



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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**Next meeting
Sunday, May 27th**

Board Meeting - 11:30 AM

General Meeting - 1:00 PM

**Program - 2 PM
Getting a Nose Down on
Tracking**

Learn what equipment is needed and get basic instruction on how to get started in tracking with your BMD.

This presentation will be given by long-standing BMDCR club member Fay Benson who has been tracking for 16 years. She has earned 5 tracking titles on her Corgis and Bernese. Her dog Ripple was the first Bernese to earn a VST (Variable Surface Tracking) title and he is the only Bernese to hold the title of Champion Tracker.

Animal Legislation:

Breed Clubs Take Ownership of the Issues

By Carolyn Carlson

As concerned dog owners, we would like to believe that pet laws are written in our animal's best interest. And for the most part, they are. We endorse pet-friendly statutes that create parks, punish animal cruelty, require vets to be qualified, and eliminate puppy mills. But when legislation comes along that threatens the health and well-being of our breed, we need to speak up and become advocates.

There is a general assumption that we already have enough advocacy - after all, isn't that what the AKC is doing? Well, yes. But they don't have the money, resources, or the manpower to stand up to such powerful lobbies as the HSUS or PETA. AKC needs our voices as well.

BMDCR has joined the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs. We watch legislation, and when relevant bills come to our attention, we may ask you, dear BMDCR member, to mobilize on behalf of your breed and your fellow dog fanciers.

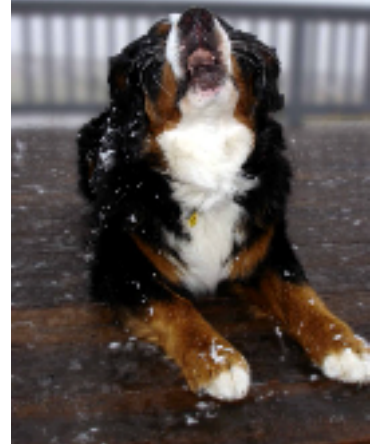
What are we fighting?

Bad legislation is out there. For example, there is a mandatory spay/neuter law on the table in California. Without the vocal opposition of thousands of individual dog fanciers, this bill is going to pass. AB 1634 requires that all dogs be spayed or neutered by four months of age, unless the dogs qualify for a special permit.

The vast majority of dogs do not qualify, including special breeds and working dogs. Police dogs in particular will be hurt by this law, as their breeding programs are eliminated. Responsible breeders will be forced to perform pediatric sterilization on almost all their baby puppies. The breeder must decide before 4 months old if their puppy is going to be show quality - and that puppy must be actively shown to *maintain* its exemption. And rare breeds which are not recognized by the national kennel clubs must all be sterilized - no exceptions.

And will it work? No. Large, commercial breeders (read: puppy mills) with their blanket exemption will keep breeding. Lazy and willfully ignorant dog owners that don't license or visit the vet will remain invisible to enforcement. Their dogs can continue to produce
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**Quincy says:
Make your voice heard!**



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

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Membership Applications

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Indicate your 1st second and third choice for sponsorship:

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone & Email _____

Send to:

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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.

BMDCR March Meeting Program Summary

CREATING A PET FRIENDLY BACKYARD

Elizabeth Bublitz, owner of Pawfriendly Landscapes, Inc. presented "Creating a Pet Friendly Backyard". With samples of materials, Elizabeth discussed types of plants and bulk materials that can deter dogs from digging, advantages and disadvantages of different edgers, and how to make dog areas attractive. Elizabeth's website, www.pawfriendlylandscapes.com, further discusses and offers solutions for the Top Ten Dog Problems that affect yards and landscapes. Her business also offers in-home (in-yard) consultations and landscaping services.



If you have ideas for programs at future BMDCR meetings, please contact Val Horney or Sharon Keefer.

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the illegitimate pups that fill shelters. It is only the responsible breeders that have medical care and licenses who will be forced to sterilize their breed line.

The shelters and PETA support this bill and they're winning. But breed clubs are fighting back. Across the country and even in Europe we have been mobilizing to educate the legislators and prevent the extinction of our breedlines.

"This doesn't affect me," you say. "That law is in California, and out of state visitors are exempt." So why do we care about legislation in other states? Because it sets a precedent. Our states are watching this legislation closely, and the animal rights extremists are salivating at the thought of pushing their agenda in our home towns. So yes, we care about animal legislation even if it isn't in our own backyard. You can visit www.saveourdogs.net to learn more about AB 1634.

