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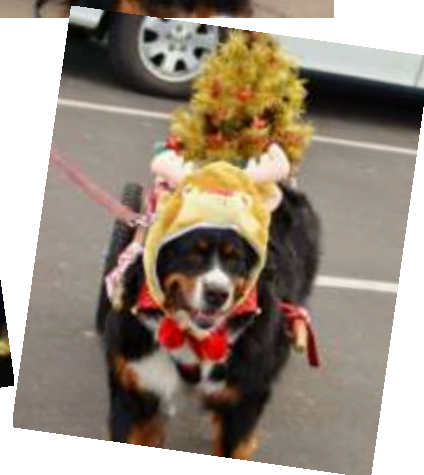
**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB**  
  
**Mountain Dog**  
**MESSENGER**  
— NEWSLETTER OF THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF THE ROCKIES —

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Berner Noel  
Aspen Grove



## *President's Message - January 2015*

*Happy New Year!!!*

I am honored and to have been elected president to such a wonderful club! We are so fortunate to have Bernese Mountain Dogs in our lives and are lucky to be part of a club with such strong camaraderie and good will among its members. I think we are a club that truly supports one another.

I would like to give huge bernerly thanks to those leaving the board. Thank you for the hours you have given to the club and know your time, effort and energy are very much appreciated. Please note that even though you are leaving the board, we still need you-so don't go too far! Additionally, I very much appreciate those board members who are continuing their service to the club by staying on as board members! I want to extend a very Warm Welcome to our new Board Members too! Thank you to all of the committee chairs who do so much for the club throughout the year as well. I think we all can agree we have a strong club with an active membership made up of individuals and families eager to lend time, treasure and talent! For this, we should all give thanks!!!

I am looking forward to the January 25th meeting and Awards Reception at the Citron Bistro. It will be so nice to spend time with our fellow berner folk and take a look back at 2014! Our time together will be truly special celebrating things like the growth of puppies, laughing at frolicking berners and then taking a minute to smell the roses (Dog Bones) and celebrate all those well-deserved titles!

In closing, I want to thank all of those involved in organizing our Berner Noel and lunch after. It was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season and always a very special event!

Please remember to RSVP for the brunch by contacting Lou Tucker, send your titles to Dottie Schullte, your slide show pictures to Sharon Keefer and your nominations for the Kathy Roth Award to me!

Wishing everyone and their pups a happy and healthy new year!

Cheers,

Lori Kennedy

## *BMDCR Newsletter Advertising*

**BMDCR Newsletter Advertising:** The BMDCR accepts appropriate ads in the club's bimonthly newsletter on a space available basis. Priority is given to ads from club members. Ads must be camera-ready (per the Editor), however, assistance with preparing ads is available upon request. Ads must be paid in advance via the BMDCR website store at: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Shop-the-Rockies.html> Select the category Newsletter Advertising.

Instructions for submitting ads, including how to request design assistance, are included at that link.

Advertising Rates (per single issue): Business Card Size Ad - \$5 for BMDCR members, \$10 for non-members; Quarter-Page Ad - \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members; Half-Page Ad - \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members

Submission Deadlines: Camera-ready ads are due on the 15th of December, February, April, June, August, and October, for the Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/Jun, July/Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec issues, respectively. Allow 2 additional weeks for ads requiring design assistance.

## *Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule*

### Jan 2015 - Annual Awards Banquet

Date: Jan 25, 2015

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: CITRON BISTRO, 3535 S. YOSEMITE, DENVER (Hampden & Yosemite).

BRUNCH Selections available from a choice of 6 entrees to include entrée, coffee, tea, or Juice, Tax & Gratuity for \$18.00 per person

RSVP to Lou Tucker [bltdog@msn.com](mailto:bltdog@msn.com) by Jan. 16, 2015. Checks to BMDCR can be mailed to Lou Tucker, 7155 W. Montview Ln. Littleton, CO 80125 or payment can be made on PayPal at [www.bmdcr.org](http://www.bmdcr.org).

