



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

Next meeting
Sunday, July 22
Board Meeting - 11:30 AM
General Meeting - 1:00 PM

At Al & Laura's
(see page 2 for directions)

BMDCR as Philanthropists

"You cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening your own"

Every so often, the BMDCR finds itself in the predicament of having some excess funds in our treasury. It has been awhile, but in the past club members have voted to donate money to a variety of different causes to include the Colorado State University Animal Cancer Center, Dumb Friends League and Best Friends Animal Society. At the May meeting, we reviewed our finances and voted that it is time again to be philanthropists. We will be discussing options for donations and voting at the July meeting. But here are some ideas to generate thoughts on how we can best use our monies.

AKC Canine Health Foundation-donor advised funds
www.akcchf.org

Helps fund research studies to include those specific to the BMD relating to histiocytosis and soft tissue sarcomas. Two studies are on-going and sponsored by the BMDCA and a collection of BMD owners called "Berners lovers". These two studies are headed by Elaine Ostrander and Matthew Breen. The purpose of their studies is to identify genetic markers for cancer in the BMD. Both studies will need additional funding in September in order to continue. The AKC matches funds from 50% to 100% for monies donated to this fund.

Morris Animal Foundation
www.curecaninecancer.org

MAF has launched a campaign to cure canine cancer by driving fundraising and helping to coordinate the research of many veterinary schools, cancer centers and scientific organizations. Specifically to our breed, Dr. Lindblad-Toh at the Broad Institute (an adjunct to MIT) has been studying mast cell cancer.

Colorado State University Animal Cancer Center
www.csuanimalcancercenter.org

The mission of CSU is to improve prevention and treatment of cancer in animals and humans. They recently proposed a 10 million dollar plan that will increase and expand research, development and application of new cancer treatments. They have a variety of on-going studies and medication trials specific to canines. Some of their studies are done in conjunction with human cancer researchers.

Best Friends Animal Society
www.bestfriends.org

Located in Utah, Best Friends runs the nations largest sanctuary for abused and abandoned animals. Following hurricane Katrina, they were instrumental in rescue and placement of abandoned animals. They were also aggressive in reuniting owners with their lost pets.

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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

Trophy Donations



Have you won some nice trophies in the past?
Remember how nice that felt? Give that feeling to someone else!

Still available at this time:

BOB	\$100
BOS	\$50
Winners Dog and Winners Bitch	\$40 each
Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch	\$25 each
Award of Merit	\$25
Regular Classes 1st through 4th	\$25
Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweeps	\$45
1st through 4th in Sweeps classes	\$25
Best Puppy in Sweeps	\$45
Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweeps	\$45

And many more, just ask

Officers

President Valerie Horney
Vice President Lou Tucker
Treasurer Sara Karl
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Membership Applications

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Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November at Laura and Al's house at 5614 S. Ivy Ct. in Greenwood Village. Board Meetings start at 11:30 AM and the General Meetings start at 1 PM. From I-25 North or South, exit on Orchard Rd. Go west about one mile and turn right onto E. Orchard Drive. Take the third right onto S. Ivy St. which turns into S. Ivy Ct. 5614 S. Ivy Ct. is the tan house at the end of the street.

Indicate your 1st second and third choice for sponsorship:

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone & Email _____

Send to:

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BMDCR MEMBERS AND EXHIBITORS

Join Us To Celebrate

Our First Independent Specialty and AKC Licensure

Friday September 7th

Complimentary Reception and Cash Bar at the show site

Following Best of Breed

RSVP to Dottie Schulte (dotties911@aol.com or 970-392-1806) or Sharon Keefer (JoyfulBMD@mesanetworks.net or 303-324-1559).

Please let us know if you will be attending so there is enough food and liquor so everyone attending can celebrate!

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Dumb Friends League
www.ddfl.org

DDFL is a national leader in providing care to lost and abandoned animals and are active in rescue, adoption and public education. They are the largest welfare organization in the Rocky Mountain region.

