



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

Next BMDCR Meeting

Next Meeting: Jeanne Stanwood's home - 672 N. Faver Dr. Castle Rock Co. 80109
May 23, 2010. Board Meeting at 12:00 pm General meeting at 1:00 pm

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 28, 2010

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:35 pm on March 28, 2010 at the home of Bob and Ann Rutherford in Castle Rock.

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

Approval of Minutes: Ann moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published in the March/April 2010 newsletter. Mary Ellen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

1. We received a letter from Arapahoe Kennel Club inviting us to have our Specialty with their show, or advertise in their catalog. We are locked into Greeley for this year, but we could look at it for next year.

Treasurer's Report: \$12,307.18 in checking, \$5,263.88 CD for rescue, savings CD value \$6,751.75.

Filing of taxes – We have checked with an accountant and we are not required to file a tax return.

We are getting ready to do the renewal for membership. There's a new form for the board to review.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Committee:

We have a new dog in rescue, Phil has him. His name is Roscoe and he's 6 years old. We don't know why, but the owners are getting rid of both of their dogs. There are no issues with the dog.

Hannah, who was placed earlier this year, was having trouble with stairs, so Phil took in Hannah and /is looking to find another home for her. Meanwhile Hannah's adopters are fostering Roscoe. Phil is taking Hannah to VRCC to have her evaluated. She is having trouble with her front end. Hannah's adopters will be responsible for her vet bills.

Regarding the new Rescue chair, Ann still needs to work out the details with the Rescue Committee.

Website Committee: Sharon was not present for the Board Meeting. But she will do a presentation at General meeting.

Spring Draft Test: Will be covered in the general meeting.

Fall Draft Test: Jeanne Stanwood and Chris Mann looked for a site north of Denver, but didn't find anything, so they are thinking we'll go back to Cherry Creek. They are considering doing a two day test. The potential date is October 1st. Another possible site is N. Boulder Park, but they still need to research.

New Business:

2013 Specialty – we have a location decided now.

The May meeting will be held at Jeanne Stanwood's house in Castle Rock. It will be the weekend before Memorial Day. The September meeting will be at Laura & Al's house.

AKC Legislative Liaison Program – Pam will talk to Dottie about this program. Mary Ellen suggests talking to All Breed clubs and seeing if we can work them.

We discussed fulfilling our AKC Compliance requirements for Section A with the idea of doing a Canine Good Citizenship test in conjunction with Berner Fiesta. Alice will check around to see who could do our CGC test. Jeanne will check with Blue Springs as well.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – March 28, 2010

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:21 pm on March 28, 2010 at the home of Bob and Ann Rutherford in Castle Rock.

Present: 16 voting members (a quorum), 0 sustaining members, 0 junior member and 1 guest.

Approval of Minutes: Lou Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published in the March/April 2010 newsletter. Laura seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President's Report: Spring draft practices – Pam asked if we could move the practice next week to 3pm since she has a puppy class that morning. Everyone was fine with that idea.

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

Treasurer's Report: Repeated from Board Meeting. See Board Meeting Minutes. Another question came up - do we need to charge sales tax when we start selling products on our website? It's not an issue at the National, since it's out of state. We should be though, especially if we sell on the internet. Sharon will remind Sara to ask about it.

Committee Reports

Show Committee: 2010 Specialty – We're ready, clothes are done, ad I in the Alpenhorn, paperwork is approved, judges are obtained and Bev Hilmes is working on the reception. We have a sign up sheet for trophies going around today. There's also a sign up sheet for the Ways and Means booth for the National Specialty going around today.

2013- We have selected a site for the National Specialty in 2013 that we will be hosting. We will be in Loveland at the Ranch and using the nearby hotels. The dates are May 12-18th. Draft and agility will be on site and possibly also herding. Dottie Schulte is now officially the Show Chair (by acclamation). Dottie is passing around a list of chair positions showing those already filled and those open for anyone interested in helping out.

Website Committee Report: There is no demo available today since Sharon's computer died. There are still a few forms that need to be put up. The address is: www. BMDCR. Org. Password for "members only" section is alps2.rockies. Sharon will ask Sara to print the password in the new directory coming out this year.