In our own backyard

In Colorado, I have been watching a broad animal cruelty bill that

- expands the definition of domestic violence to include crimes against animals,
- makes it a petty offense to own a "dangerous dog" that damages property,
- expands permissions for agencies to perform euthanasia.

There is also a bill that says only licensed traditional or holistic vets can provide medical care - but not unrecognized or alternative animal health providers (as you can imagine, this bill was heavily promoted by the vet associations.)

We'll keep watching the powers that be, and when the time comes to mobilize in our state, we respectfully ask you to write to your legislators and attend the hearings. Speak up, be heard and remind them - dog lovers vote, too.

ADDENDUM:

It was a disappointing day in California Capitol. AB 1634, the mandatory sterilization bill (a.k.a. the pet genocide bill), PASSED committee. There were only two "no" votes. One legislator, Bill Maze, who had assured us he was in opposition and would vote against, was not present for the vote.

Now all breed clubs are asking their members to contact the members of the California Assembly and tell them to vote NO on this bill. Tell them that we oppose pet genocide, and we fear the fallout of their bill.

Headline News. . . BMDCR Granted Licensure by the American Kennel Club

It has been a "long haul" but the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies received licensure by the American Kennel Club on 4/13/2007. The process began over 5 years ago and there has been controversy, paperwork, changes in by-laws, sanctioned matches, additional debates and more paperwork but, due to the tenacity of Sara Karl, we are now an official AKC licensed club.

WOW, sounds really prestigious. But what exactly does it mean for our club. The official definition of an AKC licensed club is "clubs which are approved to hold events at which championship points and/or titles may be won". By having licensure, the BMDCR may conduct shows and trials under the rules and regulations of the AKC. So we can now hold our own breed specialty independently where in the past we have been host to a national club (BMDCA) regional specialty. We join the ranks of 4,000 licensed and sanctioned clubs who conduct AKC-approved events. With licensure, we are required to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the AKC when holding conformation and performance events and support the mission and objectives of the AKC relative to sportsmanship and to protect and advance the interest of purebred dogs and dog showing.

In order to be granted licensure, our club had to meet certain requirements as well. We submitted to the AKC an outline of the development and history of our club and a roster of club members and officers. Our by-laws were revised to meet the specifications of the AKC, two sanctioned A-OA matches were held and a list of activities other than matches was reported. This explanation is oversimplified as the process was actually done in two steps with the initial history and prior activities submitted to receive a list of specified activities that needed to be done to satisfy AKC requirements. Then these activities were done, then more by-laws revisions, then another roster submitted. . .so hence the 5 year process!

Now that we have licensure, what do we need to do to maintain it? There are specified activities designated by the AKC

to retain licensure. These activities reflect the mission and objectives of the AKC relative to advocacy, advancement, protection of purebred dogs as well as sportsmanship.

Yearly, we must hold ONE Category A activity and TWO Category B activities in our region.

Category A activities are:

- Independent AKC sanctioned match
- AKC educational match
- AKC Good Citizen Test
- Active Public Education Program or AKC approved Outreach Program

Category B activities are:

- Conformation and/or obedience, rally or agility training classes
- Breeder Referral Service
- Two educational programs for club members and the public or formal judges education
- Dog Show Tours (to help spectators understand the classes, ring procedures, point system etc)
- Registered handler seminars or workshops
- New Exhibitor briefings
- Opportunities for provisional judging
- AKC Show Committee Seminars
- Disaster Planning
- Meet the Breeds
- Health Clinics

So when you look this over, you should realize that all the hard work is already done. And we are already meeting the requirements to maintain our licensure. If you want to learn more about AKC licensure you can get information at www.akc.org, under Rules and Regulation, Formation of Dog Clubs.

Please join us to celebrate at our first Independent Regional Specialty on September 7.

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 studly 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)

Chief Ring Steward

Chief ring steward needed for the first independent BMDCR regional specialty 9/7/2007. Duties include organization of the conformation ring, calling dogs and handlers to the ring, keeping the judge moving along. Plan on commitment from 10 AM--6 PM. Held in Greeley, Colorado. Some experience with conformation events helpful but not required. Free lunch and lots of fun. Contact Dottie Schulte (dotties911@aol.com) if interested.

