moved and Jean seconded, all approved.

Financial Report: No report. Catherine is waiting for bills from the agility trial to come in.

Secretary report: Caroline was unable to attend. Barb is filling in as a substitute.

Vice President: no report

The president reported that her report was in the newsletter. She also noted that the Fairgrounds has asked that no one park along the grassy area next to their Maintenance Building.

Committees:

Agility

Jean reported that the Agility trial last weekend went well. She wanted to thank everyone that helped out. She has received nice compliments from the judge and exhibitors. Some exhibitors were happy that we offered the Premier class. Catherine also indicated that she has received compliments from exhibitors upon receipt of their trial results. Entries were down, but it seems to be a result of too many trials in April.

Jean advised that she is stepping down from heading up the agility committee. Marion thanked Jean for all her work on the agility committee on behalf of the club.

Jean reported that we need a chair for the October trial. The application is due May 17. Members discussed the option of canceling one of the trials. It was noted that there are consequences to not holding one of the trials – loss of income, losing dates with AKC and Fairgrounds, etc.

Jeanine indicated she is willing to do day-of again if someone will work with her on the pre-trial duties. Jeanine also indicated she is willing to take on leadership of the agility committee. Patty made motion to appoint Jeanine as leader of the agility committee, Connie seconded and motion passed. An agility committee meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. A plan for agility practices will also be discussed at the agility meeting. Jeanine noted that AKC has adopted new equipment requirements. We are o.k. for the next trial, but the Club will need to purchase new jumps for 2018.

Marion will be teaching an agility advanced class.

Obedience

Jean reported that the Connie Cleveland seminar went well. She wanted to thank everyone that helped to put the seminar on. The seminar had a profit of \$550.

A new obedience class will start in May. Patty will teach, but she needs some helpers and someone to cover a class that she can't make. Connie, Alice, Chris and Barb volunteered to help out with classes.

The club will not hold Ring run-thrus in May. Great Falls is holding one.

Rally

Rally practices facilitated by Connie and Steve Leatherman will resume May 3 at 6:30.

Old Business

Web Page – Tommie is willing to take over maintenance of the web page if someone will show her the program that is being used.

Titer Clinic – Tommie made a motion to allow use of the club's building for a titer clinic being planned by Adele. Rita 2nd, and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Delaney (substitute Secretary in Caroline's absence)

CLUB MEETING AGENDA-JUNE 6, 2017

As of now, here are the highlights:

- Minutes of May 2 meeting
- Agility Plans, Practices, Classes
- Obedience Plans, Run-Thrus, Classes
- Rally Practices
- Titer Clinic at Adele's on June 5
- AKC Code of Sportsmanship
- July Picnic, When, Where, Food Organization

No July meeting, besides which it falls on the July 4th holiday.