



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

— NEWSLETTER OF THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF THE ROCKIES —

Next BMDCR MEETING: MARCH 27TH AT LAURA AND AL'S 1:00 103 BLUE HERON COURT, GREENWOOD VILLAGE

Board Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2010

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 10:15am on January 23, 2010 at the Marie Calendar's in Littleton.

Present: Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Joanna Hughes, Laura Haupenthal, Helen Karl, Sara Karl, Candy McDanal, Lori Kennedy & Alice Gordon. Also present Dottie Schulte.

Approval of Minutes: Laura moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the November/December 2010 newsletter. Motion seconded by Sara. All in favor, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: We have received correspondence from 2011 National Specialty Hospitality Committee asking for donations and staffing for morning hospitality. We were in agreement that we were not interested in providing staffing, however we were willing to send a donation. Sara moved that we donate \$300, Laura seconds. All in favor, motion passed. We received a letter from the AKC Humane Fund requesting a donation. After discussing we felt we needed more information on the purpose of the fund. Alice will research and report back at the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$11,588.97 in checking, \$5,270.48 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$6,765.08.

The subject of filing taxes was brought up again by Sara. Mary Ellen feels that we should pay a CPA to file for us so we are protected. Sara will contact an appropriate person.

Committee Reports

Rescue – No report.

2011 Regional Specialty – Dottie has paperwork for Mary Ellen to sign today. All judges committed. We're splitting the costs with the Rottweiler Club for the Obedience judge, Mel Stanley. Sharon will go over the plans for our booth at the National during the General Meeting. Robert Miller will be our secretary. The date is September 9th. All committees are chaired except Raffle.

2013 National Specialty – We're right on target with the timeline. Dottie is working on getting a superintendent now. She has received a quote from Onofrio and feels they are a bit too pricy. MFB declined – they don't work in this area. Our last option is BaRay, who did the Portland National Specialty. Dottie is inquiring with them now. Dottie will also send the Onofrio bid to Mary Ellen to review. The Ranch contract should be going to Val Horney today to be signed. The hotel contract is signed. Some committee positions still need to be filled. Our

theme is decided – “Rendezvous in the Rockies”. Sharon is working with an artist on designs for the theme. We’ll have a meeting of the 2013 Committee members in San Diego.

Unfinished Business

Spring draft – we have judges and site. An advertisement is going in April Alpenhorn. Dates are May 21st and 22nd.

We’ll have to have the May meeting in conjunction with the draft test since it falls on the 4th Sunday.

Draft Clinic - Barry will talk to the general club about this year’s proposed draft clinic.

New Business

Vice President Position – Due to Mary Ellen’s vacating the VP position we need to elect a replacement. Phil Shaffer has volunteered and was unanimously elected by the board.

Insurance for Club Rescue – Lou questions whether or not we have insurance to cover our rescue operation. The RCC is considering offering subsidized insurance for the regional clubs. Sara reports that we do have general insurance through the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs. We currently pay \$1,200 a year for this insurance, but we’re unsure of how this covers us for rescue. Sara will talk to our agent. Lou will follow up to see exactly what would be covered by the BMDCA insurance.

Newsletter - Candy reports that she has received requests from non-members to get our newsletter and wants to know what our policy is. Our charge for a newsletter-only subscription is \$25. Sara’s thought was that at that price they might as well become members. So it seems to make sense to consider a change to the subscription charge. The suggestion is to do an email only subscription rate for \$15. \$15 email subscription motioned by Sara, seconded by Candy. All in favor, motion passed.

Next Meeting: The March board meeting will be held at Laura and Al’s home.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:48am.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 12:00 pm on January 23, 2011, at Marie Callendar’s in Littleton.

Present: 23 voting members (a quorum), 4 sustaining members, 2 junior members and 5 guests.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved as printed in the November/December newsletter.

President’s Report: Mary Ellen thanked Pam Solomon for her leadership as past President and thanked the departing board members for their service. She also introduced the newly elected officers and board members. The board decided in their just concluded meeting to donate \$300 for morning hospitality at the 2011 National Specialty. Welcome to Buffy and Mike, intended new club members.

Secretary’s Report: We have received correspondence from 2011 National Specialty Hospitality Committee asking for donations and staffing for morning hospitality. We were in agreement that we were not interested in providing staffing, however we were willing to send a donation. The Board voted to donate \$300 to the hospitality fund for 2011.

We received a letter from the AKC Humane Fund requesting a donation. After discussing we felt we needed more information on the purpose of the fund. Alice will research and report back at the March meeting.

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Committee Reports

Rescue – Ann Rutherford reports that in 2010 we had 20 dogs come through our rescue program. Happily, all the dogs placed since Ann started in her position of Rescue Chair have stayed in their homes. Ann thanks Phil Shaffer for all of his assistance to her. Ann also expressed her appreciation for all the help that she has received from club members. So far this year we have had calls for 4 dogs and 3 have actually come into rescue. The one family is going to try training and hopefully will keep their dog. Ann is seeing more dogs from puppy mills, and more dogs with health issues, especially hip and elbow dysplasia. And for the first time a club member, on their own initiative, organized a fund raiser for rescue – the Tagawa Garden Christmas event.

