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Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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Barn Berner Draft Test

Barn-Bern-er (βärn•bûr_en_r) n.

Informal. An Extremely Impressive Event or Successful Outcome:

"The October Back-to-Back Draft Tests in Steamboat Springs are going to be a real **Barn Berner!**"

Truer words have never been said according to the participants attending the first ever BMDCR Draft Test held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado this past October 5th & 6th.



The historic Heritage Barn & Cabin site on the shores of Lake Catamount offered



beautiful views in every direction. Those that braved the "Severe Winter Storm Warning" centered around Steamboat Springs on Thursday and Friday were rewarded with gor-

geous fall foliage colors accented by the foot of newly fallen snow. Our Rough Rider Judges, Ruth Nielsen and Larry Bohlig were not afraid of the conditions, leading the snow shoveling brigade to clear portions of the ring. Many thanks to Jerry McDanal, head shoveler, and everyone who came out to the site on Friday to help!



In true Wild West fashion, the new snow did not tamp the weekend spirit. Our hardy Berners had a ball jumping, rolling and running in the open snowfields. Their owners were all well prepared with layers of clothing, peeled off throughout the day as we worked on avoiding sunburned noses.

Participants as well as the many spectators enjoyed the abundant photo opportunities, even the judges were snapping pics!

We had a lot of very close runs, dog/handler teams who came SOOO close to qualifying! We hope to see you try again at the spring test.

Congratulations to those who did earn a lovely green rosette and trophy; especially to our new Novice Draft Dogs: Daisy (handled and loved by



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President's Message - November

Thanks to Beth Dennehy and all her helpers for the successful draft test in Steamboat. The time and energy that our members give to club events is awesome!

Let me draw your attention to two points that you will find in the minutes: one pertains to a storage unit and one pertains to the website. First, the club decided to move forward with renting a storage unit to store all club equipment, including draft equipment, ways & means items, hospitality supplies, and so forth. Lori Kennedy will give us a status report at the November meeting on what she has found that will serve our needs. And thanks to all of you – especially the Mann's – for storing equipment over the years.

Second, the club website, bmdcr.org, is now fully operational and includes the rescue/foster forms, membership applications, club news, information, and photographs. It is the OFFICIAL website for the club. If anyone wishes to take material that is posted on the website and release or post it elsewhere, permission must first be granted by the club. Any requests should be sent to the club secretary, who will report to the Board.

I look forward to seeing you at the November 24th meeting.

Mary Ellen

BMDCR Newsletter Advertising

BMDCR Newsletter Advertising: The BMDCR accepts appropriate ads in the club's bimonthly newsletter on a space available basis. Priority is given to ads from club members. Ads must be camera-ready (per the Editor), however, assistance with preparing ads is available upon request. Ads must be paid in advance via the BMDCR website store at: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Shop-the-Rockies.html> Select the category Newsletter Advertising.

Instructions for submitting ads, including how to request design assistance, are included at that link. Advertising Rates (per single issue): Business Card Size Ad - \$5 for BMDCR members, \$10 for non-members; Quarter-Page Ad - \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members; Half-Page Ad -\$20 for members, \$40 for non-members

Submission Deadlines: Camera-ready ads are due on the 15th of December, February, April, June, August, and October, for the Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/Jun, July/Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec issues, respectively. Allow 2 additional weeks for ads requiring design assistance.

Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

November 2013 - BMDCR Meeting

Date: November 24, 2013

Location: Home of Lori Kennedy, 9630 E Colorado Ave, Denver CO.

December 2013 - CARTS & CAROLING / BERNER NOEL

Date: Sunday, December 8th 11:00 a.m.

Location: Aspen Grove Shopping Center, 7301 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO.

Meet in parking area west of Alamo Theater

CAROLING: 11 – 12:30. Carolers, dogs on leash, dogs with carts are all welcome. Holiday decorations and attire encouraged. Weather permitting there will be guitar accompaniment for the sing-along.

BERNER NOEL: Brunch / Lunch at the BISTRO in the banquet area following caroling. Purchase your own meal & drinks off the menu.

Bring a wrapped dog related item for the gift exchange if you choose.

The BISTRO is located in the North-East corner of Aspen Grove.