Raffle Items Needed

Do you have any Berner or dog related items you would like to "re-gift"? Are you tired of looking at all the same doggie related knick knacks everyday? Raffle items are needed for the 2007 Regional Specialty on 9/7/2007. Recognition for donation will be done with your item. Contact Patti Davieau (Morgan) davieau@aol.com if you have a donation.

Stewards

Performance event stewards needed for September Regional Specialty. Stewards are needed for the draft test on September 6 and obedience September 7 (contact Ron Abbott at phippisa@aol.com) as well as for Rally Obedience on September 7 (contact Pam Solomon at avalonpam@yahoo.com). A great way to learn about these events and what it might take to train your dog to compete to earn working dog titles.

Events

May 12, 2007

Ruff N Ready Pet and Kid Safety Fair, a benefit for Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. The Pikes Peak Bernese Mountain Dog Cub will be doing draft demonstrations for a fund raiser for Memorial Hospital.

July 15, 2007

Fun Days Workshops for working dog activities such as draft and rally along with potluck and socializing with other Bernese owners. Sponsored by Pikes Peak Bernese Mountain Dog Club.

For both events contact Patti Davieau (Morgan) at H: 719-494-0148 Cell: 719-459-7045 or email Davieau@aol.com

I will admit that initially, I was a nay-sayer, thinking that association with the AKC would change our club from a social club to an operation that might be "snooty" and that there would be red-tape to wade through in order to accomplish events and activities that we have so readily done in the past. I also thought that association with the AKC might limit our club membership to only those who wanted to show in conformation and eliminate the pet owners whose goal is to have an association with other BMD owners, and to participate in non-conformation and social activities with their dogs. I worried that there would be so many "things" to do to meet AKC requirements that there would be no energy left for club members to plan and attend the social events I so enjoyed. But then I read the original objectives of the AKC and found statements such as "advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion", "advance canine breeding, health and well-being", "work to protect the rights of all dog owners", "promote responsible dog ownership" and support "breeding for type and function". Granted the AKC is big business, but when one looks at their core values, you may realize that theirs are the same as yours, and that of other members of the BMDCR.

Requirements for licensure did require a change in by-laws to include sponsorship by a voting member for all persons applying for club membership. Although there were some other minor changes to the by-laws, this was the most controversial. Questions arose, such as, by requiring sponsorship in order to obtain membership, are we being an elitist club? Will this extra "hoop" for potential members be restrictive, as they may be interested in the club, but do not know two voting members who would be able to sponsor them and maybe not motivated to contact a club member to discuss our club prior to joining? Will the sponsorship requirement limit the education we provide for persons who might benefit from it the most such as unknowledgeable or irresponsible breeders? But on the other hand, will it allow us to make a statement that we will not support irresponsible breeding by denying membership to persons who might apply only to use our club name to promote their breeding practices? And will there be harm if membership applicants must talk with two existing club members to learn more about our club prior to committing to join? Can we trust our membership to be available and open to giving information to potential new members about our club and then to make an informed and fair decision when voting on membership applicants? I have known many of you for years, and I think so.

And what about the time and energy needed to maintain AKC licensure. Will there be any left to do other activities? When you look at the requirements, we already do activities such as breeder referral, rescue and education. A club is only as good as its members. AKC licensure will not change the "soul" of our club-those members who want to participate in only conformation can, those who want camaraderie will still have this opportunity as there will be club meetings, educational activities, Bernerfiestas, draft tests, and friendships. We have never limited our members from initiating or participating in any event or activity. Each member will still have the opportunity and responsibility to educate Bernese and non-Bernese owners about our breed. Maybe even more so as potential members seek us out to learn more about our club. What it does for certain is commit our club and ourselves as owners of purebred dogs to the core values of the AKC.

Berner Fiesta 2007



Join us in Berner Heaven...creeks, fields, shade trees and more. Safe for all, away from the road. Swing in a hammock, walk the land, even enjoy the Buckhorn Creek aerial tram! Come one and all for a day in nature with friends and our faithful companions.

Date: June 24, 2007

Time: 11 AM - 4 PM,

Place: Amy and Tessa's house, 6016 N. CR 27, Loveland, CO 80538

Food provided:

Main dish: Chili Relleno casserole

Appetizer: quacamole and chips, and refreshments

Pot Luck: If your last name starts with

A - H please bring a salad

I - P please bring side dishes

Q - Z please bring desserts.

