



HMKC PAWPRINT NEWSLETTER

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB DECEMBER 2015

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

**Treasurer: Catherine LeCours
Newsletter Editor: Nancy Nicholson**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! I hope your Christmas was wondrous and exciting. Now we have a brand new year to look forward too. Along with more hours of daylight and warmer weather (sometime soon).

Is dog training part of your new year's resolution? Perhaps a new event to train for or to refine the skills you and your partner have already mastered. Whatever your goal is, there are many opportunities to practice with your fellow club members. Check out the Calendar and join us at a practice session or fun runs or join one of the many classes offered. Your fellow members always seem to be ready to assist you in achieving your goals.

- Rally practice – every Saturday at 4pm at the club building
- Agility practice – every Sunday 11am to 1pm at Susan Engle's Barn
- Conformation practice – every Sunday at 1pm at the club building

The next obedience Fun Run will be on Saturday Jan 9. The Spring trials are closer than we think; come on out and test your readiness. Be sure to make your reservation for this fun event.

Speaking of goals, be sure to take a look at our year end BRAGS. SO many new titles earned this past year, in SO many different venues. It is truly exciting to have so many members training, exhibiting and earning titles. Congratulations to everyone. Those who requested title pins will receive them at the January Social.

Our January social will soon be upon us. The date for the social has been moved to Saturday Jan 16 due to a scheduling conflict with Chili's. We will also have the traditional Chinese Gift Exchange which always promises to be fun and exciting. See the Flyer in this newsletter for the details and make your reservations.

January is also the time when we have club officer elections. This year we will elect 1 board member to serve a three year term. We have two very qualified and experienced candidates for you to consider. You will find their resume of qualifications in this newsletter also.

Your membership renewal must be submitted to our Secretary, Caroline Hudnall, at or before the January Social event in order to vote in our election. The membership Renewal form is included in this newsletter and is available for you to print from our Web-site.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Draft subject to Approval

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB Meeting of the membership on December 1, 2015

Those present: Ted Brodowy, Cyd Charlier, Barb Delaney, Adele Delp, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Deidre Kane, Catherine LeCours, Patty Mott, Nancy and Lee Nicholson, Linda Owen, Jeanette Prevel, Monique Prevel, Sandy Smallwood, Thea Sperline and guests, Jessica Johl and Susie Morley.

The president opened the meeting and called for the approval of the November minutes, Cyd moved to approve and Lee seconded, all approved.

No secretary report.

President report :

Lynn Tamms sent a thank you note regarding the session on new AKC obedience rules that was held.

The President reviewed the action that the Board took at their last meeting.

Policies: Family membership, New member requirements and Associate membership. Cyd had a question if there is any age requirement. There is none.

The club will order new Obedience rule books. Patty said there was no reason to order agility book as they get new ones at trials.

The Board also approved, for Catherine to rent the club's equipment for other clubs' agility trials.

We will be updating the club's software as there is several programs that we cannot use.

We will be loaning the grooming tables to the Race for the Sky.

The large overhead door on the west side will be insulated.

We will purchase a nice gift for the fairgrounds workers.

A Past Presidents Plaque will be made and Catherine is taking charge of that item.

Carroll College wanted to use our building; before we could take care of the request the class at Carroll found a place on campus to hold the CGC tests.

Mail Chimp, this was a free site that Shawna used for the newsletter and many could not download the newsletter from it, therefore we have decided to drop it.

I'm working on the budget at this time.

We need a grants committee. The unspent \$ 500 from 2015 will roll over into the budget for 2016. There are several places that money could go: 4-H project, AKC- Humane Fund, Univ. of Montana students in Vet school, Helena PD, K-9 Unit. We need a committee for the Grants.

Agility: the new equipment has not been determined by AKC yet but sounds like it is coming soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Obedience: the 6 months of training classes is posted on the cork board. Rochelle is just finishing up her class and Caroline will start a class starting the 16th of January.

Agility: there will be classes starting in January, Equipment and beginner full size equipment too. Patty and Jean want to retire from being co-chairs of the Agility committee so we are looking for a person (s) there.

Because of poor attendance on Wednesday nights we have changed to Sunday practices. We are doing a contract to pay Susan Engle to store the equipment.

Conformation: Rita has retired and Janet Kosnik has taken over the practices on Sunday afternoons.

Cluster: Barb reported on the Specialty arrangements to date, Saturday will be a Theme Day "Western" with everyone encouraged to wear western garb, we will have a barbeque that evening. Obedience, conformation practices and CGC testing on Thursday evening. Connie Leatherman is making the quilt for this year's show. Monique is Raffle Chair, Florence is Trophy Chair. Discussion on the trophies for the show as there have been some problems on breed specific trophies.