January 2014 - BMDCR Annual Banquet

Date: Sunday, January 19, 2014

Location: Las Brisas Restaurant at 6787 S. Clinton, Greenwood Village

Business meeting at 11:00 and lunch will follow.

May 2014 - BMDCR Spring Draft Test

Date: May 3 - 4, 2014

Location: Sterne Park, Littleton, CO

BMDCR Spring Draft Test. Sterne Park, Littleton, CO (pending approval)

Wild Congratulations

... to all the winners at the BMDCR 2013 Independent Specialty on September 6th! Show results are posted at

www.bmdcr.org/BMDCR_2013_Results.pdf

Bernerly thanks to our judges Bill Shelton, Lilian Ostermiller, Ron Horn, and



Best of Breed—GCH B-Havens Sherpa's Mtn Endeavor owned by Jill Byers

**Berners
gone
Wild**



High In Trial—Valerie Horney with GCH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land, CD OAP NJP BDD

Linda Scanlon; as well as our committee chairs Alice Clark, Sandy Dunaway, Beverly Hilmes, Valerie Horney, Lori Kennedy, Dottie Schulte, and Patty Wellinger; stewards Jolene Segelke and Mary Ellen Guy; and show day assistants Kathy Crawford, Shannon Dempsey, Joanna Hughes, Christian Juhl, Barb Le Tourneau, Ann Rutherford, Lou Tucker, Vicky Whitney, and Jim Wilson.

**We hope everyone enjoyed
our trot on the wild side!**

Membership Update by Chairperson- Stacy Temples

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE ~November/December 2013

We have three sustaining membership applicant candidates this month.

Jill Byers, 26000 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora, CO 80016. Mobile (720) 563-9537. E-mail: BHaven-BMDZ@aol.com. Sponsors are Valerie Horney & Dottie Schulte. Jill has listed 7 dogs she owns. CH B-Haven's Sherpa's Mtn Endeavor, M, 8/21/2007. B-Haven's Sherpa's Guided By Angels, F, 01/06/2009. Messalina From Balihara Ranch. Magnifique Mia From Balihara Ranch. B-Haven's Sherpa's Dynasty on Mt Timberidge, B-Haven's Sherpa's glory of the Summit. B-Haven's Sherpa's Eiger Sanction Timberidge. Her interests are Breeding and Conformation and having family pets. She has been showing her dogs (since 2004), and after getting to know members in Colorado, she would like to participate more in helping with the needs of the club. She has had multiple litters and provides stud service with her male. She registers with the AKC. She is a BMDCA member and has never been a club officer.

R Dee Sherrill, 340 Saddleback Lane, Estes Park, Colorado, 80517. H.Ph. (970) 586-4088. Mobile (970) 214-8153. E-mail: rdee@me.com Sponsors are Phil Shaffer and Christine Mann. R Dee came to our September 2013 Regional Specialty and met people there. He wants to learn from Berner owners to do the right thing and to avoid pitfalls. He is looking for a puppy and is interested in a family pet and health issues.

Patricia Barber, 9459 E. lake Circle, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Mobile: (303) (257-5914. E-mail: pethelb@gmail.com. Sponsors are Phil Shaffer & Ann Rutherford. Patricia has fostered two Bernese rescue dogs this past year and is willing and would like to help with that again. She is interested in a family pet, obedience, and carting.

Show News Submissions - By Lou Tucker

There have been some questions / concerns regarding the content of the Show News report.

Show News highlights the wins and accomplishments of people and their dogs who are members of The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies. The dogs noted are owned / co-owned by a BMDCR member. Occasionally for space constraints co-owned dogs may be excluded if the (owner of record) is not a BMDCR member.

It was the original intent that Rockies members would submit their wins to the show news reporter for publication. Since I am at a number of shows I have noted the wins in conformation and check the Onofrio website for Local (Denver area) shows. I will only guarantee that wins will be listed if they are emailed to me directly as I can easily miss a show listing.

There is no way of knowing who is entered in what performance event so it is imperative that you send me those wins if you want them included in the news. I do not gather information from Facebook.

BMDCR Specialty and Draft Test results are published on the BMDCR website or members list.

