

HMKC PAWPRINT NEWSLETTER

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB*FEBRUARY ISSUE 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are all gearing up for a busy show and trial season starting about now. It always promises to be a busy spring. We have so many activities we can do with our dogs, and I hope you can work with yours. Some of us only do one activity, some do a few, but there are plenty of options: conformation, obedience, rally, agility, tracking, barn hunt, AKC is starting up its own nose work program called scent work, and then there are the specialized activities for a few breeds: herding, lure coursing, carting. There are other AKC possibilities that we don't see much of around here available to all breeds: coursing ability testing, dock diving, flyball. I'm sure there are a few I've missed.

I wanted to thank Alice Elliott for arranging the special presentation on grooming with Molly Horton. Molly took a lot of time to make picture posters to show us various hair cuts and tell us about different kinds of coats, and how to do nails. She did a great job. It was very informative.

For the immediate future, we have several events scheduled: there will be another obedience ring rental on March 11 from approximately 10am to 2 or 3pm, depending on number of participants. Again, this is a good way to determine your readiness to compete at obedience trials this spring. Dianne Armstrong will be or has already sent out a notice about that day.

Anyway, this is going to be a short message, and our meeting on Tuesday March 7 may be short too. We have a special program again which will take place AFTER our regular business meeting. By member request, we have ordered DVD's on Choosing the Best Puppy, and Breeding Better Dogs Part 1 and 2. The Puppy one looks to be just 20 minutes long, and the Breeding one is two hours long, in two parts, so we probably want to only watch the first part if that much, and defer Part 2 to another club meeting night. So if you are interested in these subjects, please hang around after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, *Marion Erp, President*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Those present: Barb Delaney, Adele Delp, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Caroline Hudnall, Catherine LeCours, Desiree Moffett, Suzie Morley, Jean Norderud, Linda Owen, Jeanette Prevel, Guests: Kristina Vincent, Michelle Vallance and the groomers that will give a presentation.

The President opened the meeting and called for approval of the January and December minutes, Jean moved and Adele seconded, all approved.

President's report: The March meeting will have DVD's as a program, they are on Breeding and Choosing a puppy.

Saturday the 11th will be the monthly run-thrus for obedience, it is from 10AM to 2PM. Alice questioned the format and Marion responded that it was \$ 5.00 for 8 minutes.

No Secretary report

Treasurers report: Catherine handed out the 2016 report.

President: reading of two new member applications: Michelle Vallance and Kristina Vincent, second reading will be at the March meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Cluster:** Jeanette advised that some positions still need to be filled such as Raffle chair, The Gallatin club will make the quilt this year. We made approx. \$3,000 from the 2016 raffle. Still need a Chief Ring Steward
- **Agility:** Marion informed the membership of the on going beginners agility class.
- **Obedience:** Caroline advised the membership on current and up coming classes.
- **Rally:** Practice on Wed evenings are doing well.
- **Connie Cleveland Seminar:** Jean stated that we are almost braking even with finances, we could use some more participants in both working and auditing.

Misc: Marion advised that she will attend with Caroline a Fairgrounds Foundation sub-committee meeting on Sat the 18th to discuss possible fund raisers. If we join with the Foundation the profit would be split between the Foundation and our Club.

Marion advised that we need a web master for our web page, anyone interested please contact her.

Motion to adjourn with a second, all approved.

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder to Club Members,

The Connie Cleveland Competition Obedience And Problem Solving Seminar is fast approaching. The seminar dates are April 8 & 9 :

CONNIE CLEVELAND COMPETITION OBEDIENCE AND PROBLEM SOLVING SEMINAR

Join us on April 8 and 9, 2017
Helena Montana Kennel Club Training Building
Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds
2 West Custer Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601

Connie offers a limited number of competition obedience seminars. These seminars begin with a discussion of how dogs learn, then Connie works individually with handlers and their dogs. Plan on attending to solve your training problems, organize your training sessions, and create long-range training goals. www.dogtrainersworkshop.com

Recent seminar attendee comment: *"I want to thank you for giving such an outstanding seminar this past weekend. It was clear, concise, informative, and extremely helpful. I have been to other seminars; however, the direction you take your seminars outshines the rest."*

About Connie Connie was born in Lansing, Michigan and received her B.S. in Engineering from Michigan State University. She spent 10 years as the Training Director for Dogs for the Disabled. Currently, she lives in Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where she owns and operates Dog Trainers Workshop, a training and boarding facility. Connie teaches obedience to over 120 students each week. Connie's obedience experiences include 10 Obedience Trial Champions, a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-tzu. Currently, she shares her home with a variety of retrievers the most well known being AFC OTCH "Caleb" UDX OM2 and OTCH Micah***

UDX OM2 (For more information, please visit Dog Trainers Workshop homepage at www.dogtrainersworkshop.com)

Registration Information

- Early registration for HMKC members will run thru August 17, 2016.
- Cost is \$220 for working participants both days. *HMKC members cost will be \$175 for working spots both days.*
- Working participants limited to 18.
- Cost is \$100 for auditors, both days. *HMKC members cost will be \$75 for auditing both days.*
- Fees to include a light lunch both days.
- *Due to the fixed costs of this seminar, no refunds will be given after March 1, 2017.*
- Payment must be received with your registration as well as the signed HMKC release to reserve a spot in the seminar. A confirmation of registration will be sent via email.



• Start/end time of seminar, as well as other pertinent seminar information, will be made available via email in early March.

• Please note that the focus of this workshop is Competition Obedience and Problem Solving.

Questions

Jean Norderud-431-8122

Upcoming Conformation Training Seminar in Missoula

I am with the Five Valley Kennel Club and we are hosting a Norma Smith Handling Seminar, April 1 & 2, 2017 at the Fairbridge Inn, Brooks Street, Missoula, Montana. Cost for the 2 Day Seminar is \$200.00. Contact rainy@raindancerpups.com for registration forms and more information.

I also have a Flyer and other forms that I will be happy to send to your club, if I receive a contact email. Thank you,

Rainy

CLUB MEETING AGENDA MARCH 7, 2017

Call the meeting to order

Introduction of guests

Minutes of February 7 meeting

Secretary's Report – Caroline

President's Report – Marion

Treasurer/Bookkeeper Report – Catherine

Report of Committees

- Cluster/Show Committee
 - Vacant Positions still needing filling
- Agility Committee
 - Report of upcoming trials
 - Report on agility classes
 - Report on agility practices
- Obedience Committee
 - Connie Cleveland Seminar Report

Upcoming ring run-throughs
Rally Practices

Old Business

- We need a volunteer for HMKC's web pages. (Last newsletter listed is June 2016. Is there a Member's page & password?)

New Business

Adjournment

Brag Box

Video program on Choosing a Puppy, and Better Breeding of Dogs (if we have time).