

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB*JUNE 2016 ISSUE

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

DID YOU KNOW – our club was founded in 1975 by a group of dedicated breeders of purebred dogs and dog show enthusiast? A few of our founding members included Laurie Ekanger, Vicky Maclean, Adel Delp and Mary Blake. This original club membership established the foundation for the success and popularity of our cluster show. We carry on many of the show traditions they established. This same group established the obedience training program for the general community. For many years there were only 3 classes each year, it has now been expanded to meet the needs of our community with 8 to 10 obedience classes each year. We have also established a conformation/showmanship training session on Sunday afternoons where handlers of all experience level can practice and learn how to best present their purebred dogs. The agility events came into the world of dogs and basic obedience training proved valuable in this sport as well. The club has gone through many changes over the years but at the core, the very reason this club exist is to promote quality breeding of dogs and the training of dogs, leading to a better quality of life for the dogs and owners. Every member in this club is instrumental in the success of our club and your participation is ALWAYS appreciated. **Without your participation this club will cease to exist.**

We have a full agenda for the meeting on July 5. I am sure you will find a topic that is near and dear to you, please if you can, come. If you work or you have other higher priority events and can't make it, we will miss you but perhaps you can send me an email and share your thoughts on that topic.

The June show circuit is barely behind us and from all the Facebook postings it looks like there are many brags to share at this meeting. I look forward to hearing them. Remember to send your brag pictures to Tommy Dahl, she would love to post your Brag on the clubs Facebook page.

Have a fun and safe Independence Day celebration.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on July 5.

Thea

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

(Draft Subject to Approval)

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Monthly Membership Meeting of the Members on June 7, 2016

Those present: Allyn Ann Cummins, Barb Delaney, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Caroline Hudnall, Florence Josephs, Chris McGonigle, Desiree Moffett, Patty Mott, Nancy Nicholson, Jean Noderud and Thea Sperline.

The President opened the meeting and called for approval of the May minutes. Hearing no additions, deletions or corrections, Patty moved for approval, Jean seconded and all approved.

The Secretary read a note from Carl Friedrich regarding his wife.

The President announced that we did have a quorum. She announced that the bylaws that were amended were ready for a vote.

#1. Jean moved and Allyn Ann seconded, it was approved.

#2. Regarding dues: Alice moved and Nancy seconded, it was approved.

#3 &4. Election to membership, Chris questioned-when do we use a secret ballot, discussion and Alice suggested we change the word "shall" to "may". Jean moved and Marion seconded the change, it was approved.

#5. Board of Directors, Patty moved and Jean seconded, it was approved.

#6. Jean moved, Florence seconded, it was approved.

#7. Patty moved, Marion seconded, it was approved.

#8. Barb moved, Nancy seconded, it was approved.

#9. Alice moved, Marion seconded, it was approved.

#10. Allyn Ann moved, Florence seconded, it was approved.

Treasurers Report: Catherine was not present and the President gave a short report on her behalf.

Grants Committee: No report.

Cluster Show: Barb noted that the premium is due to be finished by the end of the month.

- Trophies-Florence spoke about pledges for the trophy classifications. She needs commitments from the membership so that the necessary info can be included in the premium by the end of the month. She will send a reminder email to members.

Agility Committee: Practices continue on Wednesday evenings at Kanine Kondo. The Spring Agility Trial did not make much money, about \$1,000.00. Discussion on trials followed and it was decided that the toys are not going to be given out at future trials.

- October trial-Catherine and Barb will be secretaries and there was a call out to the general membership for help putting on the trial.
- The AKC has not ruled on the jump changes yet.

Obedience Workshop has been cancelled for the time being due to Mary Jane's medical problems. To allow the Conformation people to still have a place to practice on the Sunday that the workshop was supposed to take place, Thea has rented the entry hall in the main exposition bldg. She will need assistance with setting up at 12:00pm.

- Florence asked if we could have 2 posters put up in the training building on how to become a member as many of the Sunday Conformation group that practices together are NOT members and this might encourage them to join. Nancy offered to make the posters.

Caroline explained the contents of the First Aid Kit, where it is located and some of the new products. Also noted that we have a smaller mobile kit for use at the Trials and Cluster show venues.

New Business:

Our Cluster show will be dedicated to Caroline Hattersley. Funds from friends of Caroline Hattersley have been given to the Club in her memory. How to use that money was discussed. Discussion on many types of memorials in Caroline's name and especially with Jr. Handlers. Nancy moved and Allyn Ann seconded a motion for a Member of the Year plaque that could be permanently placed in our building with a different club member being honored each year and their name added to the plaque that had shown exceptional service to the club. Patty moved and Jean seconded to give a trophy for a Jr. Handler, discussion for it to be a 10 year trophy with a photo to the Jr. Handler. The trophy idea was approved but the decision was to hold off on the member recognition plaque for the July meeting discussion.

Chris moved for a \$50.00 trophy, gift certificate from 3-C's, Florence seconded, it was approved.

The Brag can was passed around.

Meeting was adjourned.

Club Meeting Agenda – July 5, 2016

6:30 - Call the meeting to order

- Minutes of the last meeting

6:33 – Secretaries report

- By-Laws AKC Status

6:40 - Report of the President

6:45 - Treasurer Report – Catherine

6:50 – Report of the Committees:

- Grants Committee – Nena
- Cluster Committee – Barb
- Agility Committee – Jean and/or Patty
 - October Agility Trial – Monique
- Training Committee

7:10 - Old Business

- Possible Purchase of rubberized agility equipment or skins for practice equipment
 - Need a work group if we do skins
- Possible Agility Demo Day – Farmers Market and or Fair
 - Need a committee to organize and make it happen.
- Memorial something for Caroline Hattersley
 - Memorial Trophy for Jr. Handlers
 - Member of the Year Recognition

7:25 - New Business

- New membership Application

7:30 – BRAGS - Marion

7:45 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)