To best insure that your wins will be included in Show News send to Lou Tucker – bltdog@msn.com.

Good Luck in all your Berner events!

Show News !- By Lou Tucker

BARN-BERNER DRAFT TEST Highlights – Oct.5-6, 2013

Daisy & Cathy Davis Novice Draft Dog
 Rose & Kathy Winegar Novice Draft Dog
 Watson & Barry Solomon Advanced Novice Draft Dog
 Narsil & Kim Giannone Master Draft Dog
 Carly - Elaine Witulski & Dash – Alice Clark, Team handled by Alice
 Carly – Brace Novice Draft Dog Dash – Advanced Brace Novice DD
 Murrey / Graci & Lori Kennedy - Advanced Novice Draft Dog
 Murrey – Oldest Passing Dog Award both days

Complete details on the BMDCR website

BMDCR REGIONAL SPECIALTY HIGHLIGHTS Sept. 6, 2013

High In Trial – GCH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land – Val Horney
Complete Performance results are published on the BMDCR website

Puppy Sweepstakes

BPY Blumoon's Orzo Risoni Owner – Christine Mann
 BOPY Biergarten's WinterAbby Ale Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes
 Veteran Sweepstakes
 BVT CH Nashem's Play It Again Sapphire Owners – Lynn & G.Wood, Sara Karl & Carol Arbuthnot
 BOVT CH Nashem's Razzle Dazzle V The Dell Owners-L. Wood & S.Karl
 Best Junior Handler
 Haley Curran & Ch Nashem's Homebrew Owners-Dottie Schulte-H.Curran
 RWD Blumoon's Orzo Risoni Owner – Christine Mann
 WB/BW Ella Bermondo Bohemia Owner – Catherine Davis
 RWB Nashem's Lucky Charm Owners – Shari Curren & Sara Karl
 BOS Plainsong's Ruby Redcloud Owners – Pam & Kevin Swisher
 SEL GCH Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners-S.Dunaway,S.Keefer, Pam Swisher
 AOM CH Lemark Seastars White Gloves Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy
 AOM Ch Mountainair's Lima Bean CD Owners-Beth Dennehy&W. Rogers & Darcy Babb
Complete results are published on the BMDCR website

Greeley Kennel Club Inc 8/17/2013

BREEDERS CHALLENGE

Working Group – Group 1 Angus with Homer & Rufio

WB/BW/BBY Ratcliff's Lily Of The Valley Owners-Tracey Carpe & Jennifer Necker
 BB CH Mountainair's Lima Bean (Wellington) Owners-E.Dennehy,W.Rogers,D.Babb
 OS CH Summit's Tres Jolie V Joyful (Jolie) Owners-Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway
 SEL CH Memories Mariquita V Ratcliff Owners-Tracey Carpe, C.Burlile,J.Necker
 SEL Ch Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur Owner – Sharon Johnson

Greeley Kennel Club Inc 8/18/2013

WD Miabis Save The Last Dance For Krystal HI Owners-K.Wickizer & Kerri Kent
 RWD Ratcliff's Extra Innings (Troy) Owners – Lou & Bob Tucker & Tracey Carpe
 WB/BW Ella Bermondo Bohemia Owner – Cathy Davis
 BB/BOBOH GCH Nashems He's The Man Of Woodmoor CD,RN,HT (Angus)
 OHG4 Owners – Randy & Sara Karl & Dottie Schulte
 SEL CH Summit's Tres Jolie Owners – Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway
 Cheyenne Kennel Club 8/31/2013

WD/BW Blumoon's Orzo Risoni Owners – Christine & Michael Mann
 RWD/BPY Biergarten's Hoptimus Prime Ale Owners - Beverly & M. Hilmes
 RWB Biergarten's Winter Abby Ale Owners – Beverly & M. Hilmes
 BOS/ NEW GCH Ch Lemarks Seastars White Gloves Owner – Dr. M E Guy
 SEL CH Memories Mariquita V Ratcliff Owners-Tracey Carpe, C.Burlile J.Necker
 SEL CH American Ale Von Der Berneseshof Owners-Beverly & Michael Hilmes
 BBR/G1 CH Memories Mariquita V Ratcliff & Ratcliff's Lily of The Valley (Tracey C.)

