

HMKC PAWPRINT NEWSLETTER

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB OCTOBER ISSUE 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Guest Columnist, former Club President Thea Sperline:

Greetings from Texas! The world is different down here, warmer than Montana (no ICE), the mountains are a long ways away (invisible), and the dog world is very active during the winter. However finding obedience and conformation training center has turned out to be a challenge including LONG drives to rather distant locations and considerably more expense. Agility training on the other hand has been fairly easy and we are getting practice time during these cooler months.

Basically I miss our club. You are all incredible people, ready to help our community and each other promote quality training and responsible ownership.

The past cluster again, was a tremendous success due to the willingness of you the members to do hard work and commit to making the show a great experience for exhibitors and spectators alike. The ring rentals were much appreciated by many, the raffle with all its many fun items generated a lot of participation, the weather, well, what can I say, it was a show in Montana I am just glad our show is inside. I think this year our wonderful vendors were wondering what they had gotten themselves into. I am just glad the smoke cleared out before I got there.

I want to thank all those who stepped up to be obedience and rally stewards. There is always a need for Stewards and as it turned out we had plenty, I want to thank Adele and all those students from Carroll College and our members who also took on the job of conformation stewarding (BTW I LOVE conformation stewarding), another job well done.

There are other jobs though that are just NOT FUN. I thank our show chair persons who got stuck doing those jobs. I truly appreciate their dedication to cleaning, dusting, moving chairs and tables, making sure the show site is ready for the next day's events. It just might be time for the Cluster to bite the bullet and hire someone (maybe the fairgrounds staff) to do all that cleanup work at the end of the day. Unless someone is willing to step up and commit to take over that less than glamorous job.

Then right on top of the Cluster came the Agility Trial, which I hear was a wonderful success as well. I was in Washington collecting my new Swissy puppy on that weekend so I missed all that fun. I know Vixen would have loved to run with her Auntie Catherine, but a new puppy is really hard to postpone. Maggie is growing by leaps and bounds, she outgrew the crate I had taken for transporting her by the time we got back here to Texas, she weighed about 20 pounds when I picked her up and now she is at 30 pounds and it has only been 3 weeks.

I know you loved your dogs and all the wonderful activities our club supports. Please remember that your willingness to do the things that make it possible for these events to happen is what makes you such an incredible club. I am proud to be a member even if it is as an associate. I will be back again, though I don't exactly know when yet. I love reading your success stories. I wish you all the best of luck and success. Give your puppies an extra scratch every once in a while from me.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

(Subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB
MEMBERSHIP MEEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2017

Those present: Jeanine Blaner, Ted Brodowy, Barb Delaney, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Janet Kosnik, Chris McGonigle, Patty Mott, Jean Norderud, Linda Owen, Jeanette Prevel and Kathy Shuck.

The President opened the meeting and asked for approval of the September minutes, Jean moved to approve and Ted 2nd, all approved. Treasurers report: As of this date we are in the red. We do not have a profit to report on the Cluster.

Vice President's report: she was absent.

President gave her report in the red. We do not have a profit to report on the Cluster.

Vice President's report: she was absent.

President gave her report which was also in the newsletter,

A lengthy discussion was held on how to get members to attend as well as getting new members in the club.

CLUSTER:

Chris on Cluster trophies- she is working on the payments.

Discussion on 2018 as Great Falls and Kalispell clubs will cluster and that may help our Cluster as theirs is less than a week before ours.

Conformation practices for fall are ongoing, Sunday from 1PM to 2:30PM.

The obedience went fine with enough help. Alice chaired the ring rentals and made \$ 135.00.

Caroline reported on the fall obedience classes.

Rally in the cluster, they had great judges. The fall rally class is starting very soon.

AGILITY TRIALS:

Set up will be on Thursday, there is a need for couple pickups to haul items. Also we will move equipment after the trials to Susan Engle's barn for the winter.

Marion will be chief Ring Steward and Patty will be the volunteer chair.

Alice will move the trailer Wednesday night.

Jeanine did a Show and Tell for the members on the jumps and showed them what is legal and what is not. She described the cups and how they can pose an injury for a dog.

Bozeman is selling some legal jumps but it would cost more to purchase their jumps than to purchase brand new ones.

Marion mentioned that we had budgeted \$4,000. For new jumps. Jean moved and Caroline 2nd to have Jeanine proceed with the new jumps. Motion passed.

The Nov and Dec meeting will have a discussion on disposing of the old equipment.

Diane obtained the new matting for the public area of the building.

GRANTS:

Chris and Janet have a proposal from a vet group. They are a 501 (c) (3) and from the Hamilton area. They need crates. Chris is also going to talk to Tom Hattersley as that has been on hold.

ELECTIONS: Alice from the Board is on the nominating committee. We need 2 more volunteers, Chris and Kathy have volunteered.

Marion discussed a letter she received from AKC asking for a proclamation from the legislature re: the AKC CGC program . Janet will contact Mary Ann Dunwell regarding this,.

Braggs

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

BRAGS

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Call the meeting to order

Introduction of guests, if any

Minutes of last meeting

AGENDA-NOVEMBER 2017

Secretary's report-Caroline

Treasurer/Bookkeeper's report-Catherine LeCours & Kathy Shuck

Vice President's Report-Desiree

President's Report-Marion

Mention reimbursement & deposit forms and how/when to use (Patty)

Receipt of AKC's close-out of October Agility Trial

Report of Committees

September Cluster Meeting-Jeanette Prevel and Marion

Obedience

Fall Obedience classes ongoing-Caroline, Fall obedience run-through dates-Dianne

Rally

Fall classes and practice schedule-Connie & Steve

Agility

Recap of Agility Trial-Jeanine

Agility practices at Susan Engle's barn-Jeanine discussion on disposal/auction/purchase of old jumps

Grant Committee

Proposal from Military and Canines?

Old Business

Nominating Committee (Chris, Alice, Kathy Shuck) slate of officers and Board

(call for other nominations from the floor at December meeting)

New Business

Holiday party committee volunteers desperately needed!

(Caroline has contacted Erik of Carroll College) Ordering of Title Pins?-

Jeanine Blaner

Partial Summary of HMKC Survey Adjournment

Brag Box-Marion