Above is just a handful of organizations that are in need of funding. Each represents an animal interest, some specific to health and the Bernese Mountain Dog and others focusing on rescue, animal welfare and education. We all have organizations that we have on our "short list" for donations. If you have other ideas on how we can best donate our monies, please bring them to the July meeting. It is not often we find ourselves with some spare cash so we want to spend it wisely.

BMDCR Membership Column July/August 2007 Stacy Temples

Please welcome our new Sustaining members:

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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies Invites You to BERNERMANIA

Here come old flattopline, he come trotting up showy. He got almond eyeball, he one study berner



He got hair down to his hocks Got to be a winner he just do what he please

Come Together at Our First Independent Regional Specialty

Island Grove Park, Greeley, Colorado

BMDCA DRAFT TEST September 6, 2007
Judges Patti (Morgan) Davieau & Kathe Vasquez

BMDCR REGIONAL SPECIALTY September 7, 2007

Breeder Judge Jane Haefner (Conformation)
Breeder Judge Wendy Bennett (Sweepstakes)
Judge Susan Oviatt (Obedience) Judge Julie Yamane (Rally)
Plus Other Groovy Happenings

TWO ALL-BREED SHOWS September 8-9, 2007
Judge Judith Goodin (Saturday) Judge Jean Fournier (Sunday)
BMDCR Show Chairman Dottie Schulte (Dotties911@aol.com)

Rosie is a homemaker who owns Neo (M, 1/05/04), from Bonnie Scott Jackson and Zizou, Loriendell's Barrow Blade Sting, (M, 7/13/06), from the Woods. She wants to join the club because it would be fun for her and her dogs and she is interested in health issues and backpacking. She trains her dogs in obedience and had 2 German Shepherds in the past. Her sponsors are Lynn Wood and Sara Karl.

Deborah Barrett
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Deb is a Procurement Adm. at Ball. She is interested in learning about the breed, their needs and making sure she would be a good Bernese owner before she gets one. She is willing to help out with activities, etc. She has owned a Golden Mix before who she trained in obedience

and she is interested in health issues and backpacking. Her sponsors are Phil Shaffer and Valerie Horney.

Candy McDanal
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Candy is a retired school teacher. She and her husband have Wagontale's Princess Alexandria (F, 4/21/06) from Temples & Ramsdell. She wants to keep current on breed issues and competitions and she is willing to help the club in whatever way she can. She trains her dog in obedience and conformation and she is also interested in health issues and tracking. She had Siberian Huskies before, never bred a litter or been a dog club member though. Her sponsors are Pam Solomon and Nadja Torling.

Berner Fiesta!

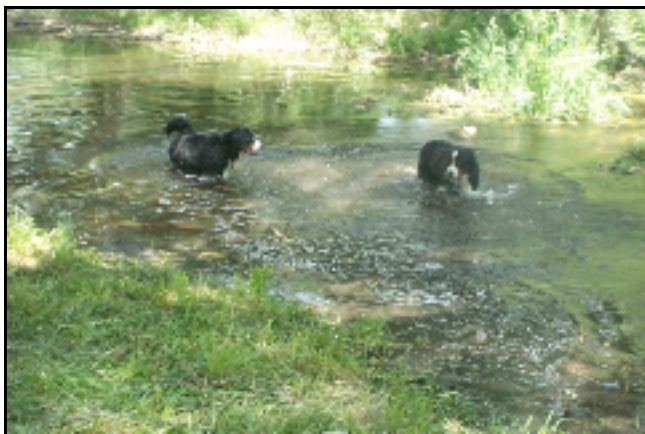
Despite the 100 degree day, Berners and their humans were able to enjoy shade and stream at our annual Bernerfiesta on June 24. Many thanks to hostess Amy Burgess and her dog Tessa (a rescue she got in 2005) for allowing us to invade their space and for fixing a yummy Mexican casserole for us to enjoy.