Cheyenne Kennel Club 9/01/2013

RWD Biergarten's Hoptimus Prime Ale Owners-Beverly & Michael Hilmes

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Show News !- By Lou Tucker

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WB/BW Wagontale's Reach For The Stars Owners-Stacy Temples & H. Ramsdell
 BB CH Mountainair's Lima Bean CD,RE Owners-E.Dennehy, W.Rogers & D.Babb
 OS CH Memories Mariquita V Ratcliff Owners-Tracey Carpe ,C.Burlile &J.Necker
 SEL CH American Ale Von Der Berneseshof Owners-Beverly & Michael Hilmes
 BBR/G2 CH Memories Mariquita V Ratcliff & Ratcliffs Lily of The Valley Handler – Tracey Carpe
 Evergreen Kennel Club 9/07/2013

WD/BW Barberry Jigger of Jameson V Winridge Owner – Kim Giannone
 WB Wagontale's Golden Belle Owners – Stacey Temples & Howard Ramsdell
 SEL CH Plainsong's Ruby Redcloud Owners – Pam & Kevin Swisher
 OS CH Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners-S.Dunaway, S.Keefer, P.Swisher
 Evergreen Kennel Club 9/08/2013

WD/BW Blumoon's Orzo Risoni Owners – Christine & Michael Mann
 RWD Barberry Jigger of Jamison V Winridge Owner – Kim Giannone
 WB Wagontale's One Way Or Another Owner – Stacey Temples & H. Ramsdell
 BB CH Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur Owner – Sharon Johnson
 OS CH Plainsong's Ruby RedCloud Owner – Pam & Kevin Swisher
 SEL CH Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners-S.Dunaway, S.Keefer, P.Swisher
 Arapahoe Kennel Club 9/21/2013

WD/BW Ratcliff's Extra Innings Owners Lou & Bob Tucker & Tracey Carpe
 RWD Biergarten's Hoptimus Prime Ale Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes
 BBY Wagontale's Divine Inspiration – Owners-S.Temples & N.Georges & M.Georges
 BB CH Winter Hawk of Snowy Pines Owner – Sharon Johnson
 SEL Ella Bermondo Bohemia Owner – Cathy Davis
 SEL CH Nashems Homebrew Owners – Dottie Schulte & Haley Curran
 Arapahoe Kennel Club 9/22/2013

WD/BW Ratcliff's Extra Innings Owners – Lou & Bob Tucker & Tracey Carpe
 RWD Biergarten's Hoptimus Prime Ale Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes
 RWB Ayehli's Amazing Grace V Ratcliff Owners-Tracey Carpe, F.Bushnell, J.Necker
 BB CH Prairefire's Winter Hawk Of Snowy Pines Owner – Sharon Johnson
 BOS CH Ella Bermondo Bohemia Owner – Cathy Davis
 SEL CH Prairefire's Music Of The Night Owner – Sharon Johnson
 Grand Valley Kennel Club 9/26/2013

WD Barberry Jigger of Jameson V Winridge Owner – Kim Giannone
 RWD Shepherds Patch Othello Owner – Kim Giannone
 OS CH Ella Bermondo Bohemia Owner – Cathy Davis
 Grand Valley Kennel Club 9/27/2013

WD/BW Barberry Jigger of Jameson V Winridge Owner – Kim Giannone
 RWD Shepherds Patch Othello Owner - Kim Giannone
 WB Ratchiff's Lily Of The Valley Owners – Tracey Carpe & Jennifer Necker
 OS CH Ella Bermondo Bohemia Owner – Cathy Davis
 SEL CH Mountainair's Lima Bean CD Owners- Beth Dennehy, W.Rogers, D.Babb
 Grand Valley Kennel Club 9/28/2013

WD/BW ShepherdsPatch Othello (Otto) Owner – Kim Giannone
 RWD Barberry Jigger of Jamison V Winridge Owner – Kim Giannone
 RWB/BBY/G2 Ratcliffs Lily of The Valley Owners – Tracey Carpe & J. Necker
 OS CH Ella Bermondo Bohemia Owner – Cathy Davis
 SEL CH Mountainair's Lima Bean Owners - E.Dennehy, W. Rogers & Darcy Babb
 Grand Valley Kennel Club 9/28/2013

WD/NEW CH Barberry Jigger of Jamison V Winridge Owner – Kim Giannone
 RWD ShepherdsPatch Othello Owner – Kim Giannone
 RWB Ratcliff's Lily Of The Valley Owners – Tracey Carpe & J. Necker
 BB CH Ella Bermondo Bohemia Owner – Cathy Davis
 SEL CH Mountainair's Lima Bean (Wellington)

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Breed Mentors Program

What is the BMDCR Mentors program?