### Jan 2015 and Feb 2015 - BMD Fun Match and Grooming Seminars

Date: Jan 4th, and Feb 1st

Time: 10 am to 3 pm

Location: The Berner Barn, 630 E. Colorado Ave., Denver, CO

Cost: \$10.00, attend any or all sessions all proceeds to be donated to the BMDCR

See details in this newsletter.

### May 2015 - Spring Draft Tests - "TriDraftalon"

Date: May 1-2-3, 2015

Location: Elizabeth, CO.

Judges on May 1st are Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples. Judges on May 2nd are Valerie Horney and Christine Mann. Judges on May 3rd are Fay Benson and Patti Davieau. Chairman: Valerie Horney. Secretary: Sharon Keefer.

## *Membership Update by Chairperson- Stacy Temples*

### **New Sustaining Membership Applicants for January 2015**

**Sharon Montville**, 7516 Tudor Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80919. Ph. (719) 232-6123, E-mail: [shmontville@yahoo.com](mailto:shmontville@yahoo.com). Sponsors are Tracey Carpe and Julia Smith. Owner and/or Breeder of: GCH Sapphire's One In A Million (F, 04/12/2008); CH Tanzanite Ghostess with the Mostess CD RN (F, 10/31/2008); CH Prairiefire's Hidden Treasure at Tanzanite (F, 5/17/2009); GCH Tanzanite Learning Curve (F, 10/01/2012) and GCH Tanzanite's Stubborn Live (F, 04/15/2013). Sharon is a former member and BMDCA and BMDCR officer who wants to rejoin. She has had Bernese for over 20 years and shows her dogs in conformation, obedience, rally and drafting. She is also a Breeder, interested in health issues, with the kennel name Tanzanite, formerly Firstrax and Woodmoor. She wants to be connected with other responsible breeders and owners and to help with breed education and to be informed of club events. When she has more time available she wants to become a voting member again.

**Lisa & Duke Monk**, 405 Craig Ct., Woodland Park, CO 80863. Ph. H (719) 687-2825. E-mail: [lisa.monk@ymail.com](mailto:lisa.monk@ymail.com) & [doug.monk@ymail.com](mailto:doug.monk@ymail.com). Sponsors are Tracey Carpe & Sharon Johnson. Owners of Zoe (F, 09/30/2009) and Zeus (M, 09/24/2012) from Darcy Babb. They want to become more involved and to know about upcoming events. They can help in any area needed. They have shown in conformation for a year. Also interested in obedience and draft. Not members of any other dog clubs.

**Rhonda Squires**, 791 Poppy Dr., Brighton, CO 80601. Ph. H (303) 659-3403. E-mail: [squiresfam@msn.com](mailto:squiresfam@msn.com). Sponsored by Dottie Schulte & Tracey Carpe. Owner of Mountaineer's Tar Heel Beauty "Callie" (F, 10/01/2014) who is their family pet. She is interested in resources for growing a pet. She is not involved in showing or breeding.

**Shirley Didier**, 1390 Kathy St. S., Salem, OR 97306, Ph. M (541) 728-8703. E-mail: [Shirley.Didier@gmail.com](mailto:Shirley.Didier@gmail.com). Sponsors are Alice Clark & Phil Shaffer. Owner of Coburg Hills My Dream Come True "Maya" (F, 7/20/2013). Shirley plans to move to CO in the next year or two and wants to know more about BMD activities here. She will be able to help with Rescue. She is training her dog in obedience, agility and rally and plans to compete in the future. She is also interested in tracking, drafting and therapy work. Shirley is a member of the Oregon club since January 2014.

**Amanda Hollenbeck**, 3500 Rolling Green Dr. M49, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Ph. M (970) 213-2315. Sponsors are Phil Shaffer and Ann Rutherford. Amanda has helped with foster dogs in the past and is interested in health issues, therapy work and backpacking. She is not involved in showing or breeding.

