

HMKC PAWPRINT NEWSLETTER

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB*OCTOBER 2016 ISSUE

President: Thea Sperline
Vice President: Marion Erp

Treasurer: Catherine LeCours
Secretary: Caroline Hudnall

Newsletter Editor: Nancy Nicholson

Message From Your Board

It is with reluctance that the Board has accepted the resignation of our President, Thea Sperline. Marion Erp will assume the President's duties.

The Board would like to thank both Thea and hubby John for their many contributions to our club. Thea has held officer positions with the club in the past and has always made a difference in whatever role she volunteered for. She has covered the rent on our building by teaching endless obedience and agility classes; workshops and tested many dogs for their CGC titles. For the first time in the history of our club we have a budget to follow as well as many policies to guide us, thanks to her perseverance. With the help of John, she re-designed our club's website. She will be missed.

We wish Thea and John only the best in their transition to southern living.

Submitted by: Marion Erp, Caroline Hudnall, Catherine LeCours, Barb Delaney, Alice Elliott and Patty Mott

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

(pending approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF OCTOBER 4TH, 2016

Those present were: Jeanine Blaner, Ted Brodowy, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Janet Kosnik, Chris McGonigle, Patty Mott, Jean Norderud, Marsha Rae South and Thea Sperline.

The President called the meeting to order, we had no quorum at this time and 20% is needed.

A member showed and we now have a quorum.

The president called for approval of the minutes. The Secretary stated that we have a correction. The last line of paragraph nine should be deleted and the following inserted: . Catherine advised that if someone has a problem with submitting their entry please phone her.

Janice moved to approve and Jean seconded. All approved.

Thea mentioned that we would need to select a nominating committee. Officers coming up for election are: Vice President and Treasurer and one member of the Board which is the position that Patty has held. Also we need to decide if we want a January social.

The President gave a thank you to all that volunteered and worked the Cluster Show.

The Lease has been paid on the building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cluster: -Barb is out of town on business. Thea stated that Barb, Jeanette, Thea and Christy will meet on Cluster items at the time of the agility trials.

There were some problems with trophies at the show and for 2017 Chris will take back the trophy Chair position.

Agility Trials: It is looking good and 5PM on Thursday will be set up. We need an Agility coordinator. The contract for Susan's Barn is \$ 80.00 per month.

Classes: Obedience classes are on going and a youth class will be starting this month.

The January social was discussed and \$ 900.00 was budgeted for the meal.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The old agility equipment was discussed. Thea advised that she and Alice were taking Alice's van and going to Bozeman to pick up the equipment purchased from Shawna. They need another person to go along to help.
- Discussion on Conformation on Sundays- Janet advised that there is usual 8 to 12 people in attendance.
- Janet also advised that she would get with Wayne Cercle to see if he would build the ramp that is needed for the dogs that AKC says must be ramped for exam.
- Janet also mentioned that perhaps we could get a clothes rack for the corner to put show clothes that are no longer used and could be exchanged for club members that show in conformation.
- Marion will be in charge of the auction of old agility equipment, a minimum price will be set for each piece and she will decide how long and the dates that the auction will be open to club members.
- Marion brought out the brag can.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

CLUB MEETING AGENDA – NOVEMBER 1

Call the meeting to order

- Introductions of guests if any
- Minutes of the last meeting – October 4

Secretary's report – Caroline

Report of the President/Vice President

- Resignation of Thea Sperline
- Call for volunteers for President/Over-ride of Bylaws?

Treasurer Report – Catherine

Report of Committees

- Cluster Committee/Show Committee – Barb Delaney
- Search for Sept. 2017-2019 Obedience Chair, Rally Chair
- Search for Obedience Rental Chair
- Agility Committee – Jean and/or Patty?
 - Report on trial
 - New contact equipment bought and moved to Susan's barn
 - Equipment auction results
 - Agility practice coordinator volunteers?
 - Agility classes

- Obedience Committee
 - Obedience class schedule – Caroline
 - Anything new on Connie Cleveland September Seminar?

Nominating Committee candidates

Old Business

Status of ramp for conformation practice

New Business

- Holiday social in January
 - There is \$900 in the budget for that event
 - Need to find a suitable date, restaurant and make reservations

- Annual photo event by Dianne & Ron?
 - Need promotion/advertisement to draw in more public
 - Thea will place info on web page with details/ date, etc.