



# Helena Montana Kennel Club

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This is a short and abbreviated newsletter. Shawna, our current newsletter editor has been swamp with work, the fires in the Townsend area has taken all her time and energy and our next editor is not totally trained on all the tricks that Shawna has been using to produce the Newsletter. So I am attempting to get out the bare minimum for you for this month. I am sure we will all appreciate next months newsletter all the more. Thea

## Presidents Message

Our Summer Social pot luck meeting was a fun evening with many delicious salads and desserts and lots of enjoyable conversations. We had a drawing and gave away 3 pairs of tickets to the Thursday night rodeo and 6 gate passes to the fair activities. I missed those who were not there; perhaps we will see you at the next social event. A BIG thank you to Florence Josephs for organizing this event and to everyone who brought the delicious dishes to share.

## Cluster Show

I can hardly believe that it is almost here. The premium will be published soon if it hasn't already. Barb Delaney has done a wonderful job as our Show Chairperson and representing our club at the cluster meetings. We always seem to have many individuals interested in being and Obedience stewards but we need conformation stewards too. If you can help as a Conformation Ring Steward please let our Chief Ring Steward or Barb Delaney know, training for that job will be provided. There will be an update at our August meeting on many other segments of our Cluster.

## Training opportunities

We continue to have the Agility practice on Wednesday evenings 6:30 at the Kanine Kondo, Rally Practice at 4pm on Saturday afternoons and Conformation Practice at 1pm on Sunday

afternoons both in our club building. All are FREE to club members, non-members are welcome for a nominal fee of \$5.

### Training Committee

The training committee gathered to make plans for the next 6 months of classes, watch our web site for more information.

Agility Classes - Let your friends know that we are planning on a beginner handling and equipment agility classes starting on November 2, with Catherine Lecours as instructor. Then again possibly in January of 2016.

We are going to try a new and exciting training class in January. Wendy Brenden suggested we have an obedience class for our young dog enthusiasts, including our 4H dog participants, those between 12 and 18 years of age. This class will teach all the same basic obedience as our other obedience classes but will take advantage of the special way youngsters and dogs relate to each other. Younger students can participate with the instructor's approval. This class will be offered at a reduced price to encourage our young enthusiast to participate.

## Thea



Nothing to report for this month

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hi all! The Cluster Dog Show is right around the corner and as many of you are aware, the raffle that we hold all four days is an income generator for both clubs.

We need your doggie related items to put in the raffle! If you would like to donate an item or basket to the raffle please leave it under the sign-in table at the building or on the shelves in the back room and let me know its there. ( [monique.hmkc@gmail.com](mailto:monique.hmkc@gmail.com) )

If you would like to go to local businesses and ask for donated items, please make sure you get a business card with the donated item so we can give the business credit for donating. If they do not have a business card, please keep track of what business donated what so I can make a card for the item. Please let me know which businesses you go to so no one is approaching them twice.

We also need energetic, fun-loving volunteers to help me work the raffle table all four days! J Contact me at [monique.hmkc@gmail.com](mailto:monique.hmkc@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer part / or all day and what day you would like to do so (September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>)

Thank you!

**Monique**

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**HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2015**

Those present: Wendy Brenden, Ted Brodowy, Sue Near, Sue Ceclrle, Allyn Ann Cummins, Tommie Dahl, Peggy Duezabou, Laurie Ekanger, Alice Elliott, Janice Frisch, Carolyn Hattersley, Caroline Hudnall, Florence Josephs, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Desiree Moffett, Linda Owen, Thea Sperline, Cyd Charlier, Rachelle Trimmer, Nancy and Lee Nicholson, Susan Sperry and guests Geri Bantz and Debbie Blank

Thea opened the meeting and asked for approval of the June Minutes, Patty moved for approval and Allyn Ann seconded the motion, all approved.

The meeting was in recess while we had a pot luck dinner. Then reconvened.

We had introduction of the members and guests.

The President gave her report: From the recent Board meeting: The latest policy for the club and a reminder that the policies are in the ring binder in the book shelves.

Thea thanked those that helped clean the building, they were Alice, Cyd, Nancy, and Caroline. Thea gave Caroline the floor to ask the members about volunteering to clean the remainder of the trailer.

Thea asked for someone to look for mirrors for the building. The table of misc. items will go to a charity after the members have gone thru the items. We will recycle old ribbons. Thea gave a report on the mouse problem. Need someone who will keep the garbage cans of plastic bottles and cans cleaned, need to recycle, Alice volunteered.

We need a volunteer to keep tabs on the printer/copier, Nancy volunteered.

Vice Pres report: none

Treasurer's report: 6 month profit and loss report given, it will become an attachment to these minutes.

Thea mentioned that next month will be a ½ year report and checking to see where we are with the budget.

We will be having a trainers meeting during the month. Testing for CGC is set for August 22<sup>nd</sup> with a 2 hour workshop the Saturday before. Caroline will be taking reservations for both the workshop and testing. Call or email her.

Agility: Patty reported: Chairperson for the Oct trial is Christy Leone with Doug Morgan as Chief Course builder and Ted will be assisting.

Need someone for Camping and also hospitality.

Currently Catherine, Jean and I (Patty) are looking at equipment, will need new jumps.  
Cluster committee: The premium is being finalized at this time.

New members: The first reading for Susan Sperry, Nancy and Lee Nicholson, Sandy Smallwood.

Final reading of Cyd Charlier, Connie and Steve Leatherman, Nena Kruger and Rachelle Trimmer. Various members moved to approve with seconds, all were approved individually by the membership.

Thea held a drawing for Rodeo tickets and gate passes for the Stampede and Fair.

Patty mentioned that mentorship programs are very important and she read a thank you note from a 4<sup>th</sup> grader that she had in one of her classes.

Braggs by Catherine and  
Adjournment, everyone approved Catherine's motion

Respectfully submitted,

**Caroline Hudnall, Secretary**

# AGENDA

## Helena Montana Kennel Club

### August 4, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

- 6:30 - Call the meeting to order  
Minutes of the last meeting
- 6:35 - Report of the President
- 6:40 - Treasurer Report – Catherine LeCours
- 6:45 – Report of the Committees:
- Training Committee
  - Agility Committee
  - Cluster Committee
- 7:00 - Old Business
- Membership Applications
- 7:05 - New Business
- 7:15 – BRAGS
- 7:30 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)





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