



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

Next BMDCR Meeting March 28th at 7395 Soda Light Way, Castlerock

Meeting Minutes **BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 24, 2010**

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 10:33am on January 24, 2010 at Marie Callendar's in Littleton.

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

Absent: .Mary Ellen Guy

Approval of Minutes: Laura moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting as published in the January/February 2010 newsletter. Pam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Correspondence received since the last meeting:

1. Thank you note from Berner-Garde for our donation of \$120 collected at Berner Noel.

Treasurer's Report: \$15,021.49 in checking, \$5,362.66 in savings (for rescue), CD value \$6,751,79. Reports from the Specialty: we made \$1906. We lost \$580 on the Draft Test. But a lot of that was buying ribbons for coming years. The biggest part of expenses for both the Specialty and Draft Test were for the judges – travel expenses were high.

Filing of taxes – we have never filed taxes, but the AKC is suggesting that we should. Sara is wondering if we have any tax preparers in the Club, she'll bring up at the general meeting.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Committee: Ann has placed two dogs since the first of the year, one Ann placed by herself with a couple in Fort Collins. Kacey, from Storm Cloudin, was fostered and will be placed with Beth Serna in Fort Collins.

For the new Rescue Chair we have had 3 people volunteer. Lori Salo and Sheri Mangan and Beverly Hilmes. Consensus is to have the 3 people decide among themselves who will be the chair and the others can be on the committee. Pam asked Ann to get them together at her place to work it out.

Website Committee: Sharon was not present for the Board Meeting.

New Business:

There was a discussion on placing "free info packet" ads in paper. Sara commented that our members wouldn't sell to people who are reading the newspaper ads. She also suggested that a better use of our money might be to pay to have a link in Google to our website for people who are searching the internet for puppies. Alice will talk to Sharon. But we should also add something to Craig's List since it's free. Alice will take this action item.

Helen Karl has volunteered to be the club historian. Newsletter positions are still open.

New location for the meeting – Laura is suggesting using a clubhouse near them. It would be a \$125 one-time payment and \$100 deposit. No dogs allowed. Ann has volunteered her home for March meeting, Jeanne Stanwood has volunteered for the May meeting.

We will Place an ad in the Alpenhorn for the Draft Test in September.

A booth at the 2010 National Specialty runs \$50 for the whole week. We should check with Dottie and see when the busiest shopping times are and only man the booth during those periods. Sharon is checking to see if PayPal can be used then.

Draft practices – we'll try and start them around the end of February, so we'll allow for weekends where the weather might force us to cancel.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – January 24, 2010

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 12:16 pm on January 24, 2010 at Marie Callendar's in Littleton.

Present: 21 voting members (a quorum), 2 sustaining members, 1 junior member and 4 guests.

Approval of Minutes: Lou Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting as published in the January/February 2010 newsletter. Ann Rutherford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President's Report: Pam introduced the new board members to the club. Mary Ellen Guy is Vice President, Alice Gordon Secretary and Laura Hauptenthal, Helen Karl and Lori Kennedy are Board Members.

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

Treasurer's Report: Repeated from Board Meeting. See Board Meeting Minutes. There isn't a concern about losing money on the draft test since presenting the working aspect of our breed should be a function of our club.

Sara asks, is there a member of the club who could prepare the clubs taxes? Valerie suggests that Sara speak with Debby Lyon as the national club was able to find someone very reasonable.

Another question came up - do we need to charge sales tax when we start selling products on our website?

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Dottie was not present to give a report. Committee members are much the same as last year. We do need donations for the raffle. We've depleted a lot of our stores.

Website Committee Report: Sharon reports that we're moving things on to the live site. We're also setting up the on-line store. She hopes to have the rest of the content in there this week, then the website committee will review. When we're all agreed we'll get the link changed in the National website. Sharon encourages us to continue to send pictures to her for the website.

We can get a virtual terminal for booths at Specialties with a one month fee of \$30 through PayPal.

Drafting Workshop – Barry Solomon is organizing a drafting seminar to be held mid-to-late summer, before our Fall Draft Test. He has 4 volunteer helpers so far and their committee is meeting after the January Awards Banquet. The seminar would be a clone of the California Cart Camp. More information will be published in upcoming newsletters. We should also advertise through the Pike's Peak Working Dog Club.

Rescue Committee: see board meeting. Last year we had 17 dogs, the year before we had 8. Ann announced that she has resigned her post as chair.

Spring Draft Test – As published in the last newsletter, Lou Tucker reminded all of the Spring Draft Test scheduled for April 17th at Chatfield State Park in Littleton. The judges will be Eden Jonas and Sue Sanvido. Test Secretary Nadja Torling will submit an ad for The Alpenhorn. Premiums should be out the 2nd week in March. More stewards are still needed, and host homes may be needed for the judges. There's also a sign-up sheet for trophy sponsorship going around today.