Hostesses Amy and Tessa



Amy cuddles with one of the younger attendees



Cooling off in the best kinda way



Hail, hail the gangs all here



Sharon enjoys her meal while Mozart keeps her feet shaded



A spirited game of "mouth"

BMDCA National Specialty

Several BMDCR members traveled to Kentucky for the BMDCA National Specialty in May. Some came home with titles or ribbons. . .but everyone came back with memories of a very fun event.



Elaine and Questa on the move



Latte (age 10) tells Elaine how pleased she is to be in the veterans parade



Val and Teller bond before their 4th place finish in Veterans Obedience



Val and a perfectly stacked Crosby



Nancy and Sandy execute the narrows



Bob encourages Marin to pull despite the heat and humidity

Rescue Activity Update by Patti Davieau (Morgan)

Rescue has been busy with 22 rescue dogs in 2006 and 12 so far in 2007. Most dogs that come into rescue are from puppy mills or back yard breeders. If a dog comes into rescue and I know it came from a puppy mill or back yard breeder, I won't contact them, I always ask the owner relinquishing the dog if a contract was signed with the breeder. Most do not, but I always ask for a copy if they have signed one. I next ask, did you contact the breeder? Most have not or say they feel the dog would be going back to a very bad place, so at that point if I know it's a puppy mill I won't contact them. After doing rescue for so many years I know the good from the bad when it comes to puppy mills or back yard breeders.

A lot of dogs at this time are coming in with very shy issues. I can say the people breeding these dogs don't care about temperament at all. There have been no aggression problems which I am very thankful about. Our club has been very lucky that there hasn't been huge health problems with most of the rescue dogs. Most come in needing shots or to be spayed or neutered. Almost all come in needing a good bath, some trimming of hair and nails and a good blow drying. The average cost to the BMDCR for each rescue dog is about \$100-\$150. We have club members who are veterinarians who give discounted services as well as other veterinarians who are willing to work with us to lower costs for care. Some do come in with obedience training, some need some work, and other's need a ton of work; it's really all over the board. I have found that most adults can be trained fairly quickly.

It is important that club members continue to educate the public to purchase dogs from reputable breeders. We are seeing the increase of rescue because of the puppy mills and backyard breeders, most who feel they can make a large profit by breeding but do not do the testing and certifications recommended before breeding.

The reasons people give up these dogs are all different from moving to divorce to "I want a dog that doesn't have so much hair", or "the dog is too big for my children" Most of the time it's not because they are bad dogs, people just don't want to deal with them and whatever the problem the dog might have.

I never get upset with the people who relinquish a Bernese Mountain Dog until I load the dog and drive away. At that point no one should hear what I say to myself. I have cried a few times, like the time I drove up and a very large male was tied to the side of the house. I couldn't get out of that house fast enough. I even left my coat at their home and I wouldn't go back and get it. So time and time again it's all so different when I get a dog, I always thank the person for taking the time to contact me. So you can say in some way, the relinquishing owners are trying to do the right thing.

So be happy for the dogs that come to us as rescues as they end up in really good homes. And the shy dogs, in the end, have a big turn around and are very happy dogs. Most all the dogs have stayed in Colorado, and that's a good thing as we have a ton of good homes here and we can more easily do follow up on how they are doing.

If you are interested in becoming a foster home for a rescue dog, you need to complete a foster application. You can get them from me or Phil Shaffer. In order to be a foster "parent" you should be a BMDCR member and have a lot of experience with dogs. In order to become a forever home for a rescue Bernese, you must fill out an application, have another club member visit your home and pay a \$300 fee. You can get applications from me or there is an on-line application that can be completed and submitted. Every effort will be made to place a dog with a compatible individual or family, based on the dog's temperament and any issues he/she might have. Once a rescue dog has been placed in your home, you will receive follow up phone calls and you will be encouraged to stay in touch with the club by attending functions so everyone can see how well your new pet is doing.