## Show News !- By Lou Tucker

\*Rapid City Kennel Club\* 10/17/2014

OS CH GCH American Ale Von Der Bernessehof Owner – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

**BB CH Biergarten's Winter Abby Ale** Owner - Beverly & Michael Hilmes

SEL/BOBOH/OHG3 CH De-Li's Lemark Believe It Or Not Owner Dr. Mary E. Guy & L. Ostermiller

\*Rapid City Kennel Club\* 10/18/2014

OS CH GCH American Ale Von Der Bernessehof Owner – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

**SEL CH Biergarten's Winter Abby Ale** Owner - Beverly & Michael Hilmes

**SEL CH DeLi's Lemark Believe It Or Not** Owner - Dr. Mary Ellen Guy & Lilian Ostermiller

\*Rapid City Kennel Club\* 10/19/2014

BB/G3 CH GCH American Ale Von Der Bernessehof Owner – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

**SEL CH Biergarten's Winter Aby Ale** Owner - Beverly & Michael Hilmes

\*Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club\* 10/25/14

**WD/BW Mountainair's Seguin It Ain't So** Owner – Ari Stuta & Darcy Babb

**RWD Prairefire's Fadio Flyer From Mountainair** Owner – Devon Ellison & Sharon Johnson

**RWB Ayehli's Amazing Grace V Ratcliff** Owner – Tracey Carpe, Fara Bushnell 7 Jennifer Necker

BB/G3 CH GCH American Ale Vob Der Bernessehof Owner – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

**SEL CH Biergarten's Winter Abbey Ale** Owner – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

**SEL CH GCH Prairefire's Winter Hawk Of Snowy Pines** Owner - Sharon Johnson

BOBOH CH Barberry Jigger OF Jameson V Winridge Owner – Kim Giannone

\*Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club\* 10/26/14

**WD/BW Mountainair's Seguin It Ain't So** Owner – Ari Stutz & Darcy Babb

**RWD Prairefire's Radio Flyer From Mountainair** Owner – Devon Ellison & Sharon Johnson

**RWB Ayehli's Amazing Grace V Ratcliff** Owner – Tracey Carpe, Fara Bushnell, Jennifer Necker

SEL CH GCH American Ale Von Bernessehof Owner – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

**SEL CH Biergarten's Winter Abbey Ale** Owner - Beverly & Michael Hilmes

BOBOH/OHG4 Ch Barberry Jigger OF Jamison V Winridge Owner – Kim Giannone

\*Southern Colorado Kennel Club\* 11/07/14

WD Alderfer Wherefore Art Thou Owner – Katerina Cviklova & V. Krejci & Catherine Davis

**SEL CH GCH Biergarten's Winter Abby Ale** Owner – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

SEL CH GCH American Ale Von Bernessehof Owner - Beverly & Michael Hilmes

**OS CH Plainsong's Ruby Red Cloud** Owner – Pam & Kevin Swisher

\*Southern Colorado Kennel Club\* 11/08/14

**RWD Blumoon's The More He Motos** Owner – Brooks Bernard

**WD/BW Sapphire's Man In Black At Lazy Paws** Owner – Kevin & Shari Curran

RWB LemarkBriarcliff Reverie Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

**SEL CH GCH Prairefire's Winter Hawk Of Snowy Pines** Owner – Sharon Johnson

OS CH Berntiers Crystal Ball Owner – Catharine Davis

**BOBOH/OHG3 GCH CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land CD AX** Owner – Valerie Horney

**SEL CH Plainsong's Ruby Red Cloud** Owner – Pam & Kevin Swisher

\*Colorado Springs Kennel Club\* 11/09/14

**WB Prairefire's Wonderstruck** Owner – Sharon Johnson

**SEL CH GCH Prairefire's Winter Hawk Of Snowy Pines** Owner – Sharon Johnson

OS CH Berntiers Crystal Ball Owner – Catharine Davis

**BOBOH/OHG4 GCH CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land CD AX** Owner – Valerie Horney

**SEL CH Plainsong's Ruby Red Cloud** Owner – Pam & Kevin Swisher

BB/G2 CH Nashems Homebrew Owner – Dottie Schulte & Haley Curran

\*Colorado Springs Kennel Club\* 11/10/14

**RWD Nashem's Quicksilver** Owner - Julia Smith< Michael Smith & Sara Karl

WD/BW Backcounry Say Roger That Owner – Valerie Horney & Wendy Bennett

WB Lemark Briarcliff Reverie Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