April Agility Trial: Cyd and Peggy will do the volunteers, Course builder will be Ted, emergency coordinator will be Susan Engle and we need a Chair for Hospitality. Camping will be Adele and she would like someone to assist and learn the job from her. Jessica will

help Adele. Hospitality will have a total budget of \$ 848.00 for the year. We will need help to move equipment. We will hire some strong bodies to do the equipment.

Nominations: Catherine reported that Carla Huitt would run again. A nomination from the floor was presented, Barb Delaney and she accepted the nomination. This would be for a Board Member seat. (See bios below).

Award Pins: Jeanine will take care of that. A member can get two pins from the club and any more or other type the member would have to pay for them.

Catherine reported that we would have our party at Chilies on January 9th at 6:30.. Club will pay \$ 15.00 per person with one guest per member allowed. If you bring more than one guest, the member will pay the extra as well as if your dinner goes over the \$ 15.00 the member will pay the difference. Caroline moved and Cyd seconded and all approved. There will also be a Chinese auction with a gift limit of \$ 25.00.

Motion to adjourn and approval.

Respectfully submitted
Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER BIOS

BARB DELANEY

Barb Delaney – Barb has been a member of HMKC for over 15 years. She has German Shepherds and has competed in agility, rally, obedience, and conformation. She has also trained her dogs to be therapy dogs and been part of the Club’s drill team. Barb has served as President, Vice President, and Board member of HMKC, as well as serving in many different roles at HMKC events. Barb is a Bureau Chief for the Child Support Enforcement Division.

CARLA HUITT

I have had the privilege of serving on the Helena Montana Kennel Club Board of directors for the past 2 years and have been asked to serve another term. My interest in canines began at early age with acquiring a Miniature AKC Poodle puppy at the age of six. Also I competed in obedience with German Pinscher and the Doberman; being able to put an UD on the Doberman. We became interested in racing Greyhound rescue and have had 5 rescue dogs off the race track. This led to a search for a small hound to show; thus began the search for the ideal Italian Greyhound. I have been breeding and showing Italian Greyhounds for the past 15 years. Currently I show and own Italian Greyhounds, AKC Greyhounds, and Rhodesian Ridgeback. I have served on the board of directors for the Mid Atlantic Italian Greyhound Club of Central Maryland and member of the professional ring steward association the Eastern Stewards Club, Inc.

HMKC RUN THRUS

What : *Obedience* Ring Rental/Run Thrus

When: Jan 9, 2016

Where: HMKC Training building (email me if you need directions)

Time: 10 am till 2 pm (The building will be open at 9:30 for set-up)

Cost: \$5 per dog/handler team/eight minutes of ring time

This will be a ring rental format. You may use your ring time to work on whatever you would like with your dog. Pseudo judges will be available for formal run thrus if desired.

Please be willing to help with setting jumps, figure eight posts, and calling patterns as needed.

Group sits and downs will be held **approximately** half way through the schedule.

Please email me, if you will be attending at sunglow@mt.net. ***Include your name, dogs name, email address, class level, jump height if indicated, and any special proofing desired.***

I will email a tentative ***Run thru/Ring Rental schedule a few days before Jan 9 so you can plan your arrival time. We will start with the Utility skills and work down through the Beginner Novice skills.***

You for sure will have one ring rental/run thru per dog/handler team and sign-ups will not be accepted after 1:00 p.m. If time permits a second run can be had after all other reserved runs are completed.

Please, for **your dog's safety**, keep him/her crated unless getting ready for your run.

Hope to see you soon,

Thea

sunglow@mt.net

406-439-7157

We just have to BRAG

New Titles Earned in 2015

AKC Conformation

Janet Kosnik & AB (Ch.)
Janet Kosnik & Talker (Ch.)
Janet Kosnik & Delta (Ch.)
Cyd Charlier & Southern Comfort's Kentucky
Colonel (Ch.)
Nancy Whitbeck-Nicholson & ZuZu (Ch.)
Heidi Rudio Redfield & Lucan (Ch.)
Linda Owen & Troy (Ch.)



Canine Good Citizen & Star Puppy

Barb Delaney & Apollo (Star Puppy, CGC)
Catherine LeCours & Oreo (CGC)
Steve and Connie Leatherman & Beth (CGC)
Steve and Connie Leatherman & Maggie (CGC)
Linda Owen & Troy (CGC)

AKC Obedience

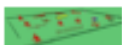
Deirdre Kane & Belle (CDX)
Deirdre Kane & Zip (GN)
Chris McGonigle & Tenley (CD)
Thea Sperline & Ruger (CD)
Catherine LeCours & Terra (CD)
Dianne Armstrong & Gracie (BN)

AKC Rally Obedience

Deirdre Kane & Zip (RAE-2, RAE-3)
Marion Erp & Wyatt (RAE)
Deirdre Kane & Belle (RAE)
Thea Sperline & Heidi (RAE)
Thea Sperline & Ruger (RA)
Kim Sullivan & Harmony (RN)
Dianne Armstrong & Gracie (RN)