If you ever have questions about rescue feel free to contact me.

Sophie

My name is Rhonda. I came to Patti looking for a good dog for my 3 year old to love. I have an 8 year old Yorkie that was not fond of the rough play that my little one wanted. After several conversations, I met the most amazing animal that I could possibly imagine.

Sophie is a 2 year old that was surrendered by her owners because of allergies. She was timid and shy when we first brought her home. Believe me when I tell you that that passed within a day. Sophie is the most loving, kind, warm animal that we could have gotten. She follows us everywhere we go! She sleeps in my room right next to my bed. Most of all she LOVES MY SON! The best part is seeing him wrap his little arms around her neck and tell her that he loves her and seeing her respond by nuzzling him back! Warms a mother's heart! They play and snuggle on the floor as if she had always been with us. Her previous owners must have really loved her for her to be so mild mannered and tolerant. My son thinks that she is the best thing next to Spiderman pajamas!

I cannot express how lucky we are to have her and how happy we are to have adopted her! She is a success story for the books. We will cherish her all the rest of her days!

THANK YOU!

Rhonda Quinteros



SHOW REPORT by Valerie Horney

Durango Kennel Club

May 18, 19, 20, 2007

Novice Rally Leg Summit's Joy of the Rockies CD "Rocky" owned by Matt & Robin Hall 79.0

Novice Rally Leg Summit's Joy of the Rockies CD "Rocky" owned by Matt & Robin Hall 99.0 2nd Place

NEW RALLY NOVICE DOG

Heartland BMDC Draft Tests

May 26 & 27, 2007

NDD Blumoon's Meco Ascent, "Meco" owned by Michael and Christine Mann

DD Bogo, owned by Bob and Mary Anne Persons

San Pasqual Stock Dog Trial

June 3, 2007

2 legs NHCT CH Wagontale's Incoming Tide CGC, "Ti" owned by Jennifer and Todd Zaayer

Flatirons Kennel Club

June 2 & 3, 2007

WD/BW Lorien Dell's Glamoring Foe Hammer, owned by Bruce & Becky Finger & M Lynne Wood

RWD Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendi, owned by Joe & Kim Gionnone & M Lynn Wood

WB/OS Prairiefire's Kixitup from Maine, owned by Sharon Johnson

RWB Funatic Vanity Fair, owned by Tuuli Yrjonen

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

WD Prairiefire's Prophecy V Jenda, "Prada", owned by Charli Nicholas

RWD Nashem's In My Dreams "Dylan", owned by Sara Karl, Laura Haupenthal, & Alvin Beers

WB/OS Prairiefire's Kixitup from Maine, owned by Sharon Johnson

RWB Wagontale's Lady of the Lake RE DD CD, "legend" owned by Stacy Temples, Pam & Barry Solomon

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

Colorado Springs Kennel Club

June 9 & 10, 2007

WD Mountainair Gideon's Thunder, owned by Donna Boyd

RWD Summit's Lord Greystoke V Loriendell, owned by Richard File and Sandy Dunaway

WB/BW/OS Swiss Stars Making Bail, owned by Patti Davieau and Bobbie Hefner

RWB Firstrax Tanzanight, owned by Sharon Montville & Helen Karl

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

Group 2

2nd leg Novice CH Marbens Tuckernuck Belle "Tucker" owned by Bob and Mary Anne Persons, 176.0

WD Summit's Lord Greystoke V Loriendell, owned by Richard File and Sandy Dunaway

RWD Nashem's He's the Man of Woodmoor, "Angus" owned by Sara Karl

WB/BW/OS Lorien Dells Hatibo Gummi Bear, owned by Brigit & Mark Pieffer, Lynne & George Wood