Membership: no new members to vote in.

Tee shirt design for Regional: Sharon will put the design up on the screen after the awards presentation; the theme is the "The Berne Identity" the artwork is by Melissa Bartlett. We're going to reprint Bernermania shirts and Sharon is looking for input on what else we'd like to have. We will run a booth at the National Specialty, but for limited times.

New Business:

Herding: BMD's will be allowed to compete for AKC herding titles beginning July 1st, 2010. Stacy has researched getting a herding day set up. Val Manning has volunteered to do a Herding fun day up near Wellington. This would include an instinct test, potluck, and some mini tests for fun. She would also do a program for us at one of our meetings. There's also a Pike's Peak group that has a herding fun day. We may want to coordinate with them. Stacy passed around a sign-up sheet to see who might be interested. The Continental Divide Herding Association is holding a Herding Instinct Test on March 7th, herding instinct test and a chance to work with your dogs in the afternoon. The Rottweiler National Specialty April 19 – 21st will have official AKC herding trials that would offer a chance to see a working dog do herding. They will also offer a herding instinct test for all breeds. You can also join the Northern Colorado Herding Coop and get reduced rates for class instruction. Cappy Pruett has also got a training camp coming up in June.

Newsletter and Ways and Means Chairs: We're still looking for folks to take over for Dottie and Nadja with Newsletter being the priority. The question was asked what do we have to have in the Newsletter? The response was just minutes from meetings. We could reduce the newsletter to just a bulletin of the official club business to make it less time consuming to publish. Other news of events could be posted on the website.

The current requirements for publishing the newsletter: Dottie and Nadja have found that it works well to have 2 editors – one to receive news items who can then send organized content to other editor for formatting. Editing also involves taking the newsletter to Kinkos for printing and mails and emailing the issues. Time requirements are about 12-16 hrs every other month. Also required is publisher software and ability to convert to PDF.

Volunteers: Barry asks what are our membership numbers? 105 people was the response. So how can we get the other people in the club involved in the business of the club? Val's comment is that people don't volunteer - you need to ask them. Other suggestions were that if you sponsored someone you should be the one to encourage them to participate in club functions. There was a discussion also about the difficulties and getting new members because of the requirement to get 2 sponsors (an AKC requirement). The board will discuss putting together a "recruiting committee" at the next meeting.

Meeting Locations: The March meeting will be held at the Rutherford's in Castle Rock. Directions will be in the next newsletter and on the website.

Backpacking with Berners: Ron Abbott, who has titled his Berners as Backpacking Dogs through the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club, would like to see this title available directly for Berners. He will give a presentation at the March meeting and is planning a hike for May.

Draft practices: Lou and Pam will put together a schedule possibly starting around the end of February. We'll target the weekends. We'll put in the newsletter and post on the website and Yahoo.

St Patrick's Day Parade: March 15th, contact Chris Mann if you're interested

Annual eye clinic: March 20th with Dr. Hammond. There will be heartworm testing as well. It will be held in Wheatridge as in years past. Contact Nancy Fuselier for appointments. Nancy asked about the possibly offering the new DM test at our eye clinic as well. We discussed the idea of trying to get a cardiologist – but we haven't been successful in getting enough people to meet the volume the cardiologists want.

Fall Draft Test: A motion was put forth by Jeanne Stanwood (who volunteers to Chair) to organize a committee for a Fall Draft Test. Val seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

Membership BMDCR Membership March 2010

by Stacy Temples

New Applicants

Sustaining Membership: Andrew (Drew) DiGiovanni, 7595 Rollins Drive, Larkspur, CO, 80118. Ph.# (303) 681-8960. W.Ph.# (303) 681-8960. E-mail: drewdigi@aol.com. Drew has Prairiefire's Sally Lilah, (F, 5/21/2009), from the Johnsons. He is interested in conformation, agility, backpacking and health issues. He wants to support the breed and to network. He can help with marketing and promotion skills and can be a booth volunteer. In the past, Drew also owned a Rottweiler and a Lab/Sharpei mix and he has trained his dogs in obedience and conformation and he plans to show. His sponsors are Mary Ellen Guy and Sharon Johnson.

Sustaining Membership Applicant

Lori Salo, 7550 Plateau Rd., Longmont, CO 80503, Ph.# (303) 776-6107, (E) lori@eriksalo.com
Lori is a former member whose membership lapsed. She wants to volunteer with the rescue committee and to possibly show more in the future. She has Swiss Stars Sound Barrier who is co-owned with Linda Ryan, (NM,10/15/04). Lori was showing Yager on the local show scene and she is also training him in obedience. She always encourages interested people to be responsible owners and to research breeders. She has not bred before; all her previous dogs have been neutered. She is also interested in health issues, agility, drafting and therapy work. She is sponsored by Dottie Schulte and Sara Karl

Voting Membership:

Cathy Davis, 5390 Three Sisters Circle, Evergreen, CO 80435. Ph.# (303) 679-2880. E-mail: daviscathy@comcast.net. Cathy was a former sustaining member who has reapplied to be a voting member and recently attended the second of two required meetings. Her sponsors are Mary Richards and Pam Solomon. Cathy has been breeding Bernese since 2004 and has bred 4 litters. She shows her dogs. Cathy is also interested in obedience, agility and draft.