**SEL CH GCH Prairefire's Winter Hawk Of Snowy Pines** - Owned Sharon Johnson

OS CH Berntiers Crystal Ball Owner – Catharine Davis

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## Show News !- By Lou Tucker

SEL CH Ella Bermondo Bohemia Owner – Catharine Davis  
\*Council Bluffs Kennel Club\* 11/22/14

OS GCH CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land CD AX Owner - Valerie Horney  
\*Council Bluffs Kennel Club\* 11/23/14

WD Backcountry Say Roger That Owner – Valerie Horney & Wendy Bennett

BB GCH Ch Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land CD AX Owner – Valerie Horney  
\*Shoreline Dog Fanciers \* 12/05/14

SEL Ch. Eklovens Unforgettable Karsten CGC, NDD, NW1 - Jennifer Zaayer  
\*Shoreline DFA \* 12/06/14

BB Ch. Eklovens Unforgettable Karsten CGC, NDD, NW1 - Jennifer Zaayer  
\*Malibu KC\* 12/08/14

SEL Ch. Eklovens Unforgettable Karsten CGC, NDD, NW1 - Jennifer Zaayer  
PERFORMANCE WINS / NEW TITLES

Ch. Ekloven's Unforgettable Karsten CGC, - Jennifer Zaayer - New NW1  
NACSW Canine Nosework Trial, Palmdale, CA 10/20/14

Classique's Midnight Serenade (Cooper) Owner – Patty Wellinger  
Buckhorn Kennel Club 10/25/14 Pre Novice Obedience 3rd leg, 2nd place NEW PCD Title

Ch. Tanzanite the Trouble with Tribbles BN RN CGC—Julia and Michael Smith and Sharon Monteville  
Southern Colorado Kennel Club Nov 8 2014 Novice A Obedience 2nd Place 3rd Leg-new title

Ch. Tanzanite the Trouble with Tribbles BN RN CGC - Julia and Michael Smith and Sharon Monteville  
Southern Colorado Kennel Club Nov 10 2014 Novice A Obedience 1st place  
\*Northern California Draft Tests\* 10/31/14 – 11/02/14

Prairefire's Mircale's Can't Wait (Dechlen) Owner - Lori Kenndy New ANDD (Advanced Novice DD)

Prairefire's Mircle's Can't Wait & Kennedy's Murren (Murrey) Novice Brace – 4th Leg

Dashing To The Rescue (Dash) Owner – Alice Clark New Title – MDD (Master Draft Dog)

Dash & Brighteye Caliche Trails (Carly) Owner – Elaine Witulski - Team handled by Alice Clark

Ch. Ekloven's Unforgettable Karsten, CGC, NW1 - Jennifer Zaayer New NDD  
Passed Open Brace 2 times

Werlwinds Last Call NDD, BNDD, CGC (Skoal) Owners – Byron & Yoshi Peterson & Cindy Switzer  
Novice Draft Dog – 2nd Leg, Brace Novice Draft Dog (BNDD) New Title

AM/Can CH Werlwind's One For The Road Andd BNDD CD CGC (Dexter) Owners-Byron&Yoshi Peterson  
Brace Novice Draft Dog (BNDD) New Title  
Congratulations to everyone !!

### SHOW NEWS & PERFORMANCE SUBMISSIONS

There have been some questions / concerns regarding the content of Show News reporting.

Show News highlights the wins and accomplishments of people and their dogs who are MEMBERS of The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies. The dogs noted are owned / co-owned by a BMDCR member. Occasionally for space constraints co-owned dogs may be excluded if the (owner of record) is not a BMDCR member.

It was the original intent that Rockies members would submit their wins to the show news reporter for publication. Since I am at a number of shows I have noted the wins in conformation and check the Onofrio website for Local (Denver area) shows. I can only guarantee that wins will be listed if they are emailed to me directly as I can easily miss a show posting or the club membership roster may not be current.