RWB Aldafer Breda Rosalie, owned by Cathy Davis

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

3rd leg Novice CH Marbens Tuckernuck Belle "Tucker" owned by Bob and Mary Anne Persons, 181.5

NEW COMPANION DOG

Sangre De Cristo Kennel Club

June 16 & 17, 2007

WD/BW Mountainair Genuine Draft "Miller", owned by Darcy Babb

RWD Kinvarra's Black Diamond, "Dylan", owned by Pat Hughes & Sandra Kemper

WB/OS Firstrax Tanzanight, owned by Sharon Montville & Helen Karl

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

Group 2

WD Kinvarra's Black Diamond, "Dylan", owned by Pat Hughes & Sandra Kemper

NEW CHAMPION

RWD Keilissa's Cool Love v Ratliff, owned by Tracy Hyatt & Malissa Ruchack

WB/BW/OS Sapphires Fire N Ice, owned by Sharon Montville & Carol Arbuthnot

RWB Firstrax Tanzanight, owned by Sharon Montville & Helen Karl

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

Group 1

What is PeakWaggers?

PeakWaggers gourmet dog meals are light-weight, compact, non-perishable and nutritious. Designed with those on-the-go in mind, PeakWaggers is ideal for the backpacker, the fisherman or the traveler, as well as anyone else seeking a practical, alternative meal for their dogs. Our products are made with all-natural, human-grade ingredients that include beef, chicken, vegetables, potatoes, basmati rice, sweet potatoes, and organic bulgur wheat, barley, and oats. They are high in protein, fat, and fiber, and are perfectly seasoned to make any pooch's mouth water. No sodium or preservatives are ever added. PeakWaggers food is designed for intermittent or supplemental feedings only.

The PeakWaggers Tail (Tale)

After hiking on miles and miles of trails with my own dogs, and watching my kids and their friends head off on backpacking excursions and road trips with theirs, I decided there had to be a more sensible way to bring along all those necessary pounds of dog food. Although I'm a big fan of strapping saddle bags on my four-legged friends, it's often nicer if they can help carry some of my load, rather than only having room for theirs. Dog food is heavy, bulky and if it gets wet, it's pretty awful. I figured there are many varieties of dehydrated, light-weight food options for people, why shouldn't there be the same options for dogs. And so shortly after purchasing my first dehydrator, which I bought to make my own dried fruit and beef jerky at home, it dawned on me...I could make dehydrated meals for my own dogs and I could make dehydrated meals for your dogs, too. And so that's what I've done, and there you have it.

About PeakWaggers

Gayle Brooks and her husband, Stan, live in Nederland, Colorado with their five Bernese Mountain Dogs. They are avid skiers, hikers and outdoors-people who love nothing more than spending a day in the mountains with their canine clan. Gayle is also a fabulous cook (human meals as well as dog meals) and so she had a lot of fun designing the PeakWaggers menu and creating the various dishes of which there are now four plus beef jerky prepared with an Asian flair.

PeakWaggers food can be purchased on the web at www.peakwaggers.com or you can contact Gayle at info@peakwaggers.com

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gourmet dehydrated dog meals
for the trails and beyond

Tips for Preventing Heatstroke

Exercise your pet in the early morning or late evening; avoid midday activities.

Never leave your pet in a closed vehicle – even for a few minutes.

Consider a wading pool for outside dogs; the water can be kept cool by filling a water jug or plastic soda bottle with water, freezing it, and floating it in the pool. Make sure that the pool is not too deep for the dog.

Apply SPF 15 sunscreen on tender areas on dogs with light pigment or thin hair; avoid zinc-based products in case the animal licks it.