2011 Regional Specialty – The date is Sept 9th. Sharon Keefer has a nice ad for the National Specialty catalog. The theme is “Swiss at Heart”. Thanks to Sara for coming up with this lovely theme. New logo wear will be coming in the next month. This will be embroidered, rather than screen printed. We still need a chair or co-chair for raffle. Dottie says it's not a difficult job and you will have lots of help! Judges are: Nancy Stewart for conformation, Mary Ellen Guy for Sweeps, Mel Stanley for Obedience and Rally and Robin Hug for juniors.

2013 National Specialty – We have the hotel contract done. The site contract will be sent to Val Horney, BMDCA President, soon. Conformation judges will be Helen Palmer Willis and Maija Heinila. Helen will be doing Best of Breed. The theme is “Rendezvous in the Rockies”. Sharon is working on logos. We're where we should be in terms of the timeline. There are some things we need by May:

- We need to submit 3-5 names for sweeps judges by mid-summer. These will be on the ballot for the BMDCA in October. Submit to your ideas to Sara.
- The tentative schedule needs to be finalized by May to assure we have the needed space at The Ranch. The performance committee (Stephanie Biksacky et al) is to decide if there will be 2 days of obedience or rally (with reference to the Draft Test schedule).
- The performance committee should start looking at judges and getting commitments.

The Heartland Club is doing tracking and has that all finalized. Val is chairing agility and has the secretary and equipment rental worked out. She's still working on getting a judge. We do have a few open Committee Chairs, including a Berner U liaison and chairs for the Health Clinic, Planning Booklet and Educational Programs. Dates are 13th to 18th of May. There are other committees that need leadership and folks can contact Dottie Schulte if they are interested in being involved.

Ways and Means – Sharon put forth an idea she has for our regional booth at this year's National Specialty. Rather than transporting our entire Ways and Means inventory and having to find club members to staff a booth, we are thinking about setting up a table with a computer and samples of the inventory. People would be able to go online right there and order their merchandise. Any items ordered during the National would be include free shipping to the

buyer. We are investigating with the 2011 Vendor Chair to see if we could have our table set up adjacent to the National Ways and Means booth, which would make for easy monitoring as necessary. We might look for volunteers to check in on the booth occasionally, but essentially the booth will be unmanned.

Sharon also gave a brief update on the Berner Beans coffee that we now have available through Ways and Means.

Membership - Nothing to vote on at this time.

Unfinished Business

2011 Spring Draft Test - May 21st and 22nd are the dates. It will be held at Patti Davieau's home in Black Forest. Patti Davieau and Ruth Nielsen are judging. We do need people to steward. We have our trophies and they are very nice! Elaine Witulski is the secretary.

New Business

Draft Retreat – We are going to hold a Draft Retreat again this year, based on the great success of the previous event. Contact Barry Solomon to volunteer to help with organizing the event or helping out on that weekend. We have the curriculum, forum and layout done. We will need someone to handle hospitality and a secretary for the event and one for the draft match. We could also use a head steward/logistics person. Need to confirm with Patti that we can use her place again. We are getting some nice donations from All Things Bright and Biothane and will also raffle off a cart from Joe Stewart of Stewarts Dog Carts.

A suggestion was put forth that it might make sense to have Berner Fiesta in conjunction with the draft clinic. It could be done on the second day during the draft match. We will have to confirm this with Patti as well.

Spring Health Clinic – The date is March 19th, at Dr Hammond's in Wheat Ridge. The cost is \$30 for eye examinations and \$20 for a heartworm test. Contact Nancy Fuselier, (719) 531-7366, (719) 531-7366 to sign up for a time slot.

Newsletter – In today's Board Meeting, in response to requests for newsletter only subscriptions, the Board voted to reduce the subscription cost to \$15 from \$25 for email only newsletter subscriptions. This pertains to non-members seeking a subscription to our newsletter.

Next Meeting: The March meeting will be held March 28th at Laura and Al's home.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

SHOW NEWS by Lou Tucker

Nolan River Kennel Club 1/08/2011

WD – Mountaineer's Lima Bean RA Owners-Elisabeth Dennehy & Will Rogers & Darcy Babb

RWD – Berntiers Rough Rider Owner – Christine Mann

WB/BW/OS – Milagro L Sins Blue Color of Dreams Owners – Diane Sylvester & Ann Daily &W.Daily

RWB – Mountaineer's Soul Blue Sapphire Owner – Darcy Babb

BB/BVT/G2 – Ch Hired Gun From Zanzeburn CD,OAP,OAJ Owners – Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

SEL – CH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners-Michael & Beverly Hilmes & Linda Carney

Nolan River Kennel Club 1/09/2011

WD/BW- Berntiers Rough Rider Owner – Christine Mann

RWD – Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land (Kuza) Owner – Valerie Horney