RSVP: Jim Sorensen @ (970) 669-5026 or wacois1@lpbroadband.net

Directions from Denver (approximately 1 hour and 15 minute drive):

I-25 Northbound

Exit 257B (signs will say: Estes Park, Loveland, Route 34)

The exit will drop you heading West toward the mountains
Go approximately 10 miles through Loveland and just begin entering the foothills

Turn Right at CR 27 (look for signs for Masonville, school)

The Big Thompson Elementary School is on the corner

Go North 2.7 miles to 6016 N. CR 27

Numbered mailbox is on the left

Turn right just after the out building

(PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY FOR THE DOGS)

Park near the cottage

Directions from Fort Collins (approximately 30 minute drive):

Take Harmony / 38E, go West

Approximately 12 miles to Masonville

Turn left at CR 27

The two Masonville stores mark the turn

Go South 2.4 miles to 6016 N. CR 27

Go three driveways past the signs for Eden Valley and Sunrise Ranch

Turn left just before the out building

(PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY FOR THE DOGS)

Park near the cottage

BMDCR Membership Column - May/June 2007 Stacy Temples

Please welcome our new Sustaining members:

Andrea & Scott Kawulok

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Berthoud, CO 80513.

Ph.# (970) 532-4329, (303) 641-2034.

(E) BirthAtHome@hotmail.com

(E) christophersk@yahoo.com

Also Pam & Barry Solomon were approved as Voting members at the meeting on March 25, 2007.

New Sustaining Member Applicants:

Kristen Wolf

7388 S. Hudson Way

Centennial, CO 80122-2549

Ph. # (303) 770-5150

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Pharmacist

Kristen and her husband have Raleigh, Blue Moon's Riverstone Raleigh, (M, 5/21/06), from the Manns. He is their family pet and she is joining because she loves the breed and wants to participate. She is continually training her dog in obedience and she is willing to contribute her time and money to the club. She has never bred a litter or shown at dog shows.

Vicky L. Whitney

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Bozeman, MT, 59715

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W(406) 994-1834

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Budget Analyst/Accountant

Vicky has CH Sascha's Ursa Major, (M, 7/10/01) from Rose Tierney, Kimberlite's Obsidian Lace, (F, 4/24/05) from Deb Tripp, and Wagontale's Pucker Up (F, 4/21/06) from Temples & Ramsdell. Vicky is a former member of the club who wants to rejoin because she enjoys coming to the BMDCR's shows and activities. She is willing to volunteer, to be a participant and to contribute prizes. She has trained for 7 years and shown her dogs for 5 years in obedience, draft, conformation, agility, tracking and therapy. She has never bred a litter. She is President of her local kennel club, GDC, was past secretary and treasurer. She is also a BMDCA member since 2001, an INWBMDC since 2001 and was a member of the BMDCR, along with other dog club memberships.

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SHOW REPORT by Valerie Horney

BMDCR Draft Test

March 30, 007

NEW DRAFT DOGS

Wagontale's Lady Of The Lake RE,NDD "Legend", owned by Pam and Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples
Wagontale's Karina RN, NDD "Hannah",owned by Stacy Temples and Kathy LaPine

NEW NOVICE DRAFT DOGS

CH Brighteye Angelfire "Angie", owned by Stephanie Biksacky
CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern, "Marshall", owned by Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

Garden City Kennel Club

March 10, 2007

RWB Wagontale's Lilla Labolina RN "Lina", owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson and Stacy Temples.

Qual Score Nov B Wagontale's Lady Of The Lake RE,NDD "Legend", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples,
1st Leg 175

Qual Score Rally Adv A Wagontale's Lilla Labolina "Lina", owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson and Stacy Temples.
2nd Leg 80

March 11, 2007

Qual Score Nov B Wagontale's Lady Of The Lake RE,NDD "Legend", owned by Pam and Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples,
2nd leg 178.5