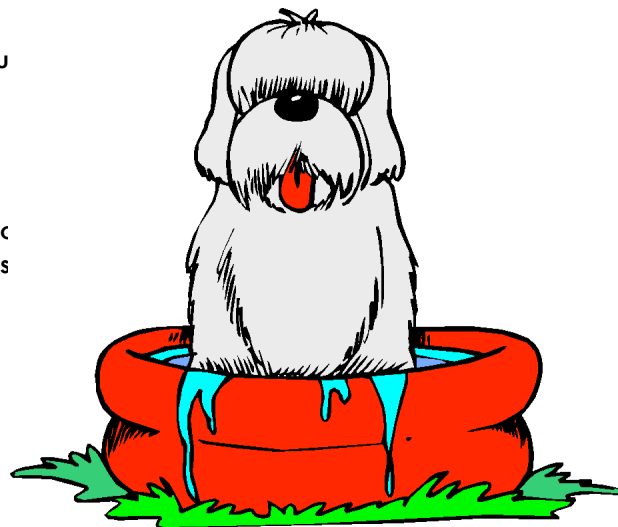
Encourage liquid and calorie intake by mixing one jar of meat baby food with one jar of water. Freeze into ice cube treats for your pet.

Watch out for asphalt because it can cause second-degree burns on you

What to Do If You Suspect Your Pet Has Heatstroke

Try to cool the animal by either submersing him in cool water or placing wet towels on the abdomen and groin (these areas have a large blood supply). Do NOT use extremely cold water or ice as they will hinder cooling.

Contact your veterinarian immediately.



Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2007

Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board was called to order at 11:35 am on May 27, 2007 by Vice President Lou Tucker.

Present: Lou Tucker, Sara Karl, Sharon Keefer, Elaine Witulski, Laura Hauptenthal, Ann & Bob Rutherford, and Sherri Mangin.

Approval of Minutes: Sara moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as published in the May/June 2007 newsletter. Elaine seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sara passed around a Profit and Loss Statement and Financial Activity Report of transactions since the last meeting. The Club has positive balances in the checking, rescue, and savings accounts. Increases will occur with membership renewals due in June.

Committee Reports:

Regional Specialty Show and Draft Test: Show Chairman Dottie Schulte will give a report during today's general membership meeting. Trophy Chairman Sara Karl reported that many of the big categories of trophies already have sponsors, but donations are still needed for class trophies. Sara also reported that profits from the Bernermania t-shirts are already about \$200 and the setup fees for printing have been covered. Sales by Dottie Schulte of the t-shirts at the National Specialty show were very successful with 77 shirts sold there and several more since then. A second printing of 100 shirts will be ordered to be available in time for Berner Fiesta in July. The Spring Draft Test made a profit of \$200 after covering its costs plus the costs of the Animal Communication seminar and the recent health clinic. Also, ribbons purchased for the Spring Draft Test included a supply for future draft tests.

Rescue: Sara reported that since the last meeting in March, the Club has spent \$223.82 on Rescue and taken in \$612.50 for Rescue. Discussion of issues with placement of 2 recent rescue dogs and on Rescue Committee reporting to the Club were tabled until the general membership meeting to follow.

Membership: Renewal forms were mailed this week and Dottie Schulte is bringing forms to the general membership meeting today.

Unfinished Business:

Berner Fiesta: Details were printed in the May/June 2007 for the July 24th event. Phil Shaffer will report more during the general membership meeting.

New Business:

Next National Specialty in Rockies Region: Sara brought up that it is not too early for all members to be thinking about possible sites where BMDCR could potentially host the next National Specialty in our region. Sara called BMDCA Specialty Coordinator Susan Henderson during the meeting to verify which year that will be. It will be in 2016 or possible 2013 if the Northern and Southern California years are rearranged. Typically, sites must be booked 4 years in advance so site selection needs to be made 5+ years in advance.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm on May 27, 2007 by Vice President Lou Tucker.

Present: 19 voting members (a quorum), 2 sustaining member and 2 guests.

Approval of Minutes: Laura Hauptenthal moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as published in the May/June 2007 newsletter. Sharon Keefer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Karl reported the positive balances in the checking, rescue, and savings accounts.

