



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

Next meeting: Sept 21 at 1:00: 103 Blue Heron Court, Greenwood Village

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – July 25, 2010

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:11 pm on July 25, 2010 at the Bateleur Clubhouse in Greenwood Village.

Present: Board members Jeanne Stanwood, Lori Kennedy, Laura Haupenthal, Ann Rutherford, Alice Gordon, Pam Solomon, Mary Ellen Guy and Sara Karl. Absent: Helen Karl

Approval of Minutes: Ann moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting as published in the July/August 2010. Lori seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence received since the last meeting:

There was no correspondence to discuss with the board - only the Rally Approval letter for the Regional received from AKC.

Treasurer's Report: \$13,547.53 in checking, \$ 5,623.88 in savings, CD for rescue value \$6,758.41.

The Draft clinic had an income of \$1,466 and expenses of \$746 which left us with a profit of \$719.75.

The membership renewal forms are almost all back. Sara has sent out a mail on the yahoo list for those that haven't come back yet.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Committee:

We've had 12 dogs come through rescue this year so far.

Ann is staying on as chair with help from Phil Shaffer.

Regarding the rescue dog Inga – she's not bonding to people or dogs, but is happy enough as is. Phil is going to take her for a while.

Pam brought up the idea of giving some money to Janet Walker who has fostered 5 dogs for us (she is not a club member). Sara will talk to Lori Salo to see what might be appropriate as a gift. Sara motions approve \$100 in gift certificate, Jeanne seconded. Jeanne reports that she met Clyde recently in Frisco. He's doing great.

Website Committee:

Sandy Dunaway has worked with Stacy Temples to update the new member application. Phil also has access and can help maintain the website. He's currently working on a rescue form.

Berner Fiesta: The flyer in the newsletter didn't show date - it's August 14th. We will be having fajitas for our meal. Bev Hilmes is providing fajitas.

September meeting: We want to move the meeting to try and avoid conflicts with dog shows. The decision was to move it to the 19th. It will be at Laura and Al's new home. Looking forward to November, we're choosing November 21st as the meeting date. It will also be at the Hauptenthal's

New Business:

October Draft Test – The Draft Test will be held 10/2 and 10/3 Cherry Creek State Park. Kathy Vasquez and Karyn Beyer are judges. Jeanne is sending around a trophy signup sheet. Ann is doing food but she needs some help. We also need stewards. Contact Jeanne Stanwood if you can help.

We also need to set up draft practices. We want to start in mid August... Pam will be gone for a while in September so Alice will help Barry organize the schedule.

Regarding the Peak to Peak shows in Denver in February – do we want to donate trophies again? Alice motioned yes, Lori seconds. All in favor – motion passed.

We want to set up a task force to review our bylaws to investigate doing more of our membership renewal electronically, vs. sending in the mail. Sara, Sharon Keefer and Pam will look into this.

We need to get a nomination committee together for the next year's board...first order of business though is to figure out which positions are open.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – July 25, 2010

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:01 pm on July 25, 2010 at the Bateleur Club House in Greenwood Village.

Present: 16 voting members (a quorum), 0 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 2 guest.

Approval of Minutes: Ann moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as published in the July/August 2010 newsletter. Laura seconded the motion. All in favor - motion passed.

President's Report: Pam passed around pictures from the pack hike in June. Reminder that Berner Fiesta will be August 14th in Pine. We have a list for sign up for food to go with our Fajitas being sent around.

There's a Newfoundland fun match on August 7th in Jeffco.

Lori filled us in on the Canine Cancer Walk in Estes Park, August 21st. It's sponsored by Morris Animal Foundation. The walk is very nice; going around the lake.

Secretary's Report: Repeated from Board Meeting. See Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Repeated from Board Meeting. See Board Meeting Minutes.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee:

2010 regional – Bev has been working with the caterer... we were shooting for \$15 per person, but her current menu is at \$21. Do we want the club to pick up the difference or scale back the menu? The group conclusion was to scale back the menu.

We also discussed having one big item for the raffle to attract more money. ? Lori Kennedy has a friend who would be willing to donate a handmade cart. He would also like to set up a booth. Would the club want to pay for this? Sara could also get a dryer. It was agreed that we will do both and the club will pay for them.

We still need stewards for Obedience and Rally, see Alice and Pam. Lori says Don may be able to help depending on his work schedule.