Del Sur Kennel Club

March 17 & 18, 2007

BB CH Wagontale's Incoming Tide "Ti", owned by Stacy Temples and Jenifery Zaayer

Hutchinson Kennel Club

April 6, 2007

WD/BW Nashems American Dream, owned by Sara Karl, Sheri & Kevin Curran
RWD Summits Lord Greystoke V Lorien Dell, owned by Richard File and Sandy Dunaway
WB/OS Sandpiper a Legacy of Wagontale, owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell
BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily,Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

Qual Score Nov B Wagontale's Lady Of The Lake RE,NDD "Legend", owned by Pam and Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples,
3rd Leg 183.5

NEW COMPANION DOG

April 7, 2007

WD Summits Lord Greystoke V Lorien Dell, owned by Richard File and Sandy Dunaway
RWD Wagontale's Nordic Star owned by Michell Schuster and Stacy Temples
BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily,Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

April 8, 2007

WD/BW Nashems American Dream, owned by Sara Karl, Sheri & Kevin Curran
WB/OS Legends Prairiefire Freetime, owned by Amy Fitzgerald and Sharon Johnson
BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily,Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

Terry All Kennel Club

April 14, 2007

RWD Summits Lord Greystoke V Lorien Dell, owned by Richard File and Sandy Dunaway
WB/BW Prairiefire's Kixitup from Maine, onwer Sharon Johnson
BB CH Lorien Dell's York Peppermint Patty, owned by Elaine Sheridan, Lynne & George Wood

April 15, 2007

WD/OS Milagro's Musica De La Noche, "Bergen", owned by Ann Daily, Bob & Lou Tucker
RWD Sandpiper Augustus Wagontale, owned by Stacy Temples, Seth & Hope Mukai
WB/BW/BB Prairiefire's Kixitup from Maine, onwer Sharon Johnson

GROUP I

RWB Sandpiper a Legacy of Wagontale, owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

2007 Spring Draft Test at Chatfield State Park

Judge Jim Maxwell summed up our March 31st draft test with his comment "the wind reached its mightiest roar during the Novice group stay, and it was a testament to the handlers and their training that not one dog moved, despite the wind blown debris racing by". The day was cool, crisp and windy. . .and both Jim and judge Linda Thomas commented on well all the teams worked together and the excellent handling of all humans in getting their dogs to work despite the distraction of the Easter bunnies and eggs. The BMDCR thanks judges Jim Maxwell, Linda Thomas and apprentice judge Mary-Ann Bowman. A special thank-you is given to secretary Vicki Hall who traveled from Utah to help us out. And then to chairperson Sharon Keefer and committee members Val Horney, Lou Tucker and Dottie Schulte. And of course to stewards for the day Patti Davieau, Fay Benson, Rip Stanwood, Willi Miller, Katie Smith and Lynn Wren—the event could not have happened without them.



Barry convinces Legend that, yes, she is a working dog and 80# should be nothing for her to pull.



Ron and Steiger executing a very precise left turn.



Bob convincing Marin the leaving the ring is not an option.



Marshall looks to his mom Val for guidance on what he needs to do next.



Canine spectators demonstrating additional working abilities of the Bernese Mountain Dog—rolling over for belly rubs.



Bob realigning Bogo into a pulling position



Sharon commands Grace to back, BACK, BAAACK!



Chimo patiently waiting for mom Jeanne to return



Jeanne, Chimo and Judges Jim Maxwell and Linda Thomas documenting a passing performance



Barry and Legend show the teamwork it takes to earn a passing performance

THANK YOU to:

Judges - Linda Thomas and Jim Maxwell
Apprentice Judge - Mary-Ann Bowman
Stewards - Patti Davieau, Fay Benson, Rip Stanwood,
Katie Smith, Willi Miller and Lynn
Draft Committee - Vicky Hall, Sharon Keefer, Val
Horney, Lou Tucker, Dottie Schulte
Chatfield State Park Rangers and Staff

Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2007

Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board was called to order at 11:40 am on March 25, 2007.

Present: Gayle Brooks, Laura Haupenthal, Val Horney, Sara Karl, Sharon Keefer, Phil Shaffer, Lou Tucker, Nadja Torling and Elaine Witulski.

Approval of Minutes: Lou moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published in the March/April 2007 newsletter. Laura seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President's Report: Val thanked all who have contributed articles to the newsletter. Phil Shaffer's informative article on CHIC in the recent newsletter was a great example of member contributions.

