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HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB*NOVEMBER ISSUE 2016

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all are enjoying our snow-free winter so far (as of this writing, anyway). It may not seem normal, but it sure is a heck of a lot easier to live with, to not have snow on the ground to have to shovel.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 6. By then, we will have had the Photo Shoot arranged by Dianne and Ron Armstrong that took place on Sunday, December 4, 11am-3pm at the HMKC bldg. This event has been much appreciated in the past; people came from all over last year for official "portraits" of their families, both human and canine. The pictures will be available on Ron's Flickr site for all to enjoy.

At the meeting the Nominating Committee will announce their choices for Vice President, Treasurer and a Board member (all three year terms). Potential candidates for these positions may be taken from the floor, as long as the person is present to accept the nomination, or has provided written permission. The membership will be voting for these candidates at our holiday social in January, date and place to be announced at our meeting and approved by the membership, hopefully. For the duration until our January meeting, we will not have an active Vice President – for this short period of time, it was not deemed necessary. New officers and board members take over at the end of the January meeting.

We had an agility meeting on November 14, and after much arm-twisting, we have gotten most of our trial positions for our April 2017 trial filled. Jean and Jeanine are sharing Trial Chair duties.

You have all read Jeanette's plea for an Obedience/Rally Chair, and a Chief Steward for conformation. Gallatin Dog Club has had these positions for the past three years and it's our turn. But again, the easiest way to make these jobs doable is to cut them up into pieces and delegate the smaller duties to other people. The email from Jeanette has listed the job duties; they can be assigned later – the show doesn't take place until September, after all – there is plenty of time for that, but Jeanette needs names now so that the show can move forward. You don't have to take the position for three years either – take a year, see how it goes, and you might like it! Or you can at least mentor the next person to take on the job.

We are also in critical need of instructors for our basic obedience training program. We are developing some new potential members as assistants as fast as we can, but the reality is that instructors GET TIRED of having to teach 3 or 4 sessions a year, and they burn out. The

training program provides a significant chunk of money with which to pay for our building. We may end up reducing the number of classes we offer, which will of course reduce our income. Teaching is actually very gratifying, and if you are totally unsure as to what to teach, become an assistant for one or two sessions. It's not rocket science. There is written material to help you, see what the instructor is doing and how she is doing it. You can add your own stamp to the training program if you want, as long as basic requirements are met.

We have 54 names on our roster. There are a few more members than that because of husband/wife teams, maybe as many as 60. Out of that number, we've lost another 5 key workers who have moved or are about to move, and another 5 or so who live out of the area entirely. And also out of that 60 or so, consider the number of us who are just plain and simply getting OLDER, have reduced energy levels, have increasing disabilities or maybe spouses or kids to take care of. **We need everybody in the club to take on one or two smaller or larger parts if they possibly can.**

Respectfully,

Marion Erp, Acting President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING - NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Those present: Allyn Ann Cummins, Tommie Dahl, Barb Delaney, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Nena Kruger, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Desiree Moffett, Patty Mott, Nancy Nicholson, Jean Norderud, Linda Owen, Jeanette Prevel and Marsha Rae South.

Marion opened the meeting and asked for approval of the October minutes. Alice moved and Nancy seconded and all approved.

Secretary report, she read a thank you note re: the facility dog at Radley School in East Helena. Marion advised that at this time she did not want the President's job but read the bylaws which stated that she becomes president upon the resignation of the current president. She will talk to the Board in regards to this.

Marion announced that the nominating committee is: Patty, Chris and Laurie.

Treasurer: Catherine handed out the current report.

Cluster Committee:

Jeanette reported that we need to find some show chairs and that they would serve for three years. Jeanette (HMKC) and Christie (GCKC) will be the two Show Chairs. Need Rally and Obedience chairs, Chief Ring Steward, Raffle chair, Hotel arrangements and vendor Chair. Also need key positions for the application and the deadline is around the first of the year.

The Obedience rentals will be one night, Thursday or Friday night. Alice has volunteered to be ring rentals chair.

Agility Committee: Jean reported that the trial went very well. Profit will be approx.. \$2800. Which is low.

Practices will be on Sunday mornings from 10 to 12 weather permitting. Jean advised that both trial judges have been hired (contracts signed) A meeting should be held to discuss the upcoming trials. Jean is willing to teach a person(s) to take over agility trials. The application for the spring trial is mid-December. Job descriptions will be available for anyone who is interested in one of the positions for the agility trials.