There is no way of knowing who is entered in what performance event so it is imperative that you send me your wins/new titles if you want them included in the performance news.

I do not gather information from Facebook postings..

BMDCR Specialty and Draft Test results are published on the BMDCR website or members list.

To best insure that your wins will be included in Show News send to Lou Tucker – bltdog@msn.com.

Good Luck in all your Berner events!

## *Board Meeting Minutes - November 23, 2014*

The November 23, 2014 meeting of the BMDCR Board was called to order at 12:09 pm at Lori Kennedy's Berner Barn in Denver. Present were Mary Ellen Guy, Lori Kennedy, Sara Karl, Barb LeTourneau, Candy McDanal, PattyWellinger, Dottie Schulte, Joanna Hughes, Ann Rutherford, and Sharon Keefer. Laura Hauthenthal was absent. (Sharon Keefer was present to take minutes for Laura.)

Barb moved that the minutes for the last meeting be approved. Lori seconded the motion. Approved.

**President's Report** – Mary Ellen thanked Candy for arranging food for Vicky Whitney's memorial service as a donation from the BMDCR. Barb moved that the cost of the food, approximately \$170, be officially approved. Lori seconded the motion. Approved.

Mary Ellen asked for discussion of how else the club might wish to honor Vicky. Dottie suggested sponsorship of tracking trophies (\$30 each) in Vicky's memory at the 2015 BMDCA National Specialty. Sponsoring the Bred-By Exhibitor Dog trophy (\$70) was suggested as also appropriate to Vicky's interests. Sharon Keefer conveyed a suggestion from Valerie Horney to sponsor 1 day of trophies in memory of Vicky at the BMDCR Spring 2015 Draft Tests. Sharon suggested a memorial page (inside front cover) in the BMDCR 2015 Specialty show catalog, as has been done previously in memory of club members. A motion was made to recommend to the membership that, in keeping with previous memorial donations for members who contributed much to the club, BMDCR sponsor 1 tracking trophy at the 2015 National Specialty for \$30, the BBE Dog trophy at the 2015 National Specialty for \$70, a memorial page on the inside front cover of the 2015 BMDCR Specialty catalog (no direct cost) and 1 day of trophies at the 2015 BMDCR Spring Draft Tests (up to \$400). Motion passed.

Mary Ellen announced that BMDCR member Beth Dennehy is now the Catalog Ad Chairman for the BMDCA 2015 National Specialty, and asked if the club wishes to place an ad in the catalog. Full-page ads cost \$70 and are due by February 7th. The consensus was to take a group photo of club members at Berner Noel to place in the ad. Candy moved that BMDCR submit a full-page ad with group photo. Barb seconded. Motion passed. Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway will design and submit the ad.

**Report of Secretary**– from Sharon for Laura, new and continuing officers need to notify Laura of any changes in their contact information. Laura will be updating BMDCR information to AKC following the election today.

**Report of Treasurer**–Sara reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts. The Rescue account has additionally benefited from recent donations in memory of Vicky Whitney. Discussion of another item was moved into executive session. Sara reported that the net profit (which excludes Ways and Means sales on show day) from the 2014 Specialty was +\$1,596. The net from the Fall Draft Tests was -\$50 to -\$125 (one bill is outstanding).

**Report of Rescue Committee** – Ann reported that we currently have an almost-4-year-old female in Rescue that needs bilateral TPLO (torn knee ligament repair) surgeries. She was released to rescue by her family and is now being fostered. The cost for each of the 2 surgeries, discounted by Dr. Bauer and with blood work done by Dr. Nancy Fuselier, is \$2,226. Lori reported that BMDCA currently has unallocated rescue money available to clubs. Following discussion, Lori moved that BMDCR pay for one of the surgeries and that we request matching money from BMDCA Rescue to pay for the other. Sara seconded. Motion passed.