Theme for 2011 is 'Swiss at Heart' and for 2012 it's our 25th anniversary so we will have a theme of Silver Jubilee or something along those lines. The idea of having the 2013 regional in conjunction with our National was floated. It would be on the Sunday at the end of the week. Mary Ellen is volunteering to be show chair for the 2013 regional. Sara moves that we should go ahead with this proposal and Mary Ellen seconds. All in favor – motion passed. Sara suggests we should consider doing an all breed obedience trial in conjunction with next year's regional. Sharon will discuss with Dottie.

2013 National – Sharon is passing around a flyer regarding the contest to come up with an idea for a Slogo.

Ways and Means: Sharon is doing a reorder and hopes to have merchandise available by Berner Fiesta.

Website Committee Report: Nothing discussed during the General Meeting.

Rescue Committee: See Board Meeting. Ann wants to thank the Bev Hilmes, Lori Salo, Sherri Wakefield Mangin for volunteering to take over the Chair position.

Fall Draft Test: See Board Meeting.

Membership: We voted on two new sustaining members – Richard and Patty Elkins and Meris Lerner. All were approved.

Membership directories will be going out via email or post.

Unfinished Business:

None.

We will have some of board positions coming open so we need a couple of members to volunteer for the nominating committee. Stacy will volunteer for the committee. Pam will ask a couple of people to join the committee.

Tagawa Gardens contacted us as a Rescue organization to see if we were interested in an event they have coming up in November (applications due in August 1st) - "Holiday Gifts for Pets and their People". We can do a bake sale booth, gift wrapping, wandering carolers and others. We would staff whichever booth we pick for an allotted time. (They do the booth set up and signage, we just have to provide the materials (baked items, gift wrapping paper, etc.). We can also do a craft booth and would have to submit a sample of our "craft" for approval. Again, they will provide the signage and the booth. It runs two days, November 6th and 7th and we would need to fill a 2-4 hour shift. Sharon also said that they were open to other animal related ideas and she thought that perhaps we could have our dogs with carts help haul goods to people's cars.

Berner Noel: Al and Laura are willing to host. We would like to do Aspen Grove caroling as well. Possible date of December 19th was suggested. Pam will check with Aspen Grove first to see if that works with them.

Newsletter discussion: Sara feels that we need to have more content so as to have more historical information about what is going on in the club. Currently we have minutes, membership and show news. It would be good to have more info about events. We discussed having those who are leading an event sending a blurb and maybe a picture to Candy. We'll set up a reminder in the Yahoo list. For the next newsletter the deadline is the 22nd of August. Candy will contact Teresa Dominquez to see if she would like to help with newsletter production.

We had two visitors today - Cookie Silvestri and Eileen. Eileen is local and has just brought home a Berner puppy. Cookie is visiting from Illinois.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

SHOW NEWS by Lou Tucker

Flatirons Kennel Club 6/5/10

RWD – Prairefire's The Song Remains the Same Owner – Sharon Johnson

WB – Jenda N Nashem Party Like A Rock Star Owners-Sara Karl,Helen Karl, Jeni West

BOS – CH Lemark's SeaStars White Gloves Owners – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

RWD – Prairefire's The Song Remains the Same Owner – Sharon Johnson

Junior Showmanship

Novice Jr. 1st Place – Bailey Lancaster & CH Prairefire's Worth My weight
In Gold-Owners-C.Lancaster & Sharon Johnston

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Novice Intermediate 2rd Place - Lena Marquardt & Summit's I'm A
Believer V Joyful Owners - Lou Tucker & Lena Marquardt

Colorado Springs Kennel Club 6/12/10

SEL – CH Loriendell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe
Giannoni

SEL - CH Lemark's SeaStars White Gloves Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

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Novice Jr. 1st Place – Bailey Lancaster & CH Prairefire's Worth My weight
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Novice Int. 4th Place – Lena Marquardt & Summit's I'm A Believer V
Joyful (Cassie)

Open Intermediate – Mary Bugg & CH Mardi Gras Ruby Slippers - (Cocker
Spaniel) Owner – Mary Bugg

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Helen Karl &

New CH Jeni West

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Junior Showmanship

Novice Int. 3rd Place – Lena Marquardt & Cassie

Open Int. 4th Place – Mary Bugg & Ruby

Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club 7/03/10

WD – Kinvarra’s Dancemaster Owners – Patricia Hughes & N. Hughes

RWD – Mountaineir’s Lima Bean RN Owners – Elisabeth Dennehy &
W. Rogers & Darcy Babb