Marion discussed the auction of the agility equipment. Caroline reported on the Agility classes, Jeanine is teaching the beginner agility now and Marion will start the next one in January.

Rally:

Some discussion on Rally practice, Marion and Caroline will consider this.

Seminars:

Jean gave an update on the Connie Cleveland Seminar and that she now has 8 working and 4 auditing for the seminar.

Conformation:

The Ramp for conformation was discussed, Nancy said she sent the photo to Sue Ceerle to see if she had a contact to build this, but has not heard back. Nancy has donated a clothing rack for the conformation clothing exchange and there are currently items on it for the taking.

Holiday Party:

The Holiday get together was discussed and Marion said that \$900.00 was set for it. Catherine said she had problems with Chili's, lack of food and problems with the bill. Set the date of January 7th or the 14th.

Jean moved and Nancy 2nd and all approved of the arrangements and Nena volunteered to chair this and will find a place and negotiate prices, etc.

Miscellaneous:

Annual Photo event. It will be on a Sunday morning in December.

Marion said there would be run thru's at the Entry hall for Obedience.

The brag can was passed around and several gave brags.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

Members reported earning the following titles in 2016 to Jeanine Blaner:

Cyd Charlier & BJ (CD, RN); **Barb Delaney & Apollo** (CGCA); **Catherine LeCours & Terra** (MXP, MJP, MFP) & **Oreo** (OFP, AJP); **Jeanine Blaner & Ivan** (MXS, MJG, MACH, MACH2, TC) & **Ginger** (OA, OAJ) & **Dravko** (Ch., NF, CGC) & **Asia** (ACT1, PT) & **Mircea** (ACT1, PT, CGC); **Jean Norderud & Roxy** (MX, MXJ); **Marion Erp & Wyatt** (XFP, O-TN-O, S-TN-O, EJC, S-OAC, S-OCC, O-TG-O, O-WV-O, S-HP-N, RATO) & **Kisha** (ACT1, RATN); **Steve and Connie Leatherman & Maggie** (RN) & **Beth** (RN); **Kim Sullivan & Elise** (1000 point award, O-NJC, S-NJC, O-TG-E, O-TN-N, O-TN, XBR-N, O-WV-N, O-HP-N, S-HP-N) & **Harmony** (BN, PCD, RA, NJP, NFP, Intro Versatility Award, IAC, ICC, IJC, NJC, O-NJC, TG-I, TG-N, TN-I, WV-I, HP-N, O-HP-N, XBR-I, XHP-I); **Nancy Whitbeck-Nicholson & ZuZu** (Ch.); **Desiree Moffett & Pecos** (OTDc, OTDs, OTDd, ATDc, ATDs, ATDd, WTCH) & **Bunny** (OTDs, OTDd, ATDs, ATDd) & **Sue** (STDs); and **Janet Kosnik & Talker** (UKC GRCH) & **Rocky** (UKC Ch) & **Goldy** (UKC Ch).

CLUB MEETING AGENDA – DECEMBER 6, 6:30pm HMKC Bldg.

Call the meeting to order

- Introduction of guests, if any
- Minutes of last meeting of November 1

Secretary's Report – Caroline

Report of the President -- Marion

Current status of President/Vice President positions for 2016/2017

Treasurer Report – Catherine

Report of Committees

- **Cluster/Show Committee – Barb Delaney/Jeanette Prevel**
 - Search for Obedience/Rally Chair
 - Search for Obedience Rental Chair – Alice Elliott has volunteered
 - Search for Chief Ring Steward
- **Agility Committee – Jean or Patty**
 - April 2017 Trial – Prep/Positions/Volunteers/Hospitality
 - Practice Coordinator – Marion/Sunday afternoons resuming in January
 - Agility Classes – Jeanine/Marion
- **Obedience Committee – Caroline**
 - Obedience Class Schedule – Caroline
 - Need for Instructors
 - Rental of Exhib. Bldg. lobby for 4-hour obedience run-through – Marsha
 - Obedience Run-Throughs January 14

Old Business

- Status of ramp for conformation?
- Report of Photo Shoot on December 4
- Holiday Social in January – Nena – date/place/time/restaurant?

- Nominating Committee Report -- Patty
- Requests for candidates from the floor

New Business

Adjournment

Brag Box