SHOW NEWS by Lou Tucker

PERFORMANCE WINS

Mountainair's Lima Bean (Wellington) Owned by Elisabeth Dennehy

9/5/09 1st leg RN 4th place

9/26/09 2nd " 4th place

9/27/09 3rd " 1st place **New Rally Novice Title**

Long's Peak Dog Training Club 1/16//10

Dashing to the Rescue (Dash) Owners - Alice Gordon & Steven Clark

Novice A – score 175 2nd place **New Companion Dog Title**

Wagontale's Radiant Camber (Camber) Rally Excellent score 83, 2nd leg

Owners – Alice Gordon, S. Clark & Stacy Temples

Peak to Peak Working Dog Show 2/11/10

Dashing to the Rescue (Dash) Rally Advanced B score 89, 1st place 1st leg

Plum Creek Kennel Club 2/13/10

Dashing to the Rescue (Dash) Rally Advanced B score 76, 2nd leg

CONFORMATION WINS

Peak to Peak Working Dog Assoc of CO 2/11/10

- Sweepstakes-

BSS – Jenda N Nashem Party Like A Rock Star Owners – Sara & Helen Karl
and Jeni West

OSS – Brisago A Bright Night at Wagontale Owners – Stacy Temples & H. Ramsdell
- Veteran Sweepstakes-

BSV – CH Ahquabi's Bank On It CD (Teller) Owner - Valerie Horney

OSV – CH Rogel's Many Stars of NightTime Owners - Angela & Kirk Hanson
- Regular Classes-

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

RWD – Prairefire's Wild West Show from Sundance Owners – Michele Connolly and
Sharon Johnson

WB/BW/OS – Sapphire N Nashem Double Dare Ya Owners – Sara & Helen Karl &
Carol Arbuthnot

RWB/BBY – Summit's Drops of Jupiter V Joyful (Juno) Owners – Sharon Keefer &
Sandy Dunaway

BB/G3 – CH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Joe & Kim Giannone
Plum Creek Kennel Club 2/12/10

WD – Prairefire's Wild West Show from Sundance Owners – M. Connolly & S.Johnson
New Champion

RWD – Nashem's Sweet Talking Man (Omar) Owners – Vicky Hall & Sara Karl

BYP - Prairefire's Perfectly Happy Owners – Joanna Hughes & Sharon Johnson

WB/BW/OS – Brimardell's Kashmir – Owners - Bridget & Mark Pieffer

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

BB – CH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannoni
Plum Creek Kennel Club 2/13/10

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BB/G3 – CH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners- Joe & Kim Giannone

Colorado Kennel Club 2/14/10

WD/BW- Nashem's Sweet Talkin Man (Omar) Owners – Vicky Hall & Sara Karl

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

WB – Alderfer Daisyfield's A' Bloomin (Daisy) Owner – Cathy Davis

RWB – Brimardell's Kashmir Owners – Bridget & Mark Pieffer

Colorado Kennel Club 2/15/10

WD/BW – Miab's Polar Express Owners – Jeanne Schoech & Kerri Kent

RWD – Spring's Piece A Cake Owner – Nancy Fuselier DVM

WB/OS – Funatic True Blue Moon Owners – Tuuli Yrjonen & Christine Mann

RWB – Davieau's Black Forest Star Owner – Patti Davieau

BB/G2 – CH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannoni

The Show News will continue to be published in the newsletter. Please send your submissions to Lou Tucker – bltdog@msn.com. Just a reminder to send your performance wins : agility, rally, obedience, tracking, CGC, therapy dog, drafting, etc from all of the trials & shows for publication. Let's brag on those placements !! I know you and your dogs worked hard to earn them. I can usually gather the conformation info as I am at the local shows but if you have some "out your special Berner(s). of state" wins you would like to share send those as well. Good Luck to you and

UPCOMING EVENTS

Herding,

The AKC is now allowing Bernese Mountain Dogs to compete in Herding events. Please see in the newsletter a flyer about an upcoming Herding Instinct Test on Sunday March 7, 2010 in Wellington, Colorado and information about The Northern Colorado Herding Cooperative where you can learn more about herding and also train your Berner.

We Proudly Present the Inaugural

Rockies Draft Retreat 2010

The Rockies Draft Retreat 2010 is sponsored by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies. The intent of the Retreat is 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.