### **Unfinished Business**

Dottie Schulte reported on the status of planning for the 2015 Specialty. Several sites have been contacted as possibilities for a 2-day Specialty on the first weekend in October. No definite possibilities have been

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determined. The Rottweiler club (whom we had discussed partnering with for a 2-day specialty) are happy with their move to associate with the Buckhorn Kennel Club shows, and they required staying in the Denver Metro area, which we may not be able to do. Members interested in assisting Dottie with more and follow-up calls to potential sites will meet following the membership meeting today.

### **New Business**

Since the new officer candidates are unopposed for the election in the member's meeting today, and since Vice President Lori Kennedy will then move to President, a vice-president needs to be appointed for a 1-year term. Also needed is a board member to complete the remaining 1 year of Vicky Whitney's term. Lou Tucker was appointed as Vice President and Candy McDanal as Board Member for 2015.

Candy reported that Vicky Whitney's husband, Harry, has 2 small draft carts, large stuffed toy berners, etc. to donate. Candy will talk to Harry to make arrangements for the club to pick them up and store them for our next raffle.

Lori would like to donate her Berner Barn for some conformation and obedience practice sessions on some Sundays leading up to the Denver shows in February. Sara offered to run the conformation sessions. Likely these days would be conformation in the morning and obedience in the afternoon. A fee of \$10 was suggested that would be donated to BMDCR. Sara and Lori will coordinate dates and announce the sessions.

At our last meeting, Vicky was setting up a program to follow the membership meeting today. No one heard further status, so it was assumed that the program had not yet been arranged.

**Meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm.**

## *General Meeting Minutes - November 23, 2014*

The November 23, 2014 meeting of the BMDCR members was called to order at 1:10 pm at Lori Kennedy's Berner Barn in Denver. A quorum of fourteen voting members were present, no sustaining members and no guests.

Sharon Keefer moved that the minutes for the last meeting be approved. Lou Tucker seconded the motion. Approved.

### **President's Report**

Mary Ellen Guy reported on the following items from today's Board meeting.

In Vicky Whitney's memory and to honor her contributions to BMDCR, the Board recommends to the membership that BMDCR sponsor 1 tracking trophy at the 2015 National Specialty for \$30, the BBE Dog trophy at the 2015 National Specialty for \$70, a memorial page on the inside front cover of the 2015 BMDCR Specialty catalog (no direct cost) and 1 day of trophies at the 2015 BMDCR Spring Draft Tests (up to \$400). After brief discussion, Sharon Keefer moved to pass the recommendation. Sara Karl seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Our member Beth Dennehy is the BMDCA 2015 National Specialty Catalog Ads Chairman. With an ad in the National catalog, you can brag about your achievements, highlight your breeding program, celebrate

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your veterans or just wish everyone success at the National! The deadline for ad submittal is Thursday, February 5, 2015. Half-page ads are \$40, full-page \$70. Call or email Beth for more information: 970-846-8822, bmdca2015catalogad@gmail.com. Our Board approved submitting a full-page club ad. Members are encourage to attend Berner Noel where we will take a group photo to use in the ad. Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway will design the ad.

**Report of Secretary** – from Sharon Keefer for Laura Haupenthal, new and continuing officers need to notify Laura of any changes in their contact information. Laura will be updating BMDCR information to AKC following the election today.

**Report of Treasurer**–Sara Karl reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts. The Rescue account has additionally benefited from recent donations in memory of Vicky Whitney. Sara reported that the net profit (which excludes Ways and Means sales on show day) from the 2014 Specialty was +\$1,596. The net from the Fall Draft Tests was -\$50 to -\$125 (one bill is outstanding).

### **Reports of Committees**

**Specialty Show** Chairman Dottie Schulte reported that she is still looking for site for a 2-day specialty on the first weekend in October, 2015. If a site cannot be found, she suggests staying with Evergreen Kennel Club for 2015, then offering a 2-day specialty in 2016.

**Rescue Committee** Chairman Ann Rutherford reported that there have been 17 dogs through our program to-date in 2014; 2 are currently in foster care. Fifteen is about the average for recent years. One of the dogs currently being fostered needs bilateral TPLO (torn knee ligament repair) surgeries. Today the Board approved payment by BMDCR for one from our Rescue Fund, and to request the cost of the other knee repair from the BMDCA Rescue Fund. The BMDCA Rescue Fund which currently has unencumbered money available to regional clubs for rescue needs.

