

HMKC PAWPRINT NEWSLETTER

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB*JANUARY ISSUE 2017

President: Marion Erp
Vice President: Desiree Moffett

Treasurer: Kathy Shuck
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, thanks to everybody who came out to the Holiday Party last month! We had such a good turnout – 57 signed up, we had plenty of room, we had a mini-bar right there in the room, a podium for The Prez and even a microphone. Chili's did a good job, I think, in terms of keeping up with the food demands of a hungry crowd. We owe huge thanks to Nena Kruger who initiated contact with Chili's, reserved the room and date for us, kept up with all the final arrangements from afar while she was in WA for work, and kept us updated. Then Nancy Nicholson agreed to be the local contact and she also worked with the restaurant to make sure the tables were all set up, we had a table for the gifts, and so on. Caroline volunteered also to be a local contact. Thank you three ladies for a job well done.

While we are on the subject, we now have an entire year to scope out the town and look for other places to hold our party next year if we want. If you have ideas and can get cost estimates for somewhere around 60 people, menu choices, etc., we can have a plan in mind, in advance. Don't be intimidated by cost considerations – bring your ideas and research to the Board and we can discuss with the membership what we might be planning. We can always turn it down if we think it's too expensive.

And of course a big welcome to our new officers/board members who we voted in at our party: yours truly as President was an automatic shift with Thea's move to Texas, Desiree Moffett took my place as Vice President, Kathy Shuck is our new Treasurer with the help of "bookkeeper" Catherine LeCours, and Adele Delp is our new Board member. Grateful thanks to Thea as our outgoing president, Patty Mott who fulfilled her three-year term as Board member, and Catherine LeCours as Treasurer.

We had a nice thing happen during the CGC testing that Caroline Hudnall and Alice conducted a few Saturdays ago. Caroline had gotten a call from a lady with a BernerPoodle (can't even imagine what that looks like!) who wanted to get a CGC on her dog. She'd been looking for a test for about a year, or a Canadian version – turns out she's from Calgary. She took three days off to drive down to us, she passed the test, and Caroline invited her back for the Connie Cleveland seminar and other events. She thought that maybe she'd buy a tent for herself, the dog and maybe a kid or two, and make another trip down in the summer. Now there's a person who for sure appreciates our club and our building. Thanks Caroline for welcoming her.

Our next meeting for February is coming up rapidly: Tuesday February 7. As promised, we are

having a special presentation by Molly Horton on dog grooming. She will cover grooming basics, how to pick a groomer, basic techniques and tools, what you can do between visits. There will be a Q&A session afterwards. Because we don't want to limit the time she has for her presentation, we will have our business meeting first, and then she can take all the time she needs. I plan on extending an invitation to the members of our sister agility club, and any other local dog folks I can think of to attend this presentation, so don't be surprised if we end up with a few extra guests.

The DVD's I ordered on Better Breeding and Choosing a Puppy will be shown at our March meeting, for those of you who are interested, and after that, they will be available for you to take home and view, since they are part of the library.

By the time you receive your newsletter, a notice will have gone out about our upcoming obedience ring rental/run-throughs on Saturday February 11. Spring and summer shows and obedience/rally trials are just around the corner.

See you soon, Marion Erp

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING, January 14, 2017

Those present: Diane and Ron Armstrong, Jeanine Blaner, Ted Brodowy and Sue Near, Sue Ceclre, Allyn Ann Cummins, Tommie Dahl, Barb and Rob Delaney, Adele and Gail Delp, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Janet Kosnik, Connie and Steve Leatherman, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Desiree Moffett, Suzie Morley, Nancy Nicholson, Jean Norderud, Linda Owen, Janette Prevel, Kathy Shuck and Marsha Rae South. President Marion opened the party/meeting. She called for everyone to introduce themselves. Marion thanked Nena who is in Washington State and Nancy for making the arrangements for the party.

Marion called for the Secretaries report, Caroline had none.

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President gave her report and thanked all for coming out on a cold night.

Marion called for the nominating report. Those nominated are:

Kathy Shuck for Treasurer

Desiree for Vice President

Adele Delp for Director

Marion called for a vote and the positions were approved by acclimation.

Meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed their dinner and socializing.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNIE CLEVELAND COMPETITION OBEDIENCE AND PROBLEM SOLVING SEMINAR

Join us on April 8 and 9, 2017
Helena Montana Kennel Club Training Building
Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds
2 West Custer Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601

Connie offers a limited number of competition obedience seminars. These seminars begin with a discussion of how dogs learn, then Connie works individually with handlers and their dogs. Plan on attending to solve your training problems, organize your training sessions, and create long-range training goals. www.dogtrainersworkshop.com
Recent seminar attendee comment: "I want to thank you for giving such an outstanding seminar this past weekend. It was clear, concise, informative, and extremely helpful. I have been to other seminars; however, the direction you take your seminars outshines the rest."

About Connie Connie was born in Lansing, Michigan and received her B.S. in Engineering from Michigan State University. She spent 10 years as the Training Director

for Dogs for the Disabled. Currently, she lives in Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where she owns and operates Dog Trainers Workshop, a training and boarding facility. Connie teaches obedience to over 120 students each week. Connie's obedience experiences include 10 Obedience Trial Champions, a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-tzu. Currently, she shares her home with a variety of retrievers the most well known being AFC OTCH "Caleb" UDX OM2 and OTCH Micah*** UDX OM2 (For more information, please visit Dog Trainers Workshop homepage at www.dogtrainersworkshop.com)

Registration Information

- Early registration for HMKC members will run thru August 17, 2016.
- Cost is \$220 for working participants both days. HMKC members cost will be \$175 for working spots both days.
- Working participants limited to 18.
- Cost is \$100 for auditors, both days. **HMKC members cost will be \$75 for auditing both days.**
- Fees to include a light lunch both days.
- **Due to the fixed costs of this seminar, no refunds will be given after March 1, 2017.**



- Payment must be received with your registration as well as the signed HMKC release to reserve a spot in the seminar. A confirmation of registration will be sent via email.
- Start/end time of seminar, as well as other pertinent seminar information, will be made available via email in early March.
- Please note that the focus of this workshop is Competition Obedience and Problem Solving.

Questions

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CLUB MEETING AGENDA – FEBRUARY 7, 2017

- Call the meeting to order
- Introduction of guests
- Minutes of January 11 and December 6 meetings
- Secretary's Report – Caroline
- President's Report – Marion
- Treasurer/Bookkeeper Report – Catherine
- Report of Committees
 - Cluster/Show Committee
 - Vacant positions needing to be filled
 - Agility Committee
 - Report of upcoming trials
 - Report on agility classes
 - Obedience Committee
 - Ring rentals
 - Rally practices
- Old Business
- Observations of our Holiday Party at Chili's?
- New Business
- Possible volunteer to be new webmaster for HMKC's web pages?

- Adjournment
- Brag Box

- Special presentation on grooming by Molly Horton.