BPY – Springs Joy of Driving Owner – Nancy Fusselier DVM

WB/BW/BB– Mountainair’s Soul Blue Sapphire Owner – Darcy Babb

BOS – CH Loriendel’s Sword Of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe
Giannoni

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SEL – CH Mountainair’s Genuine Draft Owner – Darcy Babb

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Open Intermediate 4th Place – Mary Bugg & Ruby

Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club 07/04/10

BBY - Brisago Aurora Borealis At Wagontale - Owners-Stacy Temples & H.Ramsdell

BB – CH Loriendell’s Sword Of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannoni

SEL – CH Prairefire’s Worth My Weight In Gold Owners - C. Lancaster & Sharon Johnson

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Roaring Fork Kennel Club* 7/17/10

WB/BW – Miab’s Polar Express Owners – Jeanne Schoech & Kerri Kent

RWB – Brisago Aurora Borealis at Wagontale – Owners-Stacy Temples & H.Ramsdell

BB/G1 - CH Loriendell’s Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannoni

CONGRATULATIONS TO Narsil who earned his AKC GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP!!

Roaring Fork Kennel Club 7/18/10

RWD – Prairefire’s The Song Remains The Same Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWB – Tanzanite Ghostess With The Mostest - Owners - Sharon Montville &

Carol

Arbuthnot

SEL – CH Loriendell’s Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners Kim & Joe Giannoni

Nebraska Kennel Club 7/17/10

WB/OS Summits Drops of Jupiter V Joyful (Juno) Owners - Sharon Keefer & Sandy

Dunaway

BB – CH Summit’s Lord Greystoke V Loriendell (Stokes) Owners – Richard File &

Sandy

Dunaway

Nebraska Kennel Club 7/18/10

BB/G4-CH Summit’s Lord Greystoke V Loriendell Owners - R.File & S. Dunaway

PERFORMANCE WINS

6/13/10 Classique’s Midnight Serenade (Cooper) Owner – Patty Wellinger

Canine Good Citizen

* National Specialty – Oconomowoc, Wis

Kennedy’s Murren Owned by Lori Kennedy

Novice Draft Dog Title, Novice A Rally Title (score 94)

Ashflat Princess Graci 1st Leg Novice A Rally Owned by Lori Kennedy

Colorado Springs Kennel Club 6/13/10

Kennedy’s Murren 2nd Place Novice B Rally (score 98) Owned by Lori Kennedy

Ashflat Princess Grace – 2nd Leg Rally Novice B (score 85) Owned by Lori Kennedy

*Congratulations to Loriendell’s Bernhilde (Delta) & Margaret Wilde who have been invited to the 2010 AKC Agility Invitational, Long Beach, Ca

Arapahoe County Fair – 4-H 7/18/10

Dog Showmanship – Molly Ramlet & Maybelle (BMD Rescue) 2nd Place County Fair Project – “ Dog Care” Molly Ramlet – 1st Place, Champion and **Grand**

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owned by Jennifer and Todd Zaayer

GCSBMDC Draft test June 10th Donner passed open and novice

NABMDC Draft test June 11th Donner passed open

Flagstaff KC NABMDC supported entry June 12th Ti 1st Veteran’s Sweepstakes

Thanks,

Jennifer

In case you need it: their ‘real’ names are Ti-Ch. Wagontale’s Incoming Tide CGC,JHD,HRD-1,NDD, BNDD

And

Donner-Wagontale’s Nordic Legend CGC,HCT, DD, BNDD

Recent Club Events

June 20, 2010 - Berner Packhike led by Ron Abbott - Glen Haven Trailhead

Eight intrepid BMDCR members, six berners and one honorary berner enjoyed a wonderful off-lead packhike on Crosier Mountain near the hamlet of Glen Haven on June 20. The weather was gorgeous and afforded beautiful views of the Mummy Range in Rocky Mountain National Park to the west. The four people and three dogs who made it all the way to the top were further treated to a spectacular vista which included Longs Peak and the town of Estes Park. Some members of the group elected to have their berners carry a pack load equal to 20% of the dogs body weight, as described in the backpacking title requirements of the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America. The hike stats: 8.2 mi round-trip to the top, with 2037 ft elevation gain!



June 25-27, 2010 - Rockies Draft Retreat 2010 - Black Forest, CO - A weekend of draft training for people and dogs of different skill levels.



The Rockies Draft Retreat 2010 sponsored by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies was a big success! The intent of the Retreat was to promote drafting work and to offer a place where people of different experience levels can get together to train with their dogs, learn tips and tricks, hone their skills, and ultimately prepare for a BMDCA Draft Test. Participants from multiple states enjoyed the weekend of learning and fun in Black Forest, CO.