Secretary's Report: Sharon reported receiving a renewal notice from the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs (CFDC), along with a summary of their lobbying activities last year and anticipated state legislation of interest coming in the 2007 session. Annual dues payment 2007 membership renewal will be presented for vote in the general membership meeting.

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

New Business:

Responsible Dog Ownership Day is September 15th: Dog clubs are encouraged to hold related events. The Board discussed and decided to not add a BMDCR-sponsored special event to its calendar specific to Responsible Dog Ownership Day.

New Berner-Garde Health Samples Repository: Val introduced the idea of donating funds to support Berner-Garde's new repository. Consensus was to review this at the next meeting when Berner-Garde is close to ready to accept donations for this project.

Colorado Canine Expo: This event in Colorado Springs is coming soon. No motion was made to participate in this event.

Announcing Events in Both Colorado BMD Club Newsletters: The Board discussed better serving the membership of both the BMDCR and The Pike Peak BMD Club by ensuring that events hosted by both clubs are announced in both newsletters. Volunteers to act as liaisons for this purpose will be sought in the General Membership meeting.

BMDCR Materials for Event Booths: From BMDCR participation in the March Pet Expo in Denver, it was noted that BMDCR brochures and business cards need to be updated. Sharon will work on updating these materials.

Updating BMDCR Website: The Board discussed the need to update the BMDCR website. A Task Force previously formed to develop recommendations has not been active. Sharon will reconvene that Task Force to do so. Sharon is also working to encourage more BMDCR members to join the BMDCRockies Yahoo group.

Foster Volunteers: In response to recent notices calling for more volunteers to foster rescue dogs, 15 new members have filed forms to be foster homes.

May Meeting Date: The fourth Sunday of the month in May falls on Memorial Day weekend. Since there are shows, events and holidays on the other weekends in May, the next regular BMDCR Board and General Membership meetings will remain as scheduled on May 27th. Val will be unable to attend; Lou will preside. Fay Benson will give a presentation on Tracking.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm. Minutes submitted by Sharon Keefer.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 12:57 pm.

Present: 18 voting members (a quorum), 3 sustaining members and 1 guest.

Approval of Minutes: Lou Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published in the March/April 2007 newsletter. Nadja Torling seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President's Report: Val thanked all who have contributed articles to the newsletter.

Secretary's Report: Sharon reported receiving a renewal notice from the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs (CFDC), along with a summary of their lobbying activities last year and anticipated state legislation of interest coming in the 2007 session. Dottie Schulte moved to rejoin CFDC and pay the 2007 annual dues. Lou Tucker seconded the motion. Motion passed. The summary of CFDC activities was given to Dottie Schulte for inclusion in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Sara reported that the club has positive balances in the checking, rescue, and savings accounts. A copy of the Club's current Profit and Loss Statement was circulated for review.

Committee Reports:

Spring Draft Test on March 31, 2007: Sharon Keefer reported that there are 14 entries. Sharon also thanked the Draft Test Committee members, Vicky Hall, Val Horney, Lou Tucker, and Dottie Schulte for all their hard work to make this Spring Draft Test possible.

Rescue: Patti Davieau reported that rescue dogs were just adopted. Val Horney reported that 15 members responded to notices calling for more rescue foster homes.

Regional Specialty: Dottie Schulte reported that approvals have been received for BMDCR to host the Regional Specialty on September 7 and a Draft Test on September 6, 2007. This year's Specialty will include Rally. Judges have been confirmed by signed contracts. Members may suggest names for judges for 2008 by contacting Dottie. Members can sponsor trophies for the 2007 Specialty and Draft Test by contacting Sara Karl.

Fall Draft Test on September 6, 2007: Ron Abbott reported that the Fall Draft Test will be held at Bittersweet Park in Greeley. The Secretary will be Pam Solomon. Committee members are Lou Tucker, Rip Stanwood, Val Horney, Dottie Schulte, and the technical advisor is Barry Solomon. Volunteers are needed to be Stewards.

Membership: Pam and Barry Solomon were voted in as voting members. Andrea and Scott Kawulok were voted in as new sustaining members.

