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HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB*SEPTEMBER ISSUE 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - OCT 2017

We did it! Another successful Cluster Show in Helena, Montana is in the books. Most of our members came out and worked in some capacity or another, and a few others who were there may not have worked but have been active in other areas of club activities and business.

There were a few current club members who never showed, but some were on trips, some don't live here and I guess some aren't interested. But really looking at our roster, a majority of the members did show up.

Of course major kudos go to our Trial Chairs, Jeanette Prevel and Christie Leone, who were there from dawn to dusk all 4 days, running their tails off all day long.

They take vacation days from work to be at the show well in advance, live on site, take care of a million details, coordinate with a hundred different people for weeks before the show.

Jeanette says this was their 7th year, and we desperately need new volunteers but every year they step up because nobody else will take the job. The day they throw up their hands and say "I quit," we will be in big trouble.

Jeanette sent out an email to all thanking all of her committee heads and other workers, so I won't repeat the list. Special mention goes to Thea Sperline and Kim Sullivan, who drove up from TX to co-chair obedience (with Connie Leatherman) and Rally, respectively. They had the impossible task of coordinating stewarding help via telephone and email from afar, but they got the job done and the classes went off without a hitch.

So, thank you to all who helped us pull off another show, and stay tuned for possibly an even larger show next year because of the addition of the Flathead/Electric City Cluster, otherwise known as The Big Sky Cluster, just one week ahead of ours. Exciting times ahead!!

Now it is time to turn our thoughts to the rest of the year, starting with our upcoming agility trials taking place Oct. 6, 7 and 8.

We have a very nice entry and of course could use all the help anyone would like to provide. Much of the ring stewarding itself comes from the exhibitors themselves, but there are many jobs available where you don't need agility experience.

Jeanine Blaner will be discussing all things agility at our meeting, including the purchase of new agility jumps, which will be coming up for a vote.

Other pressing matters: I will be asking for a volunteer from our Board to be on the Nominating Committee, and will be asking the membership for 2 other volunteers to be part of this committee per our by-laws.

Think about it and see whether you can make a contribution to the club in this way. The two officer positions coming up are President and Secretary, and these could be difficult positions to fill, but we must.

The Nominating Committee announces their candidate(s) in December when nominations may be taken from the floor, and the membership will vote on them at our holiday social in January.

And lastly, please start looking around for a possible site for our annual holiday party.

We can have it in January like last year, to give us all some breathing room in December, but we need a committee to start looking. Actually one person would do. :-) If you have an idea or two and could get cost estimates together, that would be helpful.

See you at the meeting —TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3!!

Marion

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

(Subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

Membership meeting of September 5, 2017 at 6:30PM

Those present: Allyn Ann Cummins, Tommy Dahl, Peggy Duezabou, Laurie Ekanger, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Janet Kosnik, Connie Leatherman, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Nancy Nicholson, Jean Norderud, Linda Owen, Jeanette Prevel.

The President called for approval of the minutes. A correction, Jean is not on call for the show as nurse.

(Need who made the motion and who seconded)

Secretary report: none

Bookkeepers report: As of this date we are \$ 265.00 in the red. Catherine needs an invoice from Kanine Kondo so she can pay them.

Marion reported that the mats for the building have been ordered and are to be delivered to Diane's address. Diane is not present at the meeting.

Vice President report: She is not present.

President reads her report: We need volunteers for the show. We need somebody to set up the responsible Dog ownership material. Nancy volunteered.

Grants committee: Is Chris and Janet the committee? They said they will do the work as we have an application, more later in the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cluster, Need Raffle person, need a volunteer to move the trailer and also the bath tubs, Alice volunteered. Need someone to go to Murdocks for the potty kennel.

Request that people bring desserts for Sat and Sunday of the show. The goodies can come in Sat morning and will finish them off on Sunday.

Obedience: Caroline reported that we currently have a class that Patty is teaching, The next classes will be starting on Saturday, October 14th at 1PM with Alice as trainer and Susie will start a class on Monday, November 6th at 6:30PM.

The rally class and agility class will be discussed after the agility trial and

will set some dates for them, probably after the first of the year. We will try to have a CGC workshop and testing in the next couple months.

Rally practices are still on Wed night with Connie and Steve doing an outstanding job for those that show for practice, they have very interesting sessions I'm told and will start working on the new events that AKC has come up with.

Agility: Practices have been hit and miss . We have need for hospitality for the Fall trials, we need volunteers.

Grants: We have a grant application from a group in Hamilton that is training dogs for vets. Discussion on the application and Peggy suggested we set date parameters.

Brag

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

BRAGS

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA — OCTOBER 2017

Call the meeting to order

Introduction of guests, if any

Minutes of last meeting

Secretary's report — Caroline

Treasurer/Bookkeeper's report — Catherine LeCours & Kathy Shuck

Vice President's report — Desiree

President's report — Marion

Report of Committees

September Cluster recap

Conformation

Fall conformation practices — Janet Kosnik

Obedience

Recap of obedience at cluster

Recap of obedience ring rentals — Alice

Fall obedience classes ongoing — Caroline

Fall obedience run-throughs? — Dianne

Rally

Recap of Rally at cluster

Fall practice schedule — Connie

Agility

Upcoming agility trial preparations — Jeanine

Ongoing agility practices at Susan Engle's barn — ???

Grant Committee

Proposal from Military and Canines

Other proposals?

Old Business

Agility jumps — Jeanine

Proposal to purchase new jumps per AKC requirements

Discussion on what to do with the old jumps

Need to keep some for practice rather than use the new plastic ones

Possibility of silent auction as per Spokane D.T.C.

Building carpet/matting purchase — Dianne

New Business

Nomination Committee volunteers needed

Holiday party committee volunteers needed

CGC Proclamation to state legislators — letter from Mary Burch @ AKC

Adjournment

Brag Box — Marion