



HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It seems we all had a great time at our Winter Social. The food was tasty, though quantity was short. The Chinese gift exchange was a fun time for everyone also. Thank you to everyone who offered comments and suggestions for future gatherings. Your comments regarding the food have been gathered together and will be shared with the restaurant.

The Board has met and reviewed the budget. I will present an overview of that budget at the February meeting and try to answer your questions. I will report on all the other topics reviewed by the board.

There have been some great suggestions for seminars and educational topics for our meetings. We are working on bringing Bob Sheppard of MT Trappers back for one of our meetings to share some new information with us. Plus, we are also working on bringing a Canine Nutritional Specialist to one of our meetings to give us the latest information. We also are working on bringing in a leading Obedience Clinician to Helena. We have a few other ideas in the works and will share them as soon as we can.

There are only 6 or 7 weeks before the first of the obedience and rally trials for the season in our local area. Are you ready? Do you need some practice? We have an obedience ring rental (Run Thru) planned for Saturday Feb 13, Contact Marion to reserve your time and for more information. Remember we also have these "Drop-In" practice sessions.

- Rally practice – every Saturday at 4pm at the club building
- Agility practice – every Sunday 11am to 1pm at Susan Engle's Barn

If you haven't sent in your membership renewal yet, you can print the renewal form from the WEB site and send it and your renewal fee to our Secretary, Caroline Hudnall.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

(Draft subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2016

Those present: Diane & Ron Armstrong, Jeanine Blaner, Susan Bouse, Ted Brodowy & Sue Near, Sue Ceclre, Barb & Ron Delaney, Adele & Gail Delp, Laurie Ekanger, Alice Elliott, Susan Engle, Marion Erp, Caroline Hudnall, Florence Josephs, Janet Kosnik, Nena Kruger, Connie & Steve Leatherman, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Desiree Moffett, Patty Mott, Nancy & Lee Nicholson, Jean Norderud, Linda Owen, C J Puotinen, Sandy Smallwood, Marsha Rae South, Thea Sperline and Rachelle Timmer. Guest was Jessica Johl.

The President opened the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes of the December meeting. The Sec made a correction while in the draft stage and the President advised she had received a request for a correction regarding the renting of the computer to Catherine LeCours. Patty moved for approval, Jean seconded and all approval.

Catherine gave a Treasurer's Report.

The President gave a short history of our finances from 2013 and at that time the finances were in trouble, with the help of the members we have built up our funds. She thanked the membership for working hard to accomplish this goal.

Catherine gave a nominating committee report. Carla Huitt and Barb Delaney are both running for a Board position. The ballots were handed out to those that have current (2016) dues paid.

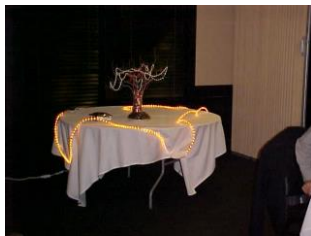
The President and Award Chair handed out the many dog title awards.

The President announced some vacancies: Grant Committee, we need three people for that. Need a person to learn what the Cluster Chair's duties are and to Co-Chair at the next Cluster Show. Also need a Co-Chair with Adele on the Parking.

The President announced that Barb Delaney was elected to the Board.

Catherine moved to adjourn and CJ seconded. All approved. The Party started!!

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Hudnall



REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Help Needed

Are there any members **willing** to be more involved in organizing and making our activities special and successful? Are you **willing** to take more of a leadership role? **We hope so.** There are many of us who have been doing these jobs for a long time and we would like to spread the knowledge and wealth of experience. We cannot continue to be the only ones who know HOW to do all these jobs. "Many hands make for light work".

- **Cluster Show Chairperson** - This involves attending cluster meetings, preparation of the premium, working with our show superintendent and making sure our show site is as it needs to be. Barb Delaney has been our show chair for many years, now and it is time to share this responsibility.
- **Agility** - There are many different things that need to be done for our agility interests. We immensely appreciate all the work that Patty Mott and Jean Norderud have done for our members who participate in the agility sport. They have done a wonderful job for us for several years and they intend to continue doing some of the work but not all. They have asked for some help. If you can take on some of this work it will be much appreciated.
- **Equipment Chairperson** – We need someone who will take responsibility of making sure our equipment is in proper working order, make sure our equipment meets AKC specifications, make sure the equipment is moved when and where it needs to be moved. This does mean that you have to periodically go to where the equipment is and examine the equipment, possibly make minor repairs or make arrangements to have repairs done. You would be the person most likely to recommend purchasing new equipment when it is needed.
- **Practice/Training coordinator** – This person is responsible for scheduling our training opportunities, which includes classes, practice sessions, seminars/clinics, Coordinating these ideas and plans with the other activities and communicating this information to the membership.
- **Trial Chairpersons** – this includes making sure we have contracted with judges, submitting our application to AKC, coordinating all the activities that are specific to the agility trial. Monique Prevel is our show chair for the 2016 Spring Trial. Who will be our chairperson for the Fall Trial?
- **Parking/Camping Chairperson for the Agility Trials** - Adele Delp has managed this job for several seasons and she is wanting to share her wealth of knowledge and experience in do this job, share the responsibility.

If you are willing to learn what it takes to do these jobs, please email me. You are more than welcome to visit with the member who is currently doing this job and learn more. We really do need your help!!!!!!

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Club Meeting Agenda – February 2, 2016

- 6:30 - Call the meeting to order
 - Minutes of the last meeting
- 6:33 – Secretaries report
- 6:40 - Report of the President
- 6:55 - Treasurer Report – Catherine LeCours
- 7:00 – Report of the Committees:
 - Training Committee
 - Cluster Committee – Barb –
 - Agility Committee
 - Help Wanted
 - Upcoming Trial - Monique
- 7:30 - Old Business
- 7:40 - New Business
- 7:45 – BRAGS
- 8:00 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)