

# HMKC PAWPRINT NEWSLETTER

## HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB\*DECEMBER ISSUE 2016

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Vice President: Open

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Secretary: Caroline Hudnall

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the course of one month, we went from a snow-free winter to record-setting snowfall and cold temperatures for the remainder of December. Let it snow, let it blow, let it go! As of this writing, we are expecting a snowy Christmas Eve and Day, so I hope your traveling is kept to a minimum.

At the last minute, we have nailed down a location for our holiday party. The date is **Saturday January 14**, again at Chili's – and this event will take the place of our January meeting. I know not all of you were happy with Chili's last year, but we had three volunteers look high and low for another place that could handle 60 people and remain more or less within the budget allocated, and Chili's was available. We will try to remedy the problems of last year. We will have a cash mini bar in the room this year. I will send out a final notice and any last minute instructions including times.

I will ask you to **PLEASE** make an effort to attend this event, because a lot of effort went into finding a suitable location. It is meant to provide you with a relaxing evening where you don't have to bring food or cook anything, just sit down and eat, visit, vote for our new incoming officers and Board members, get acknowledged for your titles and receive your title pins, and participate in or watch our Chinese gift exchange which is always a lot of fun. The rules: bring a wrapped anonymous gift of \$20-25, we throw numbers in a hat or basket, you draw a number and choose a gift. Each succeeding number can choose a new gift or steal what's already been chosen, up to a maximum of 3 steals for any one item. Then it's dead.

The January meeting is officially designated as the changing of the guard, where new officers take over. No nominations were brought up from the floor at the December meeting, so no positions are contested. Yours truly will finish out the term as President vacated by Thea through December 2017; and we will vote for the following for 3-year terms: Vice President: Desiree Moffett; Treasurer: Kathy Shuck; and Adele Delp, Board member to replace Patty Mott who is resigning from that position. *Reminder- you need to have your 2017 membership fees paid by January 14<sup>th</sup> in order to vote in the election.*

Since the last meeting, we have had a fabulous photo shoot by Ron Armstrong, organized by Ron and Dianne with several helpers. The results can be found here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/montanapets/with/31528080452/> The portraits are truly exceptional, and all proceeds went to the club to the tune of \$465. We owe enormous thanks to Ron and organizers and helpers for devoting most of a Sunday as well as set-up on Saturday. As we head into January and look forward to a new year, I am happy to report that we have two club members who have volunteered to be Obedience co-chairs for our September show: Thea Sperline and Connie Leatherman; Kim Sullivan has volunteered to be Rally chair (from TX!). For the immediate future, a Continuing Education class is in progress, to be followed by a basic Agility class led by me, and I am also happy to report I have not one but two competent assistants. We have scheduled an obedience run-through on January 14 which should be over by 2:00 or 3:00 p.m., leaving us plenty of time to get ready for the holiday party at Chili's. Agility practices will resume in January at Susan's barn, temperatures permitting, organized by Jean Norderud. More information on our obedience classes will be detailed at our February meeting. Also in February: Conformation practices under the supervision of Janet will continue on Sundays from 1-2:30 pm (approx.) We will have a grooming program presentation prior to our regular business meeting. Lots to look forward to. We will have a very brief, abbreviated business meeting at the party. I'll keep it short! J  
Marion Erp

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

(subject to approval)

### **HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB**

#### **MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING, DECEMBER 6, 2016**

Those present: Barb Delaney, Adele Delp, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Caroline Hudnall, Connie Leatherman, Catherine LeCours, Patty Mott, Jean Norderud, Linda Owen, Jeanette Prevel, Thea Sperline, and guest Kristina Vincent.

The meeting was called to order by President Marion Erp. The President called for approval of the November minutes, one correction to the minutes was asked for and approved. It is a deletion of the words "which is low" from the agility committee report. Jean moved for approval and Alice seconded, all approved.

No Secretaries report.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Catherine reported that she did not have a formal report, she also reported that the club would receive about \$9400.00 as our share of the cluster show profit.

**CLUSTER SHOW REPORT:** Jeanette reported that we have the judges for the 2017 show and most for 2018, also working on some for 2019. Still need an obedience chair. The application goes in the end of December. Kim Sullivan will chair Rally, will need a Chief Ring Steward.

**AGILITY COMMITTEE:** Jean reported that the spring trial is coming along, the application is in and the judge's plane ticket being purchased. The Sunday practices from 10AM to noon, Jean is facilitating. The agility class that will start in January needs an assistant for Marion.

**TRAINING COMMITTEE:** Caroline reports, dates given for the up and coming classes in December and January. She announced that the beginner agility class with 10 teams had perfect attendance for the series, she felt it was a first.

**OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE:** Obedience run thru's, the entry hall will be rented. The next run thrus will be on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Adele mentioned that she had a 40 X 40 heated and matted area. Also, there will be a nose sport clinic on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Judy Strum will be the trainer.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Conformation practice ramp: questioned how that was coming along, Nancy and Janet were not present to give a report.

Marion mentioned the successful photo shoot by Ron and Diane Armstrong.

Holiday Social was discussed, Nena was out of state and Caroline will check to see what has been done and may also do some searching for possible locations that can accommodate our numbers.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Patty reported that the committee made up of her, Chris and Laurie have chosen three people, they are: Desiree Moffitt for VP, Kathy Shuck for Treasurer and Board would be Adele Delp.

Marion called for nominations from the floor for each office, having called each three times, nominations were closed with no further nominations.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Alice mentioned that a groomer will be on the program for our February meeting.

Motion to adjourn, Catherine moved and Thea seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

#### **SPECIAL CLASS NOTICE**

**AGILITY Class:** The next beginner agility class will start on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. I HAVE THREE SPOTS LEFT IN THAT CLASS. Please contact Caroline ([dogskater@bresnan.net](mailto:dogskater@bresnan.net)) if you want into the class, remember for full members the fee is \$ 60.00 and assoc. \$ 90.00 .

#### **INVITATION & RSVP FOR HOLIDAY PARTY**

**You and a guest are invited to attend the Annual HMKC Holiday Party**

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 14 2017

**LOCATION:** Chili's Bar & Grill Banquet Room  
2790 No. Washington (in the strip mall area near Home Depot), Helena

**TIME:** 6:00PM – 9:00PM

## **AGENDA**

DINNER BUFFET SERVED AT 6:00PM

Menu is Mexican and includes Fajitas, Frijoles/beans, Mexican Rice, Flour & Corn Tortillas and a vegetarian option as well for those indicating a preference for this. Chips and Salsa will be located on our banquet tables.

A No-Host Cash Mini Bar will be available throughout the dinner service.

There will be a short club business meeting where we will be voting for new officers for 2017 (your 2017 membership dues need to be paid by this date for you to be eligible to vote)

Special Recognition: Title Pin Awards will be given out

A Chinese Gift Exchange will take place following the awards. Note: participation in this event is purely at your own discretion...if you want to take part bring a wrapped dog related gift costing between \$20-25 to exchange and re-exchange...that's part of the fun.

**If you plan to attend you MUST RSVP to Nancy Nicholson via email (tiantiancsp@hotmail.com) by January 12<sup>th</sup> with the following info (to ensure adequate amounts of food & seating):**

How many attending, i.e. Yourself and a guest=2 people

Will you need the vegetarian or gluten free menu

We look forward to seeing everyone at this event...you deserve it!!!

Many thanks to our organizers, Nena Kruger & Caroline Hudnall for their hard work in pulling this event together.