Have you ever wondered what events and activities are available for you and your dog?

Have you seen or heard of an event or activity for you and your dog that you might be interested in but didn't know where to start or were afraid to ask?

Have you thought about an event or activity for you and your dog, but were unsure how to train, and afraid to invest in specialized equipment without knowing if your dog was a willing participant?

BMDCR Mentors are club members with skill and expertise in events and activities you can do with your dogs. These Mentors have agreed to act as points of contacts for your questions regarding how to get started, how and where to train, what equipment to buy, and how to find and enter events and activities.

BMDCR Mentors have volunteered to support your questions via phone and/or email. From time to time, they may schedule demonstrations that will be part of club meetings or as separate stand-alone events. You may be invited to local practice sessions or shows to see the mentor and their dogs in action.

All you need to do is take the first step by contacting a BMDCR Mentor!

For a current list of Mentors please see the club website: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Mentors.html>

BMDCR Members – If you would like to be listed as a Mentor for one of the events or activities above, or if you can Mentor an event or activity that is not on the list, please contact Barry Solomon at bsolomon@myqci.com or 303-670-0426.

Show News !- By Lou Tucker

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* Bonneville Basin Kennel Association*

9/14/13 AmCan CH Werlwinds One For The Road Owners-Byron & Yoshi Peterson
NEW AKC CH & Cindy Switzler

9/15/13 SEL AM/CAN CH Werlwind's One For The Road

PERFORMANCE WINS

Classiques Midnight Serenade (Cooper) Owned by Patty Wellinger
BMDCR Specialty 3rd RAE leg Excellent, 1st pl, Advanced 1st pl Novice OB 3rd pl
Briard Specialty 9/27 4th RAE leg Excellent, 4th place, Advanced 4th place
NACSW National Assoc of Canine Scentwork) passed Level 1 ORT Odor Recognition Test
Prairefire's Miracles Can't Wait (Dechlen) Owner Lori Kennedy
BMDCR Specialty Rally Novice B, score 95 1st pl. Beginner Novice B 1st pl
Arapahoe KC Rally Novice B – Q, PreNovice 2nd pl, Briard Nat.Spec. Novice B Q-2nd lg
Ashflat Princess Graci (Graci) Owner –Lori Kennedy

BMDCR Specialty – Veteran Bitches 7-9 yrs 4th pl
Briard National Novice B – Qualifying score 2nd leg
BMDCR Draft Test Graci & Murrey (Kennedy's Murrey) Passing score & New Title-
ADVANCED BRACE NOVICE DRAFT DOG (team passing both days)
Murrey – Oldest Passing dog award – both days!!

Dashing to The Rescue (Dash) Owned by Alice Clark
BMDCR Draft Test - Earned his Advanced Brace Novice Draft Dog Title
Dashing to the Rescue CD, RE, ANDD, ABNDD, BDD
ICCKC agility trial (Boise, ID) Friday, October 11

Zuzu's Petals (ZUZU) Owned by Vicky Hall
First place EX JWWZuzu's Petals CDX RA OA OAP NJP NF DD

Board Meeting Minutes - September 15, 2013

[Mary Ellen, Lori, Alice (abs), Sara, Laura, Vicki, Barry, Candy, Joanna (abs)]

The Board meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm at Al and Laura's house. Sara moved to accept the minutes of the last Board meeting. Lori seconded it and the motion carried unanimously. Laura, reporting for Alice, indicated that there is nothing to report from the Secretary. Sara gave the treasurer's report: the club has \$11,902.52 in the checking account, \$12,155.90 in the savings account and \$6,273.81 in the rescue fund.