Ann thanked all who have contributed to Rescue Committee this year, especially the additional contributions in memory of Vicky Whitney. Candy McDanal thanked Ann for helping with placements of 2 of Vicky's dogs.

### **Unfinished Business**

Vicky Whitney had volunteered to coordinate programs to follow our club meetings. It was reiterated that this is usually a role of the Vice President.

### **New Business**

**Berner Noel** coordinators Lou Tucker and Candy McDanal reported that the meeting time for caroling and carting at Aspen Grove on December 7th will be 10:45 am, to be ready to start at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow at The Bistro in Aspen Grove at 12:30 pm. Sharon Keefer was asked to send an Evite to the membership to get a count of members who plan to attend the lunch so that the restaurant can be notified, and to post event details on the website, Facebook page and yahoo group. A change in the insurance certificate needed for Aspen Grove was discussed, and Sara Karl will proceed with having the certificate issued. She reported that there is no extra fee for the change.

Lou Tucker reported planning details for the **Annual Awards Banquet** on January 25th. The location will be Citron Bistro at Hampden and Yosemite in Denver. We have a room reserved there for 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be able to order from their brunch menu with a set price that will be payable in advance to Lou or online via our website. Lori Kennedy needs nominations for the Kathy Roth award. Dottie Schulte

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(with Alice Clark) volunteered to generate certificates. Sharon Keefer will produce a slide show.

Lori Kennedy announced that she is donating the Berner Barn for conformation and obedience run-throughs prior to the Denver shows in February. Sara Karl will help with the conformation sessions. A nominal charge will be donated to the club. Dates and times will be announced

### **Election of Officers**

For open office positions effective January 1, 2015, the nominating committee previously proposed the candidate slate of Lori Kennedy for President; Tracey Carpe for Treasurer; Barbara LeTourneau and Julia Smith for Board Members. No additional candidates were nominated. Sara Karl moved to accept the slate as proposed. Joanna Hughes seconded. Motion Passed. Lou Tucker was appointed to fill the Vice President position for the remaining 1-year term to be vacated by Lori Kennedy. Candy McDanal was appointed to fill the remaining 1-year of Vicky Whitney's Board Member term.

**The meeting was adjourned for brags at 1:38 pm.**

Board and Members' Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

## AWARDS BANQUET & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 25, 2015

11:00 a.m. – 2: 30 p.m.

### CITRON BISTRO

3535 S. YOSEMITE DENVER, 80237

(Hampden & Yosemite) 303-771-5800

BRUNCH Selections available from a choice of 6 entrees to include entrée, coffee, tea, or Juice, Tax & Gratuity for \*\$18.00\* per person

Please RSVP to Lou Tucker [bltdog@msn.com](mailto:bltdog@msn.com) by Jan. 16, 2015. Checks to BMDCR can be mailed to Lou Tucker, 7155 W. Montview Ln. Littleton, CO 80125 or payment will be available on PayPal at [www.bmdcr.org](http://www.bmdcr.org) - the clubs official website.

Send nominations for the Kathy Roth award along with a few details about your nominee to Lori Kennedy – [lkck@comcast.net](mailto:lkck@comcast.net) by Jan. 1, 2015

Send information for the Award Certificates to Dottie Schulte – [dotties911@aol.com](mailto:dotties911@aol.com) before Jan. 9, 2015. Include dogs registered name, call name, title(s) earned, date and your name(s). Certificates will only be presented for dogs residing with you.

Photos for the *Year To Remembern* (Bernerly Memories) video presentation should be sent to Sharon Keefer - [joyfulbmd@skybeam.com](mailto:joyfulbmd@skybeam.com) by Jan. 9, 2015. Include dogs registered name and call name.