Committee Reports:

Rescue: Treasurer Sara Karl reported that since the last meeting in March, the Club has spent \$223.82 on Rescue, taken in \$612.50 for Rescue, and 3 dogs have gone through Rescue.

Membership: Renewal forms have been mailed and Dottie Schulte had copies available at this meeting. Stacy Temples will update the membership application to reflect recent bylaws change requiring sponsor signatures for sustaining membership applicants. Sharon Keefer moved that the 4 member applicants listed in the May/June 2007 newsletter be voted on as a slate. Dottie Schulte seconded that motion. Motion passed. Kristen Wolf, Vicky Whitney, Patricia Wellinger, and Kathleen Kelly were voted in as new sustaining members.

Regional Specialty and Draft Test: Show Chairman Dottie Schulte reported that all approvals have been received for the September 2007 Regional Specialty, BMDCR's first independent specialty under new AKC licensure. A Committee meeting will be held after this general membership meeting. All content for the Premium List is due to Show Secretary Robert Miller by June 20th. The anticipated schedule for the show on September 7th is Rally at 9:00 am, followed by Obedience then Conformation. Conformation will be located in the same building as last year; Obedience in the 4H building, and Rally in another building. Members and others are encouraged to contact Sara Karl to make trophy donations. Our Bernermania t-shirts and show flyers generated interest at the recent National Specialty. Barry Solomon has drafted the premium list for the Draft Test on September 6th. BMDCR is also sponsoring trophies at the Evergreen Kennel Club shows on Saturday and Sunday, September 8th and 9th. Let Dottie know if you want to contribute items for the buckets that will be trophies on Saturday; to be listed in the Premium list, contributors need to contact Dottie by June 15th. ECKC is offering rosettes instead of ribbons on those days for breeds holding specialties in conjunction with their shows. A Chief Ring Steward was still needed; Jeanne Stanwood volunteered Rip Stanwood. Meeting attendees applauded Dottie for selling 77 t-shirts at the National Specialty. T-shirt proceeds will support a free reception for all Specialty attendees on show day, as a celebration of the Club's First Independent Specialty.

Unfinished Business:

Berner Fiesta: Phil Shaffer explained that the location for Berner Fiesta on July 24th is the home of the owner of a Bernese adopted through the BMDCR Rescue program. Her property includes a creek and pond, picnic area and room for dogs to run.

Membership Renewals and Sponsors: The Club apologizes that forms were sent out a little late. Accordingly, the deadline was extended to June 30th. Volunteers were called for to serve as sponsors on a list available for new member applicants; Phil Shaffer, Laura Haupenthal, Sara Karl, Ann Rutherford, Sharon Keefer, Dottie Schulte, Jeanne Stanwood, and Ron Abbot volunteered.

New Business:

Next National Specialty in Rockies Region: Sara Karl recapped the discussion of this topic from the Board Meeting this morning. Members need to start thinking about a site to select in 2008 for booking in 2009 if BMDCR wants to host the 2013 (or 2016) National Specialty.

Charitable Donation: Fay Benson recalled that several years ago BMDCR passed a resolution that when the club treasury exceeded \$8,000, extra donations would be made to Bernese-related charities. The club treasury is at that point currently. Dottie Schulte volunteered to compile a list of potential beneficiaries and publish it in the next newsletter so that the membership can vote on donations at the next meeting. Other suggestions are encouraged, either by emailing them to Dottie for inclusion on the published list or at the next meeting. Accordingly, Fay's motion to make extra donations was tabled until the next meeting.