Unfinished Business:

Bylaws Changes: Sara Karl moved to accept the changes to the BMDCR bylaws as posted in the last newsletter. Dottie Schulte seconded the motion. Discussion included clarification of the reason the bylaws state that meetings will be held in the greater Castle Rock area - because Castle Rock was the original city listed on the club incorporation documents. A change to follow "Castle Rock" with "Boulder to Colorado" Springs parenthetically was proposed; Motion to so amend original motion was made by Sara Karl. Motion to amend passed. Phil Shaffer expressed the concern that requiring sponsors for sustaining members could limit the Club's casual membership. Valerie Horney replied that the Bylaws Committee had addressed that concern by planning to provide member applicants with a list of voting members they can contact for sponsorship. Motion to accept the bylaws as posted in the March/April 2007 newsletter with the clarifying addition of "(Boulder to Colorado Springs)" after "Castle Rock" passed (15 in favor, 4 against, and 1 abstain).

New Business:

Stewards Needed for Newfoundland National Specialty in Boulder: Chris Mann announced that volunteers are needed for the National Specialty Show and Draft Tests to be held in Boulder in late April. Additional information is available at www.2007newfnational.com/volunteer.htm.

Animal Communicator Program on April 1, 2007: Val Horney announced that reservations are still being taken for the presentation by Linda Thomas on Animal Communication and for individual appointments following the presentation.

Colorado Canine Expo on May 5-6, 2007: Val Horney announced that the Board was not proposing BMDCR participation in this upcoming event in Colorado Springs. Member Gayle Brooks will have a booth at the Expo for her new business, PeakWaggers.

BernerFiesta Location: We need a location for our July picnic event, BernerFiesta. Ideas should be submitted for

planning at the May meeting.

May Meeting Date: The fourth Sunday of the month in May falls on Memorial Day weekend. Since there are shows, events and holidays on the other weekends in May, the next regular BMDCR Board and General Membership meetings will remain as scheduled on May 27th. Val Horney will be unable to attend; Vice President Lou Tucker will preside. Fay Benson will give a presentation on Tracking.

Reciprocal Communication for Both Colorado BMD Club Newsletters: To better serve the membership of both the BMDCR and The Pike Peak BMD Club, volunteer liaisons were called for. Elaine Witulski from BMDCR will communicate with Angie Hanson of the PPBMDC to share event notices for both club newsletters.

Updating BMDCR Website: Val Horney announced that the Board had discussed the need to update the BMDCR website. A Task Force previously formed to develop recommendations has not been active. Sharon Keefer will reconvene that Task Force to do so.

Furry Scurry: The Furry Scurry, Denver Dumb Friends League's primary fundraiser, will be on May 5 this year. BMDCR members can again participate as a team and make donations credited to BMDCR. Last year, the BMDCR team raised about \$900 for DDFL and the club matched a portion. Phil Shaffer moved that BMDCR again match member raised donations up to \$300. Jeanne Stanwood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Packing Dog Title: Ron Abbot announced that the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club offers a Packing Dog Title. He is considering asking BMDCA to start offering this, modeling it on the GSMDC program. Ron asked the membership about interest in this, and offered to work on organizing a demonstration hike and mini seminar, perhaps followed by a camp out. Fay Benson offered to look into getting a camp reservation at Golden Gate Park in June or July.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm and followed by a presentation by Elizabeth Bublitz titled "Ideas for Pet-Friendly Gardens and Lawns."

Minutes submitted by Sharon Keefer.

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for marketing/fundraising as well as other activities. As a child she had Mini Schnauzers which she showed in 4H. She is taking an obedience class now through Aurora Parks and Rec. She has never bred a litter nor been expelled from any dog club.

"Rescue Me Baby" (Jessie), (F, 12/2001)
Patricia is a former club member who recently got a BARC rescue dog and she wants to get involved in BMDCR activities and to meet other owners and to learn more about the breed. She can volunteer

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"Isis", (F, 4/5/06) out of Sire: Blaze and Dam: Lisa's Retike from Kelly O'Brien. SHE wants to join the club to learn more about the breed and to be active to improve the breed. She heard about the club on the internet and can contribute time and energy. She is taking a training class at Pet Smart and plans to start showing her dog. She has never bred a litter nor been expelled from any dog club.

In Remembrance

"Austin"

Ch. Nashems Bad to the Bone CD NDD

June 12, 1985 - April 7, 2007

Group winning, Multiple group placing, Top Producer of Champions. Austin was the happiest dog I ever had always wagging his tail and a smile for everyone. May his good qualities live on in his offspring.

Sara and Randy



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/Display 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.