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# HMKC PAWPRINT NEWSLETTER

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**President:** Thea Sperline  
**Vice President:** Marion Erp  
**Secretary:** Caroline Hudnall

**Treasurer:** Catherine LeCours  
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## President's Message

There are some exciting seminars and educational topics coming in the near future. More information will be available soon.

- April 5<sup>th</sup> Club meeting (directly following the close of the meeting)– *Providing Optimum Canine Nutrition for the Canine Athlete* Presentation by Libby Burr, owner of Bridger Animal Nutrition Stores. Ms. Burr has a BS in Equine Nutrition degree from Colorado State University. She is a certified companion animal dietician, a certified health coach and in 2014 obtained her clinical pet nutrition certificate. She has been serving the Bozeman community for 19 yrs and we are privileged to have her speak about canine nutrition at our meeting. Members are welcome to bring a guest to this special event.
- Coming soon - Bob Sheppard of MT Trappers-Update on Trapping methods and Techniques
- May – Obedience Workshop/Seminar – Mary Jane Shervais
- Sept Cluster – AKC Show Committee Seminar
- April 2017 – Connie Cleveland Seminar

Last Call for your membership renewal. You can print the renewal form from the WEB site or take one from the bulletin board in the building, fill it out and send it and your renewal fee to our Secretary, Caroline Hudnall. You also can turn in your renewal form and fee at the club meeting. The lock on our building and our various storage sites will have new combinations soon after the March meeting. As a renewed member you will receive an email with the new combination.

I have learned of a few incidents at the building that I need to share. I hope by sharing them that they will miraculously be resolved.

- I have heard that a member had left some food items, in a properly sealed container, on their crate, one day that food was no longer there.
- To my surprise a WHOLE container of jerky stick dog treats that had never been opened and kept in the training cabinet was no longer there. Those dog treats were there for training classes. I wonder what happened to them?

A good rule for us all to remember – if you didn't bring it maybe you shouldn't consume it unless you are invited to enjoy it. Food, snacks and beverages on the microwave table are there for the taking.

For those of us who have dog crates at the building, please put your name on your crate so we know who to contact. For a very long time the unwritten understanding has been, if a crate does not have a crate pad in it a guest or member may temporarily use that crate for their dog unless the crate is marked otherwise. We need to talk about this at the meeting and determine if that understanding needs to be corrected.

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## SECRETARY'S MINUTES

*Draft subject to approval*

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Those present: Jeanine Blaner, Cyd Chariler, Peggy Duezabou, Deirdre Kane, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Janet Kosnik, Nena Kruger, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Desiree Moffett, Patty Mott, Nancy and Lee Nicholson, Jean Norderud, Linda Owen, JC Poutinen, Sandy Smallwood, Marsha Rae South, Thea Sperline, Rochelle Timmer, and guest Susie Morley.

The meeting was opened by President Thea Sperline. She called for approval of the minutes. Caroline added a correction to the minutes, that being: The second reading of the member applications for Susie Morley and Jessica Johl. Nancy moved for approval and Allyn Ann seconded. All approved.

The President's report: We have new AKC Obedience and Rally rulebooks, if you didn't ask for one previously please let Thea know that you want one and we will place another order when we get an amount to warrant a discount.

The President gave a report on the recent Board meeting, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Many of those items were:

- Working on some revisions to the bylaws which include: The associate member requirements, some grammar errors and the nominating committee. We will try to get details at the March meeting.
- It was reported that the Board worked on budget review. Items discussed were- to increase the hospitality for the agility trials from \$850.00 to \$1,000.00.

Discussion on Agility trial entries as well as cluster entry numbers.

Janet asked about having a 4 – 6 month Puppy Class at the Sept. Cluster and was advised to take that to Barb as that is a Cluster decision.

Other items discussed by the board regarding the budget: Agility equipment, computer, library and carrying forward the \$500.00 grant money from 2015 to 2016 for a total of \$ 1,000.00.

The President then discussed the new HMKC Web site. It will have a private password page for members only, a scrolling photo capability, and a brag page for major accomplishments. The Board members have access to the new web site at this time for study and review. Future items to include could be: paying on-line for all kinds of things and being able to spread the updates to key members.

The Past Presidents plaque was discussed. The term dates of past presidents is still being ascertained. We need the president (s) for 1988 thru 1991. If anyone knows who this is please contact Thea with that info.

**Proposed Club Seminars** were discussed. One that Jean Norderud is working on is the 2017 Connie Cleveland Seminar. It is estimated to cost \$ 4,000.00. It would have 20 to 24 working spots and unlimited auditors. The dates would be during the first week of April. There is a \$ 300.00 non-refundable deposit for our club to reserve her time. Marion answered some questions as she has attended a seminar in the past. She said Ms. Cleveland calls on people that have a problem and has them and their dog come up one by one and works on how to resolve the problem. Caroline moved and Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve to spend the \$ 300.00 (deposit) so we can go ahead and reserve this time on Ms. Cleveland's calendar, pending conformation of dates, all approved.

**4-H Foundation Membership request.** The Board recommended to give them \$250.00 to be dedicated to the 4H dog project. Catherine moved and Nena 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved the recommendation.

Another bylaw change involves the treasurer. We will have an internal review of the books. We should have the bylaw that states that we have an annual internal audit of the books and the year that a new member takes the position of treasurer an audit shall be done by an accounting firm.

**Training:** We will have two different times for Novice level practice at our club building, Wednesday from 2 – 3 PM and Sunday from 9-10AM. Competition OB practice on Saturday and Sunday 10:30 to 1PM. Saturday would be open and Sunday the Utility.

**Cluster Show:** We will be posting in the newsletter a Help Wanted list.

For the Cluster Show Florence is the trophy chair and the pledges need to be done by April 1<sup>st</sup>. A lengthy discussion on the trophies we want to offer, Jeanine moved to suspend the breed specific awards for 2016 on all events, Nancy seconded and all approved. Money awards were discussed. Jeanine moved to pay cash and Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> all approved. For Obedience and Rally the options of 1<sup>st</sup> place- toy vs. cash in each class was discussed. Bozeman gives a toy and we would be doing \$ 10.00 cash. Jeanine moved and Cyd 2<sup>nd</sup> and all approved.

**Agility:** Help is needed for Adele in the parking area, Jessica volunteered, Monique is the trial chair.

**Grants Committee Chair:** Nena will chair the grants committee. Nena mentioned that the guidelines and application needs to be updated.

**Prospective New Members:** The two new membership applications were read, Jessica and Suzie. Caroline moved to approve and Lee seconded. All approved.

Lastly, The president mentioned the two small books available for order for Obed and Rally. Diane will obtain them after we get a list of who wants them and payment will be made to Diane.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

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### Club Meeting Agenda – March 5, 2016

6:30 - Call the meeting to order

- Minutes of the last meeting

6:33 – Secretaries report

Last call for membership renewals

6:40 - Report of the President

6:55 - Treasurer Report – Catherine LeCours, Internal Audit report

7:00 – Report of the Committees:

- Training Committee
- Cluster Committee – Barb –
- Agility Committee
  - Upcoming Trial – Monique

7:20 - Old Business

7:25 - New Business

Possible seminar/workshop (Mary Jane Shervais) in May??

7:35 – BRAGS

7:45 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)