



Helena Montana Kennel Club

April Paw Print 2015

Presidents Message

The agility season is upon us and many of our members have already participated in the first of the agility trials. I am sure we will hear many brags at our club meeting on April 7. I hope you come too and share your brag.

Our WEB page Calendar is full of activities, take a few minutes and browse. Unfortunately there are times when the detail in the calendar will not display. It may be that your JAVA or Google software is the wrong release. If you have this display problem try updating your software on your computer and/or phone, you may have to restart your equipment for the new software to take effect.

In April we have an advanced obedience class, focusing on off leash work, starting on April 14. We also have drop in practice sessions for Rally every Saturday afternoon at 4pm, agility practice every Wednesday evenings in Susan Engles barn at 6:30pm, Conformation practice every Sunday afternoons at 1pm. These activities are organized by our club members so that you can develop your skills and have some fun with your dogs. In May we are planning on another set of beginner agility equipment and handling classes as well as a beginner full size equipment class.

Our April Agility trial is upon us. Do you have your entry submitted? Entries close on April 10 Mark your Calendar April 23-26 and plan on spending some time at the fairgrounds helping. The Agility Trial committee will be looking for some help, contact Patty Mott or Jean Norderud to learn more about what you can do.

DID YOU KNOW?

This year we celebrate our 40th year. Our club became affiliated with AKC in 1975. If we go back a bit further in history, the club was originally established in 1973 by a small dedicated group of breeders and dog enthusiasts and was called the Vigilante Kennel Club. We are privileged to have several of the founding members still active in our club and several others who continue to help with our shows every year. Thank you founding members and happy anniversary.

Thea



~Marion Erp

Wyatt earned his Outstanding Open Regular (O-OAC) and his Open Chances (OCC) titles at the recent Galloping Dog Agility Club's NADAC trial over the March 13-15 weekend. In addition, the club offered High in Trial for each of the classes, and he won High in Trial for Open.

~ Jeanine Blaner

Dravko: Dravko finished his Novice Agility title at Collie Nationals in Oklahoma.

Ivan: Ivan had a great time at Collie Nationals this month. In herding, he was High in Trial and earned his second Advanced B Sheep leg. Ivan also won High in Trial in agility while also finishing his MX and picking up his 5th double-Q. He also earned two RAE legs and was a Most Versatile Collie Qualifier. Ivan also became the ninth collie in history to receive the Collie Club of America's Grand Versatility award, which is awarded to collies who have earned two championships plus an advanced or masters level title in a third venue.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2015

Draft, subject to approval

Those present: Mary Blake, Ted Brodowy, Allyn Ann Cummins, Barb Delaney, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Carla Huitt, Catherine LeCours, Linda Owen, Jeanette Prevel, Kathy Shuck, Thea Sperline and guests: Jody Siebeck, Jessica Johl, Nena Kruger and Connie Leatherman

At 6:35 the meeting was called to order.

A request for approval of the February minutes was brought forward and Alice made a motion to approve with noted editorial changes from Thea attached, Mary seconding, all approved.

The President Thea gave a report of the recent Board meeting. She advised the membership that Monique had resigned her position as Vice President. Then explained that there is confusion in the Bylaw that pertain to replacing her, Article 3, Section 3, it states “for all the then members” to approve. Question is: is it all the members, members in attendance or because it is under the Board article would it be members of the Board. We must correct this. Mary felt it’s the Board, she then made a motion addressing the paragraph, Ted seconded and all passed.

The President then advised that the Board had asked Marion to

become the Vice President and Patty Mott would fill the position on the Board that Marion held.

The President advised we will review the by-laws regarding the method of voting and type of communications. We will look at email notification, proxies, etc.

Secretary report: Reading the thank you note from Vicki Whitney's husband.

Treasurers report: Catherine has the report on her computer and will entertain questions. She has the P & L for the 1st two month period of this year.

Agility committee: Mary and Laurie are doing the baskets for the raffle.

Practices: Patty and Catherine graduated a class. The Wednesday practices will be from 6:30 to 8:30 and on the full size equipment.

Other classes: in April Thea will teach an advanced Obedience class on Tuesday nites.

Caroline advised that she was in the middle of the obed class and we will possibly be doing two obed classes starting on March 19th.

Grants Committee: we have three volunteers that have been approved and they need to prepare an application.

No new business

Adjourned

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Obedience Run Throughs-

When: Friday, April 17, 10:30am - 2:00pm.

Where: Helena Kennel Club Bldg., Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds.

FMI: Contact Chris McGonigle, isabel1349@bresnan.net, 443-7624.

\$5 for 8 minutes of ring time. 1 run per dog until everyone runs.

Please get in touch with me if you want to participate, and be sure to send your name (I can't always figure that out from your email), dog's name, class and jump height if applicable.

Hope to see you there!

Beginning/Puppy Obedience Class
April 6th thru May 11 Monday evenings 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Instructors: Patty Mott Janice Frisch
Contact Patty for signup pmott73@gmail.com

Our agility trial is coming up April 24-26. Please consider volunteering to help make this event a profitable one for our club. Marion Erp is our volunteer coordinator and needs someone to help with this job. Thea is heading up our food and has requested cookies/snacks. A followup email will be sent on the details at a later date.

~Submitted by Patty Mott

Fairground Building-

1. Lock on building, in the next week the lock on the building will be changed. I will send out a notice to all paid up full type memberships when that is done.
2. If you use the copy machine BE SURE to turn it off. Most of the time when I go to

the building I check and it has been left on. This helps to add those dollars to our electric bill.

3. If you leave food that is not in a container the mice will have a party so please try to keep dog treats, people food, etc. in containers that has a good lid.

4. If you see something that needs fixing, changing, etc. please notify one of the members of the Board or Officers so it can be taken care of.

~ Submitted by Caroline Hudnall



Submitted by Kim Sullivan - My Alaskan Malamute, Marlin passed away on Feb. 10th. A lot of folks in the club knew him well. A fun, happy fellow who will be missed by many.

May 18, 2003-Feb. 10, 2015.

Rain Dance A Touch Of Gray, CDX, GO, GN, RAE 5, OAP, NJP, NFP, CGC, NADAC NAC, NJC.

Living in my heart forever.

AGENDA

Helena Montana Kennel Club

April 7, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting

Report of the President

Board Meeting – Policy writing

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Committees:

Grant Committee

Agility Committee – April Trial

Obedience Training

Old Business

New Business

New Applications



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