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HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB***MAY 2016 ISSUE**

President: Thea Sperline
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Treasurer: Catherine LeCours
Secretary: Caroline Hudnall

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This has been a dark, sad month; loosing Caroline was a shock for everyone. I have received several donations to the club from her friends and many great ideas came forward from you, the members, on how we can commemorate Caroline's ever present smile, hardworking attitude, encouraging words and much appreciated tasty treats she always brought to every event. We can talk about these ideas at the club meeting on June 7 and perhaps decide what we want to do.

Have you PLEDGED to sponsor a Trophy yet? If not and you do want to make a pledge please contact Florence Josephs, she is our Trophy Chairperson.

Changes to our Bylaws, yes they are ready for your approval. You should have received an email with the revision so you can study them before the club meeting. If you all concur that these changes are acceptable we will send them on to AKC for their blessing.

The Mary Jane Shervais Obedience Clinic is scheduled for Jun 11 & 12. We have a healthy Registration and Marion will give us a status report at the meeting. If you have any question please direct them to Marion Erp.

Our new web page – we think it is ready to go live. Have you taken a look at it? I will review our plan on transition to the new web site at the meeting.

We still are in need of **HELP!!!** Yes, **help is needed!!!** Many of the leaders of our major activities are needing some help and it is time for them to step back and train individuals to take over these roles.

- Agility Committee – Coordinator of practice sessions, Jean Norderud will continue to coordinate the practice sessions for this summer, but if no one steps up to coordinate the winter practice sessions, we may not have any.
- Agility Equipment – someone who will take the responsibility for keeping our equipment in proper/safe condition and move the equipment to the agility trial arena and/or practice locations. This person will have a great influence on helping the club decide on when and what type of agility equipment the club needs to purchase.
- Cluster Committee – Show Chairperson – someone who will work with the Bozeman club to plan the activities for the cluster including what AKC events to offer and additional activities that make our cluster such a success. Barb Delaney has been doing this job for many years now and she says it is time for her to step away from this role and attend to other more pressing priorities.

I hope to see you all at the June 7.

Thea

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

(Draft subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB MONTHLY MEETING OF MAY 3, 2016

Those present: Ted Brodowy, Tommie Dahl, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Nena Kruger, Connie Leatherman, Catherine LeCours, Desiree Moffett, Susie Morley, Patty Mott, Jean Norderud, Linda Owen, Thea Sperline and Rochelle Timmer.

The President opened the meeting and asked if there were any corrections, deletions or additions to the minutes. Hearing none Jean moved for approval, Ted seconded and all approved.

Secretary had no report.

The President gave the following report:

We will need a Cluster Show Chair for the show in 2017 and that person should work with Barb during this year. The president will be talking to the conformation people to become more active with the show.

The president asked for the treasurer's report.

The president reported that the budget is going well and that we are ahead in funds at this time.

Unplanned expenses are the Connie Cleveland Seminar and purchase of the AKC rule books and 4-H foundation. The agility Jumps have not been determined by AKC yet, AKC is to have a meeting in the next week or so and they may not even discuss the subject.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Grants: Nena, working on the East Helena Library request, it is a read program in the summer, they asked for \$ 157.00. WSU did a push for funds. Grant awards are to close the end of June.

Training Committee: Thea, we have set the classes thru the end of the year. Catherine has not set a date for beginner agility.

Trophy Pledges: Please contact Florence Josephs with your pledge.

Media: We need a person to take on that job.

Agility Committee: Discussion at length on equipment, will hold off pending the AKC decision on jumps.

Discussion on the used equipment that Shawna is selling, One needs to see the equipment and some thought it was too expensive for used equipment. More discussion on the Dog Walk.

Mary Jane Shervais Seminar: Kennels in the building during upcoming Seminar- it was decided that you move your crate or it gets used by attendees of the seminar. Marion moved and Connie 2nd. All approved.

Hospitality for the Seminar: Rochelle is chair and it was decided that she should spend \$ 7.00 per person.

Thea advised that she reserved the entry hall of the big building for the conformation people to hold their Sunday practice.

New Business:

Possible demo day (agility) Sandy Smallwood suggested a demo day, re: Farmers Market.

Braggs were next. Adjourn until next month.

BRAGS

Wild Pecosbill got his open sheep & duck titles from the recent ASCA trial along wit5h getting High Open Sheep and High Overall Cattle. Calamity Jane got her open sheep & duck from the recent ASCA trial.

Dravko finished his breed championship at the Intermountain Kennel Club show in South Jordan, UT by picking up a 3rd major. He is now formally known as CH. Savoy's From Russia With Love PT, NA, NAJ.

Jeanine Blaner

Tenley got the 2nd leg of her Open Jumpers title a the April trial and 1st place.

Chris McGonigle

Xira earned her NAP & NAJ at our April shows & she has run in only 3 trials so far. I'm so proud of her and my sister, Sandy, for doing such a great job training her.

Susan Bouse

Razor got his Novice Fast & Novice Jumpers titles and 2 legs of Rally Advanced/Excellent.

Judy Siebeck

At the Spokane rally trial Connie Leatherman and her mini-aussie, Beth, finished their Rally Novice title. Husband, Steve Leatherman and Maggie earned their Rally Novice title under Judge Lynn Tamms.

The Leatherman's

EXTRAS....

****Please contact Florence Josephs to sponsor trophy spots for our Fall Show Cluster @ mattiaci@gmail.com

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Here's the recipe for the fruit salad that everyone salivated over at the Agility Trial from Jean Norderud:

Easy Fruit Salad

Ingredients:

Small package Vanilla instant pudding

1 cup of buttermilk

8 oz. of cool whip (not fat free type)

1 can of pineapple tidbits, drained (15 oz)

1 Can of mandarin oranges, drained (15 oz)

Mix all the above ingredients together and chill overnight or at least 8 hrs.

Just prior to serving: break 1/2 pkg. of Keebler Fudge Stripe cookies into medium pieces, (not fine) and stir into salad and serve!

Enjoy, Jean

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From Marion the Librarian-----

These are the books that were purchased and will be adding to our library in the Club Building:

- The Focused Puppy, A Training System for Raising a Great Companion & Performance Dog, by Deborah Jones, Ph.D & Judy Keller
- Beyond the Back Yard: Train Your Dog to Listen Anytime, Anywhere! By Denise Fenzi
- DVD: Foundations Fun, by Silvia Truman

Club Meeting Agenda – Jun 7, 2016

6:30 - Call the meeting to order

- Minutes of the last meeting

6:33 – Secretaries report

6:40 - Report of the President

- Review the changes and vote on approval of Bylaws

6:50 - Treasurer Report – Catherine

6:55 – Report of the Committees:

- Grants Committee – Nena
- Cluster Committee – Barb
- Agility Committee – Jean and/or Patty
 - Financial report on April Agility Trial – Catherine?
 - October Agility Trial

7:15 - Old Business

- Mary Jane Shervais clinic/workshop, June 11 & 12 – Marion Erp
 - Note this has been CANCELLED
 - Conformation Practice on June 12
- Possible Purchase of rubberized agility equipment
- Possible Agility Demo Day – Sandy Smallwood
- First Aid Kit - Review

7:25 - New Business

Memorial something for Caroline Hattersley

7:30 – BRAGS - Marion

7:45 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)