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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a summer it's been so far, eh? Record hot temperatures, certainly record numbers of fires out there for August, and as of this writing, still going as strong as ever. Floods in Houston and surroundings, Irma lurking in the Atlantic Ocean — what's happening to our planet??!! Like the bumper sticker I saw recently, there's no Planet B..... But it's time to get to work.

Our meeting is the day after the Labor Day weekend and we've got work to do, starting with our September cluster. Please check in with Jeanette Prevel and Monique Prevel (406) 439-7531 to help. They also need raffle items, people to man the tables and take tickets and deal with the raffle money. Adele is recruiting volunteers from Carroll College to be ring stewards, but of course we need experienced conformation stewards to mentor them. We will even have conformation steward prize drawings this year! Nancy Nicholson is leading the way in the food department but she cannot do the whole thing herself — you received her email for desserts for Saturday and Sunday mornings (9/23 & 9/24). Let her know what you are bringing, or just bring it either morning.

It's still not too late to organize the community package from AKC, on dog-related materials to hand out to the general public. Obedience and rally stewards are being recruited or soon will be recruited by respective chairs Thea Sperline & Connie Leatherman; and Kim Sullivan. Please respond if they ask you to help. Some of us will be showing in obedience and/or rally and thus it is difficult for us to help out very easily. We do what we can, but the other difficulty is that if we are entered under a certain judge, we shouldn't be stewarding in his/her ring on the same day, but that unwritten rule is often broken to make sure the rings continue to run. I'm sure there will be a lot more discussion about these shows coming up, at our meeting, so it's an important meeting for you to attend, as we finalize the details.

Chris McGonigle and Janet Kosnik have agreed to continue on Grant Committee members. We have received a grant proposal from a military service dog organization out of Hamilton, I believe. We will let Chris and Janet make that decision because that's why we have a committee, and we've already voted on the total amount we were going to allocate.

And while I remember it, the Fairgrounds has told a couple of us that they will be working on our building during the next couple of weeks, to work on our constantly leaking roof at the front of the building. In fact, they may have removed it by the Tuesday evening of our meeting, but should have it covered with a temporary surface so that we don't get rained on (don't we wish). Anyway, the work they will be doing off and on should be minimally disruptive. I've asked them for an air conditioner for the building, but Jim laughed..... Out loud.

Before we leave the September shows, I should mention briefly the plans that are cooking for 2018. The Electric City/Five Valley 5-show cluster in June is disappearing, much to the regret of those of us who have attended those shows for close to 20 years — at this time it's not certain if someone or some club might try holding an event on that weekend. Five Valley is planning on hosting a 4-day show cluster at the end of May/early June, to tie in with the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene circuit, to hopefully increase their show entries, I *think* at the Missoula Fairgrounds. But here's the exciting news for us: for September, Electric City is clustering with the newly formed Flathead Kennel Club of Montana, to host a 4-day show on Sept.

15/16/17/18 which is the weekend BEFORE our September shows. If you check your calendar, this cluster is on Sat/Sun/Mon/Tues, leaving Wednesday a travel day to Helena for the handlers, and then our cluster would be held as normal. In other words, exhibitors would have 8 shows in 9 days, all of them including obedience and rally, of course. If obedience/rally exhibitors participated in the Great Falls Labor Day weekend trials, that would give us 12 shows in September! The hope is that for all clubs concerned, entries would greatly increase, since handlers could catch 8 conformation shows in just two locations. This no longer appears to be rumor; both Electric City and Flathead have been in tight communication with AKC reps to cross all their t's, and it looks to be a go.

Lastly, we also have an agility trial taking place over the Oct. 6/7/8 weekend. Set up is Thursday, Oct. 5 in the evening. All club members are welcome to volunteer with tear down on Sunday afternoon. We DO have a club meeting before the trial, on Tuesday, Oct. 3, to finalize details. I am sending you separately a proposal prepared by Jeanine Blaner, for the purchase of new agility jumps for which we have had budgeted \$4,000. The Board has approved this purchase, we can discuss it at the meeting, but because it was a large amount of money, we did not want to rush your decision, so we thought you could mull it over for a month and we could vote on it in October. See you all on September 5!

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Erp

SECRETARY'S MINUTES (June & August)

(Subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF June 6, 2017

Members present: Barb Delaney, Adele Delp, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Catherine LeCours, Desiree Moffett, Suzie Morley, Jean Norderud, Linda Owen, and Jeanette Prevel
The president opened the meeting and asked for approval of the May minutes, Catherine moved to accept and Janice seconded, all approved.

No President's report

No Secretary's report

Treasurer's Report: Catherine gave a report and advised that the agility trial made approx.. \$ 500.00.