Reports of Committees

Draft Committee.

Mary Ellen informed the Board that Jeanne Stanwood has resigned from her position as chair of the draft committee. Discussion ensued about whether we need to have a draft committee since events get planned by volunteers as needed. The consensus of the Board was that the current management of drafting events on a case by case basis seems to be working. A draft committee can be established in the future if we need it. The Board wishes to convey its gratitude to Jeanne for her many years of dedicated service to drafting and to the club.

Unfinished Business

National Specialty income. Dottie attended the Board meeting to report the financial data from the 2013 BMDCA Specialty: A net profit of \$22,930.93 total net profit was divided as follows:

BMDCA will receive 50% (\$11,465.46)

The remaining 50% of the total profit will be allocated as follows:

BMDCR (70%): \$8,025.82

Lone Star (20%): \$2,293.09

Heartland (10%): \$1,146.54.

Discussion followed about what to recommend to the membership in terms of how we want to use the portion of the profit coming to the club. Among the suggestions were charitable donations (i.e., CSU Cancer Fund at ~\$1,000-\$1,500), junior scholarship, storage unit, future "seed" money for BMDCR Back-to-Back Specialties and a reserve fund for future BMDCR needs (~\$5,000) were among the possibilities.

New Business

Back to back Specialties in 2015.

The Board discussed picking a date for a Back to Back Specialty that can fit within the busy AKC show schedule. The Board also discussed coordinating this event with the Rottweiler club. The most likely date is the first weekend in November. This corresponds to week #44 of the AKC schedule in which no shows are currently scheduled. Week #37 would be the second most likely choice as it only presents a schedule conflict with the Farmington, UT show. Dottie volunteered to look into the details of this and will report to the club. The Board recommended that we hold a draft test in conjunction with the specialty.

Storage unit.

After some discussion and with the recognition that the club has been interested in this for some time, it was decided that we should now rent a storage unit which we would use for draft equipment and all other items that are not perishable and not temperature sensitive. It was determined that a unit ~10 feet x 20 feet might suffice with the caveat that it cost ~\$100.00 or less per month. Lori motioned and Sara seconded. Motion passed.

Programs.

Lori led a discussion about possible programs that would be of interest to members. It was decided that a grooming workshop would work for the November meeting, which Lori will host at her house. A herding workshop was another suggestions. March 2014 was suggested as a possible date for a herding workshop.

Petition of dissatisfaction with the BMDCA's revision of its awards program.

Lori requested time at the general meeting to discuss a petition that reports dissatisfaction to the BMDCA regarding its change of policy regarding the timing of its award of advanced titles and to obtain signatures of interested persons.

Club Website.

The Board discussed the club website and a policy for club communication and for posting all official club information, such as

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photos, premium lists, marked catalogs, officers, rescue/foster form, meeting information, minutes, reports of events and activities, and so forth. As of the July meeting, the rescue/foster form was the last official club function for which the club was dependent on Phil Shaffer's personal website. As of September, all club business, including the rescue/foster form, is now live on the official club website. To formalize the policy, Sara moved and Vicki seconded that all club documents are the property of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies (BMDCR). As such, all documents and materials about BMDCR, its members, and its events, are property of the Club and can only be released or posted on other websites with permission of the BMDCR. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn. The Board adjourned at 12:49 pm.

General Meeting Minutes - September 15, 2013

Mary Ellen welcomed guests and announced the new sustaining members who were voted into the club at the July meeting: Darlene Weinheimer, Catherine Anderson & Wayne Windholz. Special thanks were again given to all who worked so hard in making the 2013 national Specialty such a success. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Lou Tucker moved and Ann Rutherford seconded. The motion carried.

Report of President

Meet the Breeds at Plum Creek Show, Saturday, February 15, 2014, 2 – 3 p.m. Mary Ellen reported that the club has been asked to do a meet the breed session at the National Western Show on 2/15/14 from 2-3 pm. Mary Ellen requested someone to be in charge and Tracey Carpe volunteered.

