

# HMKC PAWPRINT NEWSLETTER

## HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB\* JULY 2016 ISSUE

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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

#### ***DID YOU KNOW? I little about the Club's History.....***

The HMKC agility program was started by Sue Erickson and Vicky Maclean. They commuted to Missoula every Friday for classes for about 2 months in about 1997 or 1998 and learned what they could. Then they decided they would build equipment for the club which was done in Sue and Gary's garage. Some of that original equipment is still around, I know I have the original tire jump at my home, out in the field. Anyone who has the pretty (and very heavy duty) wood jump wings has some of the original equipment. Vicky says that she remembers one of them testing out the A frame in Sue's driveway by climbing up on it and it promptly collapsed! The chains were too long and attached too high up! Vicky still has the original dog walk. Sue and Vicky started the beginner classes, they got people involved and attended every seminar they could and learned as they went along. We owe Vicky and Sue may thank you for introducing our membership to one of the very popular events in the dog performance world.

Our Club was founded in 1975 by a group of dedicated breeders of purebred dogs and dog show enthusiasts. 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 exists 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.

### **MORE FROM MADAME PRESIDENT.....**

We have a busy agenda for this coming meeting on Aug 2. Marion will be running the meeting and I know she will appreciate your attendance. A big topic on the agenda will be the upcoming Cluster Show. I know we need someone who can move the trailer over to the exhibition hall. We need someone to take responsibility for setting up the bathing stations and help set up the grooming area. If you have never done these jobs before there will be guidance and training. I am also sure that Stewards are needed for show days. Barb will have a list of jobs that need workers and she will be reporting on all that at the meeting. Please consider attending. Check out the agenda in this newsletter.

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.

Yes, it is hot in Texas, but the humidity is not as bad as I expected. We have been busy and the dogs are behaving themselves nicely. I ponder the activities for John and I down here in Texas, I also ponder many other things related to our club. One of those ponderings has to do with our membership participation. You are important to our club. You are the ones who set the direction of our activities. You are the ones who make all the events happen. Your attendance at the meetings is more valuable than you can imagine. I did a quick assessment of our membership and came up with the following conclusions:

**We have 53 members including all associate members and active members.** You all break into the following groups, which one do you fall into? And yes. I know some of you work on meeting nights and you often share your thoughts outside of the meetings and I do appreciate those contributions.

- 9 are Associate Members
- 24 members don't or rarely do attend meetings.
- 26 members have an interest in Conformation activities, some of these folks show rarely but appreciate the significant value of conformation. Six of these individuals are associate members.
- 19 members are currently or have in the past been Breeders, of those only 5 attend meetings on a semi-regular basis.

***We need you at the meetings to help set the priorities for the club. Come join us, your opinions are valuable and important!***

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 club's Facebook page.

Thea

## SECRETARY'S MINUTES

*(Draft subject to approval)*

### HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB MONTHLY MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP, JULY 5, 2016

Those present: Thea Sperline, Janice Frisch, Tommie Dahl, Connie Leatherman, Ted Brodowy, Linda Owen, Caroline Hudnall, Jean Norderud, Catherine LeCours, Barb Delaney, Marion Erp, Alice Elliott, Florence Josephs and guests, Bob Schellie and Angela Bailey.

The President called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the June minutes. Connie moved for approval and Ted 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

The President then asked for introductions of all present.

President's Notice to Membership: She advised that she will have to have surgery on her shoulder but will probably hold off until this fall.

**Treasurer's Report:** Catherine passed around a profit and loss statement for the first 6 months of the year.

**Grants Committee:** With Nena not present Thea told of the two grants that we need to work on.

- The First grant: for the East Helena Library and their Read Program for the summer. It is for \$ 158.00 for equipment. (10 leashes and 10 collars). Nena's recommendation to the club was to approve. Marion moved and Alice 2<sup>nd</sup>. (there was an amendment which was approved. Need to know what the amendment was about).

- The Second grant: This was from the Special Ed. teacher at Radley School in East Helena. Caroline moved to approve and Jean 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. This is for two obedience classes and equipment for the dog. This is a facility dog for the school.

**Cluster Show:** Discussion on the Jr Handler trophy and a 3 C's gift certificate with a picture of the Jr Handler with the large trophy.

**Agility Committee:** Practice is still going on at 6:30 to 7:15. Premium is out for the October trial.

**Training Committee:** Caroline will be taking over the scheduling.

**Old Business:** Agility Equipment: update on the equipment is that the skins cost \$ 1200.00, with \$10.00 for the glue. Discussion ensued on various equipment and who is selling them. USA Dog Sports Co.-they have 3 pieces of equipment for \$3400.00. Tommie will check out the equipment.

**Discussion on Agility demo day:** Patty Advised that the Farmer's Market encourages dog demos. Discussion on having demos at the Fair after the 4-H agility trials.

**Discussion on Caroline Hattersley Trophy:** Jean moved for approval and Connie 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Thea showed the membership the picture of Caroline and Oscar to be hung in the club building. **Member of the year** to be voted on at the annual meeting. Alice was not in favor of it, the issued died for lack of a motion.

Liz Aghbashion's membership application was read for the first time, she is seeking an associate membership.

Marion collected Brags, the meeting was adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted  
Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

### **BRAGS**

Vicky's "Clipper", Winroc's The Flying Cloud, age 10, entered a hunt test after 6 or 7 years of running field trials and got another pass toward her Master Hunter title at the Eastern Idaho Retriever Club hunt test.

vicky

### **CLUB MEETING AGENDA – AUG 2, 2016**

6:30 - Call the meeting to order

- Introductions
- Minutes of the last meeting

6:33 – Secretary's Report

- By-Laws AKC Status

6:40 - Report of the President/Vice President

6:45 - Treasurer Report – Catherine

6:50 – Report of the Committees:

- Cluster Committee – Barb
- Agility Committee – Jean and/or Patty

7:10 - Old Business

- § Possible Purchase of rubberized agility equipment or skins for practice eqp
- § New membership Application

o Liz Aghbashian – Second Reading and Vote

7:25 - New Business

- Video of HMKC events to be added to Facebook and our Web-site - Florence Joseph
- Purchase or build a conformation "Ramp" for breeds such as Basset Hounds – Janet Kosnik
- Life Time Member Recognition – Janet Kosnik

7:30 – BRAGS - Marion

7:45 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)