Jeanette mentioned that most of the trials are down in entries as was ours.

Committee Reports:

Agility: Jean wants practices on Monday evenings.

Marion advised that she would do an advanced agility class if we get enough who want it.

The fall agility trial will be co chaired by Jeanine and Desiree. The volunteer coordinator will be Cyd and Deirdre.

Discussion on the new jumps that we must have by 2018. Jeanine and Jean have looked at equipment.

Obedience: there will be no run thrus at this time. There are several puppy classes being taught by others in the area.

Rally: Practice to 7-15 and the last two week will be no practices, after August 5th well have practices again.

Advanced Obedience: Alice will teach a 4 week class starting the end of August.

Marsha Rae asked if they could have an extra hour for run thrus and Marion advised that that would be fine. Start at 9AM and do 10 minute slots.

Tommy asked about the website. Discussion of putting things on various social media sites.

Titers clinic: Adele mentioned they had 9 dogs .

New Business: None

July picnic would be July 6th if we have enough interest. Fired chicken and salads and desserts.

Patty moved to adjourn, All membership present approved.

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Hudnall Secretary

(Subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

Membership meeting of August 1, 2017

Those present: Diane Armstrong, Barb Delaney, Adele Delp, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Caroline Hudnall, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Patty Mott, Linda Owen, Jeanette Prevel, Marsh Rae South, and Kristina Vincent.

The President opened the meeting at 6:30PM. She asked for the minutes and Caroline said that she just found the minute book and that the June minutes would be in the next newsletter.

Bookkeeper gave a report and advised that we are at a loss of \$ 233.00 so far this year. Poor entries for the agility trial and lack of classes were probably the main reason.

President gave a report, she advised that for the cluster show we will need help, at this time hospitality needs help, as does stewarding.

October Agility Trial: as of this time two agility trials have been cancelled, Great Falls and 5 Valley. Great Falls had a conflict with the date on the location and 5 Valley has had internal conflicts. This may help the entries for our trials.

Cluster Show (report by Jeanette):

We need someone to chair the raffle and to put together the baskets. We have several large items for the more expensive raffle. Jeanette described the procedure for those people that leave crates inside overnight, Christy will be the sheriff and will police that procedure on getting one's crate back. Jeanette mentioned that she was able to acquire several crates in couple different sizes at a special sale from Walmart and she will be donating them.

The Saturday night BBQ will be catered by Chili O'Brians.

Alice needs volunteers for the Ring Rentals on Thursday night. Jeanette advised that AKC has come out with a list of precautions for the Canine influenza and she will be having a flyer on it as a handout to the entrants.

The 4-H Bldg is not available this year for grooming and those people will have to go to the west side of the bldg. (outside). The Club will only have one grooming spot because of the limited amount of grooming areas. This grooming spot will be for only the working club members.

Thea and Kim who are chairing Obedience and rally rings will need stewards, please email them.

Diane and Jean will be the nurses on call.

Agility:

Jeanine is running the Tuesday night practices. October trial is the 6th thru the 8th. There is a need for a hospitality coordinator, Please contact Jeanine if you can help. Set up will be on Thursday and take down on Sunday afternoon.

The AKC has approved the new jumps and that is effective 1-1-18.

Obedience:

Patty will start a Basic obedience class on September 11th. Alice will do a 4 week continuing Education Obedience class on Saturdays.

Brag: Tommy would like to get the brags so she can put them on the website, please contact Tommy directly.

New Business

Rugs for the training building: Diane reported that Lowes had the best price for indoor/outdoor in a gray. Alice moved and Marsha Rae second to purchase the runners for \$ 217.00 and tape . Motion was approved and Diane was told to go ahead and get it.

Chris advised that Tom Hattersley wants a permanent trophy, after discussion Chris is to contact Tom and find out just what the family wants in light of the trophy that the Club has in Caroline's memory. Alice moved for adjournment and Adele seconded, approved.

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

BRAGS

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA - SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Call the meeting to order

Introduction of guests, if any

Minutes of last meeting

Secretary's report - Caroline

Treasurer's report - Kathy/Catherine

Vice President's report — Desiree

President's report — Marion

Report of Committees

September Cluster/Show

Call for volunteers and workers

Need for conformation stewards

Hospitality — Nancy — need for desserts & 1 volunteer Sat/Sun

Obedience Classes

Classes ongoing

Sign up sheet for September shows

Rally Practices -- Connie

Practice schedule?

Sign up sheet for September shows

Agility Committee

Practices ongoing — Jean

October agility trial — call for volunteers

Schedule for set up

Proposal for purchase of new jumps

Discussion on what to do with old equipment?

Grant Committee

Proposals

Old Business

Report on carpet/matting purchase — Dianne

New Business

Adjournment