WB – Mountaineer's Soul Blue Sapphire Owner – Darcy Babb

RWB – Milagro L Sins Blue Color of Dreams Owners – Diane Sylvester & Ann Daily & W. Daily

OS – CH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners-Michael & Beverley Hilmes & L. Carney

SEL – CH Hired Gun From Zanzebern CD,OAP,OAJ (Marshall) Owners- Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

NEW GRAND CHAMPION

PERFORMANCE WINS

Longs Peak DTC 1/15/2011

Classiques Midnight Serenade (Cooper) Owner – Patty Wellinger

AKC Beginner Novice – 1st Leg 3rd Place

BMDCR Membership January – February 2011

By Stacy Temples

We have the following Sustaining membership applicants with one Junior applicant to be voted on at the March 2011 meeting.

Christine & Heather & Christine Blaire (Junior), 2237 Clancy St., Brighton, CO 80601. Ph.#

(303) 655-3745. E-mail:

hablaire@gmail.com & Cblaire@gmail.com. Heather & Christine have Swiss Silhouette's Canis Majoris (M, 1/29/09) from William & Shelley Leary. They are interested in breeding, drafting and therapy work. They want to "connect with a reputable organization as part of being responsible Bernese owners." They are new but willing to help out. They are starting to train in obedience and need some help getting started in conformation. They also have an Australian Shepherd. They have not ever bred a litter nor been involved with shows or clubs before. Sponsored by Jeanne Stanwood and Joanna Hughes.

Michael Caruso & Buffy Snider, 5417 Zephyr Ct., Arvada, Colorado 80002. Ph.# (303) 604-6920. E-mail: taekwondonut@gmail.com & AVAMPSLAYER@gmail.com. They own Milo (MN,

11/8/2007) who came from a friend giving him up. They are interested in health issues, obedience, drafting, backpacking and therapy work. They want to learn about the breed and to pursue activities for Milo and expose him to other Bernese. They heard about the club through Facebook and they know Pam & Barry Solomon. They can do photography and help with events. They came to the draft seminar last June and met a lot of members there. In addition they took a lot of photographs and posted them for people to see online. Buffy had a Lab in the past. They have not ever bred a litter nor been involved with shows or clubs before.

Sponsored by Alice Gordon & Pam Solomon.

Kristin Cobb, 28 Whitehaven Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129. Ph.# (303) 980-1330. E-mail: KristenLCobb@comcst.net. Kristen has Clementine Cleopatra Cobb (F, 8/13/2005) from Sherrie Fry. She is interested in health issues, backpacking and therapy work. The club has a great reputation and she enjoys the camaraderie and likes sending time with those who know the breed." She can help out with her time, her help financially, volunteering and anything needed. She has had a Golden in the past. She did formal training and now works with her dog daily. She has not ever bred a litter nor been involved with shows or clubs before.

Sponsored by Dottie Schulte & Jeanne Stanwood

Tracey Hyatt, 203 Chamisa St., Los Alamos, NM 87544. Ph.# (505) 661-9033. E-mail: tracey.hyatt@gmail.com. Tracey and her husband Don came to the club drafting seminar last June and they have been attending dog shows in the region for years. They own Kelissa's Cool Love v Ratcliff, (MN, 5/19/2005), Memories Mariquita V Ratcliff, (F, 11/13/2009), and Ayehli's Amazing Grace, (F, 9/15/2010). Tracey is interested in health issues, breeding, drafting, conformation, obedience, agility and herding. She wants to join the club to expand her network of BMD friends and to increase her BMD knowledge and support regional and national issues. She is willing to help financially and to do what she can at home. She has trained and shown her dogs for the past 5-8 years. She is a member of the BMDCA, the

GCBMDC and the Los Alamos Dog Obedience Club. She has not bred a litter before.

Sponsored by Sara Karl & Dottie Schulte.

Michael Pavicich, 7017 CobbleCreek Drive., Colorado Springs, CO 80922. Ph.#(719) 638-8919.. E-mail: MPavicich@msn.com. Michael owns Audi, (F, 9/10/08) from Jeni West. He is interested in obedience, drafting, therapy work and backpacking. He wants to join the club for training and socializing. His sponsors are Sherry Mangin and Sara Karl. He can help with events and fundraising. He has had a Lab in the past. He has trained his dog as a service dog and therapy dog for 2 years. He has not ever bred a litter nor been involved with shows or clubs before.

Denise Smith, 732 Chadwick Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129. Ph.# (314) 393-6676. E-mail: DeniseSmith@hotmail.com. Denise's dog is Emma Curly's Valentine, (F, 11/26/2007) from Red Barn Pups, in Iowa. She is interested in obedience, tracking, agility, draft & therapy work. She wants to join the club to meet people with similar interests and for breed education. She is willing to volunteer for the club. She has done some obedience and agility training for 3 years. She has not ever bred a litter nor been involved with shows or clubs before. Her sponsors are Dottie Schulte & Pam Solomon.