



Helena Montana Kennel Club

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Presidents Message

This past weekend was full of wonderful Agility fun. I am sure our Trial Chairs, Jean Norderud and Patty Mott will have much to share about our weekend. From my perspective the courses looked like fun (I was wishing I was out there), the raffle of the agility tunnel was very popular, we had lots of help. As you know putting on a trial or show and have the GREAT reputation that our club has, is a lot of work and takes many hands to make it happen. THANK YOU to everyone who helped in all the many ways needed.

June is our next busy month for dog shows and trials. If you are planning on participating in these shows, remember that we have:

- Conformation practice in the building on Sunday afternoons at 1pm
- Rally practice in the building on Saturday afternoons at 4pm
- Agility practice on Wednesday evenings at Kanine Kondo
- If anyone would like an obedience practice on a regularly scheduled basis, let me know and we see if we can make that happen

Thea

THE BRAG BOARD

~Marion Erp

At the HMKC agility trial last weekend, I entered Wyatt in the Preferred classes to finish up some titles, and he earned his Standard Open Preferred (OAP) title, plus a 4th bonus leg and the first Standard Excellent Jumpers Preferred leg, all with first places. So now we are all in Excellent or Master, in all Regular and Preferred classes.

~ Chris McGonigle

Tenley got her OAP title at our show last weekend!

~ Shawna Noyd

We travelled to Purina Farms for our Flat-coat National. Rookie was a rock star earning his "BUD" (Big Useful Dog) Award for qualifying in Agility, Rally (finished his Advanced Rally title!), first leg in Beginner Obedience. He also made the cut in the large 7-9 veterans class and sweepstakes. Juliet debuted in Agility, and managed to partially tear her cruciate trying out dock diving :(Not so much a brag there. We have done prolotherapy and starting official rehab after being on crate rest and leash walks.

~ Thea Sperline

~Cydney Charlier

I have my first litter of Rottweiler puppies. They were born March 30th and are frozen semen babies out of my male Utah. 3 girls and 2 boys.

My little collie Vixen made Catherine and I very proud when she finished her Open Standard Preferred title this weekend. Then our Mighty Heidi finished her Open Jumpers Preferred title.

~ Patty Mott

Sally qualified 4 out of 6 classes at the Belgrade NADAC trial and earned her first Novice Fast leg at our trial.

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF April 7, 2015

Draft, subject to approval

Inose present: Tommie Dani, Inea Sperine, Florence Josephs, Caroline Hudnall, Kathy Shuck, Janet Kosnik, Ted Brodowy, Marion Erp, Chris McGonigle, Sue Cecrle, Janice Frisch, Patty Mott, Jean Norderud, Alice Elliott, Caroline Hattersley, Catherine LeCours, Carla Huitt, Nena and Dale Kruger, Connie and Steve Letterman.

The President called the meeting to order and asked for any additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes. Jean moved to approve and Ted seconded, with no opposition the motion passed.

The President gave an overview of the recent Board of Directors meeting and stated the Board worked on policies. She also stated that they will be in the black binder in the book shelf. Chris asked about the legislative policy. Thea addressed the issue.

Thea also stated that the web site is being updated. The club needs to purchase the adobe package. The agility secretary computer needs updating and that is \$ 140.00. The Treasurers computer operating system is too old to upgrade.

Treasurer's report, Catherine reported that our income is about 30% above budget. The expenses is right on track.

Committee reports:

Grants: Chris reported the an application is in process from the 4-H Dog project.

Caroline asked if the application has been designed yet. Chris stated that they are using an old one, she thought one that Vicky MacLean used in the past. Patty asked what other clubs scholarship programs are out there, Chris said she did not know.

Agility: Patty reported on the upcoming agility trials the end of the month. On Friday it will start at 11AM. Thursday evening will be set up starting at 5PM. Wednesday after practice the equip will be

loaded, the contact equip will go to Kaine Kondo, the remainder will be brought to the Fairgrounds for the trials. There is a need for lots of help and especially with working the rings and it isn't Rocket Science. On Sunday we will need lots of help. There is a need for Food donations. Patty gave a big thank you to Thea, Kathy S and Catherine who did classes.

We need entries. Someone asked if we could get the 4-H kids to do some work and it was mentioned that the 4-H Kids do not do AKC, NADAK caters to the younger participants. Hospitality needs volunteers too.

Training. Thea advised that advance obedience starts next Tuesday. Anyone having ideas on types of training, should let Thea know.

Thea also mentioned that if you have any good pictures, get them to her and they will be put on facebook.

Adjourned

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to all of you for helping with our Spring Agility trial this past weekend. As you know, it takes a a lot of planning, time, and hard work to make an agility trial happen. Patty and I are very appreciative

of everyone's efforts in making this trial a success.

Patty and Jean,

Trial co-chairs



~Marion Erp

As many of you know (but not all), I thought I'd let everybody know that I had to put Finn my Swedish Vallhund down on Easter Sunday evening — he was only 12 years old and I feel like this was a premature death in a breed that normally lives to be 14 or older. He was diagnosed with lymphoma two weeks previously, we started chemo in desperate hopes of remission, but we started perhaps too late and the cancer overwhelmed him. Our household is dreadfully quiet without his presence; Finn had the attitude and personality of a large dog, just on short legs. We miss him terribly. Wyatt misses his playmate, and I'm working on getting him another companion. R.I.P. my little Finnster. Thanks to Ron Armstrong for the picture last November.

AGENDA

Helena Montana Kennel Club

May 5, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting

Report of the President

Next Board Meeting

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Committees:

Grant Committee

Agility Committee – April Trial Results, practice plans

Obedience/Rally Training

Old Business

New Business

New Applications



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