Training will consist of two separate tracks, one for Beginner skill levels and one for Intermediate/Advanced skill levels. The Beginner

track will be geared towards handlers with little or no experience, dogs who have never been hooked up to a cart, or teams that just

starting out and want to learn a solid foundation of skills. The Intermediate/Advanced track will be geared towards dogs and handlers

with some experience, who are able to negotiate basic obstacles, or are tuning up and preparing for upcoming BMDCA Draft Tests.

The Retreat will culminate with a Draft Match (a simulated Draft Test with actual scoring) for teams who are ready to participate plus

additional training and practice sessions for those not yet ready. Instruction will be provided by BMDCA Draft Judges and Draft Title holders.

Dates and Location

Dates: Friday evening through Sunday, June 25-27

Location: Patti Davieau's home in Black Forest, CO

(near Colorado Springs and the prior location of BMDCR Draft Tests)

Notes: Open to all breeds. A limited number of draft carts and harnesses will be available for participants to use during practice and demonstrations.

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Directions

From I-25, take Exit # 153 (Interquest) East. Interquest will turn into Hwy 83 in about 2 miles. Turn right on Shoup Road and continue

approximately 8 miles to the last house on the left before Shoup Road dead ends. 10180 Shoup Road, Black Forest, CO 80908.

Accommodations

Tent camping is available on-site. Local dog-friendly hotels are available nearby. We suggest:

America's Best Value & Inn & Suites, 430W Garden Of the Gods Road, Colo. Springs, CO (71) 532-1010

King Bed for \$50.00 and Double Queen Beds \$55.00. Pet charge is \$10.00 per night. Includes an indoor pool, microwave and refrigerator

in each room and breakfast. Please ask for the BMDCR group rate when making reservations.

Costs

Includes all instruction and practice sessions, Draft Match, and breakfast and lunch on-site Saturday and Sunday.

\$65 per person with dog

\$25 per additional person without dog

\$15 per person for Dinner Friday

A la Carte Dinner Saturday at participant's cost

Handlers may bring more than one dog but will be subject to the time constraints of the session schedule, so not all dogs may get to

perform all exercises. One Draft Match entry per handler included with the possibility of an additional run-through with a different

dog if the Draft Match schedule permits.

Agenda

Friday:

• 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Arrival at Davieau's

• 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Optional Team Dinner on-site with videos and discussion of agenda for the weekend

Saturday:

• 7:30AM – 8:00AM Arrival/Breakfast

• 8:00AM – 9:40AM Session 1(B)/Session 1(I/A)

• 9:40AM – 10:00AM Break

• 10:00AM – 11:40AM Session 2(B)/Session 2(I/A)

• 11:40AM – 12:40 PM Lunch

• 12:40 PM – 2:20 PM Session 3(B)/Session 3(I/A)

• 2:20 PM – 2:40 PM Break

• 2:40 PM – 4:20 PM Session 4(B)/Session 4(I/A)

• 4:20 PM – 4:40 PM Break

• 4:40 PM – 5:40 PM Session 5 (All) Draft Test Overview, Explanation of Draft Match Sunday, Q&A

• 5:40 PM – 6:30 PM Break

• 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Optional Team Dinner (off-site at a local restaurant)

Sunday:

- 6:30AM – 7:00AM Arrival for Draft Match Participants/Breakfast
 - 7:00AM – 8:00AM Equipment Check/Walk-through
 - 8:00AM – 1:00 PM Draft Match AND/OR Continued work on skills
- (Note: Non-participants should plan to watch portions of the Draft match and to participate as Stewards)
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Lunch, Test Results, Prizes, Certificates

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Registration Form

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies

Rockies Draft Retreat 2010

June 25 - 27

Name of Handler: _____

Name of Dog 1: _____ Breed: _____

Name of Dog 2: _____ Breed: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Additional person w/out dog: _____

Fees:

of Handlers (w/ one or more dogs): _____ Cost: \$65.00 Total: _____

Additional: _____ Cost: \$25.00 Total: _____

Friday Dinner: _____ Cost: \$15.00 Total: _____

Saturday Dinner: _____ (For reservation purposes only)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Entries:

Training Track (select one): _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate/Advanced

Draft Match Entry* - Name of Dog _____

Draft Match Request* - Name of Dog _____

**Note: One Draft Match Entry per handler with a additional Draft Match Request as our schedule permits. Beginner handlers*

should not expect to be ready to enter the Draft Match.

Notes/Comments: _____

Please make checks payable to BMDCR.

Send completed registration form and payment by NO LATER THAN Friday, June 11, 2010.

Event Secretary: Cathy Davis

5390 Three Sisters Circle

Evergreen, CO 80439

daviscathy@comcast.net

303 679 2880 (Evenings are the best time to call)