*A brief board meeting will be held at 10:45 followed by the membership meeting.*

### Wanna get in Shape for 2015???

Here is your chance to attend the following:

#### BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG FUN MATCH AND GROOMING SEMINARS

When: January 4, 2015 and February 1, 2015 (attend either or both)

Where: The Berner Barn  
9630 E. Colorado Ave.  
Denver, CO 80247

Open to: All Berners of every age and their people

Time: 10 to 11:15 am Conformation  
11:30-12:45 Grooming Tips and Tricks  
Hosted by Sara Karl  
1:00 to 3:00 Obedience Run Throughs

Cost: \$10.00, attend any or all sessions all proceeds to be donated to the BMDCR

RSVP to Lori Kennedy at lkck@comcast.net

RSVP not required but appreciated



But if you can't be there,  
send Greetings & Good Luck to your friends!

Place an ad in the National Specialty Catalog today

Ads may be purchased two ways: through the BMDCA online store

\* <http://www.bmdca-store.com>

\* Or by mail with Catalog Ad Chair Beth Dennehy

\* \$40 for a Half Page

\* \$70 for a Full Page

\* \$130 for a Double Full Page Spread

For more details, contact Beth at [bmdca2015catalogad@gmail.com](mailto:bmdca2015catalogad@gmail.com)

**Celebrate your Bernese Mountain Dog!**



BMDCR Newsletter Deadlines for 2015

Please submit content for BMDCR newsletters to the Editor by the deadlines listed below.

In addition to regular features, appropriate articles, advertisements and photos are welcome.

Mar/April Issue - 2/15/2015  
 May/June Issue - 4/15/2015  
 July/Aug Issue - 6/15/2015  
 Sept/Oct Issue - 8/15/2015  
 Nov/Dec Issue - 10/15/2015  
 Email to: [t\\_doming@msn.com](mailto:t_doming@msn.com)

*Breed Mentors Program*

What is the BMDCR Mentors program?

Have you ever wondered what events and activities are available for you and your dog?

Have you seen or heard of an event or activity for you and your dog that you might be interested in, but didn't know where to start or were afraid to ask?

Have you thought about an event or activity for you and your dog, but were unsure how to train, and afraid to invest in specialized equipment without knowing if your dog was a willing participant?

BMDCR Mentors are club members with skill and expertise in events and activities you can do with your dogs. These Mentors have agreed to act as points of contacts for your questions regarding how to get started, how and where to train, what equipment to buy, and how to find and enter events and activities.

BMDCR Mentors have volunteered to support your questions via phone and/or email. From time to time, they may schedule demonstrations that will be part of club meetings or as separate stand-alone events. You may be invited to local practice sessions or shows to see the mentor and their dogs in action.

All you need to do is take the first step by contacting a BMDCR Mentor!

For a current list of Mentors please see the club website: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Mentors.html>

BMDCR Members – If you would like to be listed as a Mentor for one of the events or activities above, or if you can Mentor an event or activity that is not on the list, please contact Barry Solomon at [bsolomon@myqci.com](mailto:bsolomon@myqci.com) or 303-670-0426.

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### The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies Fast Facts

- Founded in October 1987, the BMDCR is comprised of people who love Bernese Mountain Dogs.
- The BMDCR serves the states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming.
- The BMDCR has been officially recognized as a regional club by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America since 1989.
- The BMDCR achieved status as an AKC licensed club in 2007, and hosted their first independent specialty show that same year.
- BMDCR members are fanciers involved in breeding, showing, service and performance activities, as well as those whose Bernese are cherished family members.



Providing a source of education and support for fanciers of Bernese Mountain Dogs

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### *Keeping In Touch...*

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies is striving to keep in touch with its existing members, and reach out to new ones. Here are some of the ways we're working to connect with you!

- Website—[www.bmdcr.org](http://www.bmdcr.org) \*Please note, to review the Members Only section of the website, you must have the member password. If you are a member, and need the password, please send a message to Helen Karl at [helann10@yahoo.com](mailto:helann10@yahoo.com).
- Facebook—[Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies](https://www.facebook.com/BerneseMountainDogCluboftheRockies)
- Yahoo Groups—<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BMDCRockies/> \*Please note, this group is for members only and you must obtain permission by the moderator to join.