Sharon would like to take the Ways and Means Chair position for now. But she'd like to move the Website Chair to Sandy and Phil, now that the website is pretty much up and running. This works well with the Facebook Chair position that Phil is doing. And it's ok with Sandy and Phil. Alice motions that website and Facebook are all under 1 committee – with Phil and Sandy Chairs. Helen seconds. All for – motion passed.

Drafting Workshop – We will probably have 4 judges, and have inquiries out to two other people as our trainers. The date is June 25th to 27th. We will put a reminder out on the Yahoo group lists. Bev has a list of 7-8 lists and she will post to them. We should also send out info to some of the other local breed clubs. Someone will take a flyer to the Dottie National in Greeley as well. There is a deadline for signing up – June 11th.

Rescue Committee: See board meeting. An update on Storm Cloudin – all of the dogs she couldn't keep went to Dapple Doxies. The foster parent who took the mom and 2 surviving puppies is keeping them.

Spring Draft Test – There's sign up sheet for trophy sponsorship going around. We need more entries! Only have 7 dogs – 3 people. Sandy Ramlett's daughter, Molly, and her 4H club are coming to the draft test and Lou is going to give them a presentation. Vicki Chesser is doing the food. We've had a lot of people volunteer to be stewards, Lou will send out a reminder. Pam will post on Denver Dogs.

Fall Draft Test – See board meeting. There will be one local judge each day and an import. It will be the weekend of October 1st. It will be a two day test.

Membership: New members to vote on – Sustaining Andrew (Drew) Giovanni, Lori Salo and Cathy Davis for voting. 14 yes votes each and no votes. Alice – add them to the meeting sign up sheet.

Ways and Means: Alice motions to approve Sharon as the new Ways and Means Chairman, seconded by Ann. All for – motion passed. Tee shirts and sweatshirts with the 2010 Regional Specialty logo are available, and we may need to reorder before the national! We're making a banner to reuse at all our ways and means events. The design is similar to what we have on the website. Business cards will be made. We're also making new

what we have on website. Business cards will be made. We are also making new magnets- Bernermania will be the art. We will also be doing Euro plate –style magnets with “BMD”. Val suggests doing stickers as well. Laura suggests doing the tickers to warn firemen of dogs in the house.

Nadja offered to help; with finding some new items with just our club logo, opposed to the gear that has Specialty artwork.

Unfinished Business:

Newsletter – Candy has bought a new computer to assist in preparing the newsletter. Dottie and Nadja are out of the business! The new newsletter will contain just the basics. We will continue to include show news.

New Business:

Herding: Phil did the fun day at Terra Norte – and had an interesting time! The Club discussed that we would like to do a herding fun day, but didn't decide anything specific.

AKC Legislative Liaison – It appears that the AKC wants someone local to tell them what's happening with legislation in our area. Lou will contact a friend to ask her about this. Val suggests writing a brief description of the job and put it in the newsletter to see if anyone is interested.

MaryAnn Andrews gave us a presentation – She had a behavioral problem with Sunny recently. She was starting to get destructive around the house, and they were concerned about leaving her alone. Maryann found someone who is a massage therapist, animal empath and does volunteer work with a shelter. Maryann felt that she got a lot of useful information from her and she had a multi-discipline approach to dealing with the dogs that included massage, floral essence, music, etc. As a result of working with her she's giving her rescue remedy and gives Sunny some essential oils and puts music on.

MaryAnn thought she would be great with shelter dogs, etc. She'd also be happy come to a meeting and give us a presentation. She's worked with Table Mountain Shelter and helped them with the spay/neuter van. Her name is Lizanne Flynn, she's a certified canine therapeutic and sports massage therapist. Pam will follow up with her.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade – There was a very long wait to walk – about 3 hours. It seems the trick probably is to register earlier so you get into the front of the parade.

Berner Fiesta: We need a couple of people to start looking for places. We're also looking to do a CGC test during Berner Fiesta. One suggestion was Prospect Park, which the City of Wheat Ridge owns. It has a nice shelter and possibly a fenced area for dogs. There's also a park in Evergreen that has a large pavilion. Pam and MaryAnn will work on finding some possible sites. Chatfield has a dog park with picnic tables.

Backpacking with Berners: Ron Abbott, is giving a presentation after the general meeting.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

A new e-mail came out about toxic chemicals in pet supplies. If you are interested, it is www.healthystuff.org/departments/pet/index.php