AKC Agility

Jeanine Blaner & Ivan (MX, MXB, MJB, MJS)
Catherine LeCours & Terra (T2B)
Jeanine Blaner & Dravko (NA, NAJ)
Jeanine Blaner & Ginger (NA, NAJ)



AKC Preferred Agility

Kim Sullivan & Elise (MXP, T2BP)
Marion Erp & Wyatt (OAP, AJP)
Thea Sperline & Vixen (OAP, AJP)
Catherine LeCours & Oreo (NAP, NJP, NFP,
OAP, OJP)
Chris McGonigle & Tenley (OAP)
Thea Sperline & Heidi (OJP)
Patty Mott & Sally (NAP, NJP)

AKC Herding

Jeanine Blaner & Ivan (HXBs)
Thea Sperline & Heidi (IT)

AKC Therapy

CJ Puotinen & Chloe (THDX, THDD)
Barb Delaney & Viper (THD, THDN)

Barn Hunt

Marion Erp & Wyatt (RATN)

NADAC Agility

Marion Erp & Wyatt (O-OAC, S-OJC, OCC, O-OCC,
TG-O, S-WV-N, WV-O, O-HP-N)
Patty Mott & Sally (NAC, OAC, TG-N, TG-O,
WV-I, WV-N, NJC)
Kim Sullivan & Elise (S-OAC, O-NAC, NCC, O-OJC,
HP-O, EAC, TG-E)
Catherine LeCours & Oreo (NAC, OAC, NCC, NJC,
TN-N, WV-N)
Thea Sperline & Vixen (NCC)
Kim Sullivan & Harmony (HP-I)

AHBA Herding

Desiree' Moffett & Pecos (HTDd-I, HRDs-I,
HTADs-I, HTADd-I)
Desiree' Moffett & Bunny (HTADs-I, HTADd-I,
HRDs-I)
Thea Sperline & Heidi (JHD)
Desiree' Moffett & Sue (HCTs)

ASCA Herding

Desiree' Moffett & Pecos (STDs, STDd, STDc)
Desiree' Moffett & Bunny (STDs, STDd, STDc)

UKC Conformation

Janet Kosnik & Delta (U-Grch.)

International Conformation

Kim Sullivan & Harmony (Int. Ch.)

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Thea Sperline & Heidi (VGS)





**HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016
6:00 PM**

CHILI'S RESTAURANT – BANQUET ROOM (BETWEEN THE TWO RESTAURANTS)

MENU INCLUDES A MEXICAN BUFFET

Build your own tacos, burritos and enchiladas (gluten free and vegetarian options available)

Nonalcoholic drinks are included with dinner

Alcoholic drinks is available for your purchase

Club members and one guest are welcome for no charge

Additional guests, please pay \$15 per guest

After dinner join your friends for the Chinese gift exchange – always a great time!!

\$25 limit, new, wrapped, and unmarked

The rules of the game will be explained before we begin

Please RSVP to Nancy Whitbeck-Nicholson no later than January 12, 2016

459-1125, 449-2390, or tiantiancsp@hotmail.com

The Holiday Celebration includes:

Individual recognition of titles and achievements in 2015, including distribution of title pins

Election for new board member: Candidates are Barb Delaney and Carla Huitt

Short business meeting – 2015 re-cap and look ahead for 2016

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Meeting Agenda January 16, 2016

- Approval of December meeting minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Election of new board member
- Recap & look ahead?
- Award pins presentation

2016 HMKC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please fill out the following for your membership renewal and return it with your check made out to HMKC to:

HMKC, P.O.BOX 415, Helena, MT 59624 RENEWAL

DEADLINE: MARCH MEETING

NAME _____

<u>PLEASE FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION EVEN IF THERE WERE NO CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR.</u>	
E-MAIL: _____	
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____ ZIP _____
HOME PHONE _____	WORK PHONE _____
DOG BREED(S) YOU HAVE: _____	

___ SINGLE MEMBERSHIP - \$30.00 ___ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - \$ 35.00 ___ ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$30

Lapsed membership (after March meeting) - Add a \$5 Late fee

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

___ Full membership shall be limited to persons eighteen (18) years of age and over. A full member enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.

- Attended two club meetings during the past 12 months? YES / / NO / /
- Which two events did you work during the past 12 months?

___ Spring Agility ___ Fall Agility ___ Fall Round-up Cluster ___ Classes ___ Other _____

Brief description of what you did during these events _____

___ Junior membership shall be limited to persons under eighteen years of age. A junior member is entitled to all the privileges of membership except that he/she may not vote or hold office.

___ Associate membership shall be for persons who are not active (do not meet the minimum requirements for a new member). Associate members are not entitled to vote, hold office, earn free title pins or enjoy other club privileges.

Approved by the Board 11/24/2015