August 14, 2010 - Bernerfiesta! - Pine Valley Ranch Park in Pine, Colorado

A big bevy of Berners and their families enjoyed a beautiful day in the Colorado mountains at BMDCR's annual summer picnic, Bernerfiesta! River cavorting, socializing, and a fabulous fajita buffet prepared by Chefs Beverly and Michael Hilmes made for great fiesta fun. Many participants took advantage of the Canine Good Citizen test offered, too.



Upcoming Club Events

September 10, 2010 - BMDCR Independent Specialty - Island Grove Park, Greeley CO

September 21, 2010 - Club Meeting - 1:00 pm - 103 Blue Heron Court, Greenwood Village CO

October 2-3 – Fall Draft Tests – Dixon Grove in Cherry Creek State Park, Aurora

[Find and post events to the Calendar at www.bmdcr.org](http://www.bmdcr.org)

BMDCR Membership August 2010

Chairperson- Stacy Temples

The following people were approved for BMDCR membership at the BMDCR Meeting in July 2010.

Please welcome our newest Sustaining Members.

Richard & Patty Elkins, 1391 Delwood Drive, Bailey, Colorado 80421, Ph.# (303) 838-7281, E-mail: PRCOLORADO1@yahoo.com

Meris Lerner, 10263 S. Kelliwood Way, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126. Ph. # (303) 346-8188. E-mail: m.lerner@comcast.net.

New Sustaining Member Applicants

Bert & Lisa Fukuda, 22366 E. Hidden Trail Drive, Parker, Colorado 80138. Ph. (303) 600-5472, E-mail: b.fukuda@mac.com, lisa.fukuda@comcast.net. Their dogs are Dozer Fukuda and Tank Fukuda, both neutered males from Rocky Mountain Puppies. They want to meet and enjoy the company of Berners and their owners; and they recently attended the Bernerfiesta. He has also had a Chow before. They train in basic obedience and are not involved in showing nor breeding. Sponsors are Christine Mann and Jeanne Stanwood.

CANDIDATES

Mary Ellen Guy, Lemark Berners - President

Mary Ellen is older than dirt and has that much experience in the dog world, too. She has been active in specialty and all breed clubs since the 1970s and has held a number of offices in them, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Chair, Cluster Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Conformation Trainer, Obedience Trainer, Chief Ring Steward, and Board Member. She joined BMDCR in 2008, after relocating from the Southeast where she had been active in the Chattahoochee Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club.

Despite a limited breeding program and owner handling her dogs, she has produced numerous homebred champions, four generations of group placers, and two dams that were top producers of conformation champions. She has also competed in obedience and has earned novice and open titles.

In her other life (as a relatively normal human being) she is a professor at the University of Colorado Denver, where she teaches and writes about management in public and nonprofit organizations.

Sara Karl - Treasurer

Hello my name is Sara Karl. I have been treasurer for the BMDCR since the beginning of 2003. I am running for this office yet again, why you say? Because it is easier to do the job than to train somebody else to do it. So, thanks for your vote.

pack includes my BARC rescue, Gracie, Terra our young and crazy girl and my husband. It would be a pleasure to serve on the Board and become more involved in the BMDCR.

BOARD MEMBERS

Joanna Hughes

My name is Joanna Hughes and I have had Bernese Mountain Dogs since I got my first one in 1997. I love this breed and I am very passionate about health, welfare (puppymills/backyard breeders) and the future of these wonderful dogs. I've been a member of the BMDCR and BMDCA since 1998. Over the years I have done obedience, conformation, carting, herding and therapy work with my dogs. My pack includes my BARC rescue, Gracie, Terra our young and crazy girl and my husband. It would be a pleasure to serve on the Board and become more involved in the BMDCR.

Candy McDanal

Let me introduce myself- I am Candy McDanal, retired educator. We got our first Berner 4 years ago and have fallen in love with the breed. Our dog, Lexi, is wonderful in all ways and we now have a puppy, her son, Yazi, of 9 months who is totally a puppy. I became interested in the club and the club's events and joined as a non-voting member 2 years ago. Last year, I became a voting member and have helped with the Regional in hospitality, done some carting and in addition to Stacy getting Lexi's championship, I have gotten her a novice rally title and a CGC. I hope to continue to work with both dogs on titles and of course, continue being involved with the BMDCR. I feel that those activities that the club involves itself with are both worthy and fun. I would like to continue to be a part of the club in any way that I can.