Rescue Reporting: Sherri Mangin share her experience after fostering 2 recent rescued dogs and her concerns regarding

their placements. She asked that the Rescue Committee revise its rules and accountability to the Club membership. Phil Shaffer explained that the Rescue policies and procedures have been under revision for the past 2 years, and that Patti Morgan is the Rescue Chairman who has tirelessly worked to rescue and place many dogs. Attendees discussed that more members need to help meet the needs of rescue activities, including home screenings, picking up dogs, and reporting back to the membership. Sherri moved that a committee be formed to review the current rescue and placement procedures. Ann Rutherford seconded the motion. Discussion: Phil suggested Sherri join the Rescue committee which already includes Patti Morgan, Val Horney, Holly Foster, Nancy, Stacy Temples, and Lou Tucker. Sherri so volunteered to serve on that committee and withdrew her motion. Sherri also volunteered to collect information prior to each club meeting and present rescue activity reports.

Lou Tucker asked that Sharon Keefer send an email to each committee and task force chairman prior to each future meeting reminding them to have a report ready for presentation at each meeting. Also, Dottie will contact Patti Morgan about writing an article on Rescue results for the newsletter.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. An excellent presentation by Fay Benson on Tracking followed the meeting. Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

BMDCR Club Information

Meetings

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November, unless members are otherwise notified. The board meetings take place at 11:30 followed by the general meeting at 1:00 followed by the program at 2:00 if scheduled. Location of meetings will be announced each newsletter. In the even-numbered months we will offer a club activity that includes dogs, e.g. the Bernerfiesta, Berner hike, draft clinic, herding instinct certification test, Berner Noel, etc. The starting times and locations of these events will vary, depending on the activity.

Newsletter/Subscriptions

We welcome articles written by members on any topic of interest to Berner fanciers. We also reprint uncopyrighted articles from other publications such as the Alpenhorn, other regional club newsletters, the AKC Gazette, and other dog club newsletters as space permits. Newsletter subscriptions are available to non-members for \$25.00 per year. Checks should be made payable to BMDCR and sent to Stacy Temples, PO Box 2490, Ft. Collins, CO 80522-2490. Club members' name and/or mailing address changes should also be submitted to Stacy.

Litter Box Policy

BMDCR voting members who have paid the annual \$5.00 Breeder Referral Service fee will be entitled to free Litter Box advertising (for one or more litters) for the entire calendar year. Sustaining members may participate in the BR program if they are sponsored by 2 voting members who also have paid the Breeder Referral fee.

Rules for Listing a Litter

Litter must come from a member breeder or stud owner in good standing with the BMDCR who has paid the designated fee. The litter must be registrable with the AKC. Litter parents must have had hips and elbows x-rayed and submitted to the OFA, GDC, OVC or other recognized registry. Dams must be over 18 months of age. Litter owner must provide a 4-generation pedigree to buyers. Puppies must be sold with a health guarantee subject to veterinary exam within 48 hours of sale. Litter owner must have a complete entry in Berner-Garde by the time the litter is 12 months old. All ads must be limited to the following information: Sire, Dam, Whelping Date, and Breeder's name, address, and telephone number. In addition, "The only acceptable reference to joint conformation in Litter Box announcements are GDC, OFA, OVC numbers for hips and elbows, including the letter rating and age in months at evaluation.

Classified Advertising

The BMDCR newsletter accepts classified ads. This is the perfect opportunity to get rid of that used dog equipment cluttering up your garage, publicize dog-related services, or sell Berner arts and crafts items. Classified advertising should be sent to the newsletter editor. There will be a charge of 10 cents per word. A check for the required amount, payable to BMDCR, should be included with your ad copy. Display advertising will be handled by the editor. All display ads should be sent directly to the editor. Rates are as follows: Full Page: \$25, Half Page: \$15 (these include use of one photo; additional photos will cost \$10 each). 1/4 Page: \$10, Business Card: \$5 (these are no-photo ads). Camera ready ads subtract 25%. Include a check payable to BMDCR with your ad copy.

Submission Deadlines for Publication

The BMDCR newsletter is published bi-monthly. All articles, reports, and ads must be received by the editor as follows: the 20th day of February, April, June, August and December for the next months issue.