Report of Board Discussions

2015 Back to Back Specialty. Dottie moved that the 2015 Back to Back Specialty be held during week #44 or week #37 of the AKC show schedule. Sara seconded the motion. The discussion that ensued included financial feasibility and the ability to cancel if it is not financially feasible, the desirability of one vs. two draft tests and what, in general, would entail a valuable back-to-back experience. It was noted that, historically, the draft test was a one-day event. It was suggested that it might be desirable to gradually add new events each year as a means of registration enticement. Candy made a friendly amendment to include the possibility of looking at a draft test for the Back-to-Back Specialty. The amendment was accepted by Dottie and Sara so the amended motion was then voted on by the membership. Motion carried unanimously.

Storage Unit.

The advantage of a storage unit is that many things could be stored centrally. It was generally agreed upon by the membership that the price should not exceed \$100.00 per month and should be approximately 10 feet by 15 feet. It might be advisable to keep up a current inventory list. Mary Ellen requested a "point person" to find a specific location and price. Lori volunteered to bring information regarding this to the November meeting. Valerie moved that we rent a storage unit if such a unit can be found for less than \$100.00 per month. Vicki seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of Secretary There was nothing to report.

Report of Treasurer Sara reported that the club has \$11,902.52 in the checking account, \$12,155.90 in the savings account and \$6,273.81 in the rescue fund.

Reports of Committees

2013 Regional Specialty. Due to generous donations, the gross income from the raffle was \$2,792.00. Sharon reports that the profit may be a little less than previous years once all the expenses are tallied. The income from the banquet was \$1211.00. The show photographer has mailed all of the photos.

2014 Regional Specialty. Dottie will chair the specialty to be held 9/05/14, and has requested someone to volunteer as co-chair so the chair's responsibilities can be gradually transitioned. We still need obedience, rally, trophy, hospitality and grounds chairs for

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this event. The theme for this event will be "An Affair to RememBERN" Lori volunteered to be the chair for hospitality. Dottie volunteered to do the ribbons. It was recommended that someone (perhaps the grounds chair?) be in charge of organizing cleanup after the show.

Fall Draft test in Steamboat Springs, Oct. 5 & 6. Dottie reports that the trophies for the first day will be silver buckets (similar to the ones used at the 2013 National Specialty) and collars for the second day.

Spring Draft test. Sharon reported that Sterne Park in Littleton was recommended as a good location for this event. A Sterne Park rental discount could be obtained if we have a club member who is also a member of the South Suburban Recreation Center. We need someone to chair this event. Cathy Davis and Vicky Whitney volunteered to be secretary. Lou will "mentor" whoever volunteers to be chair of this event.

Final financial tally from National Specialty. Dottie reported the following profits from the 2013 BMDCA Specialty. The \$22,930.93 total net profit is divided as follows: BMDCA will receive 50% (\$11,465.46). The remaining 50% of the total profits are allocated as follows: BMDCR (70%) \$8,025.82; Lone Star (20%) \$2,293.09; Heartland (10%) \$1,146.54. Discussion then proceeded on how the club should budget its allocation. Possible uses discussed were charitable donations (i.e., CSU Cancer Fund at ~\$1,000-\$1,500), junior scholarship, storage unit, future "seed" money for BMDCR Back-to-Back Specialties and a reserve fund for future BMDCR needs (~\$5,000). Dottie moved that \$2,000 be donated to CSU Cancer Care Center with the rest to remain in our coffers as means of supporting future needs as an event reserve fund. Candy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Rescue. Ann reported that there are no current or pending rescues. The only adoption for this period fell through when the current owners decided to keep the dog.

Election of New Members – There were no applications.

Old Business -There was no old business.

New Business

Future programs. There will be a grooming workshop for the next meeting (November 2013) at Lori's house. A herding workshop was discussed as a possibility for the March 2014 meeting.

Proposed slate of officers. Sharon presented the slate of nominees. They are Vice President: Lori Kennedy; Secretary: Dr. Laura Haupenthal; Board members: Cathy Davis, Dottie Schulte and Patty Wellinger. There were no nominations from the floor. Val moved to accept this slate of candidates and Ann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BMDCA revised medallion and plaque policy. Lori created a petition for BMDCR members to sign that will be forwarded on to BMDCA to formally protest their change in their awards policy. The new policy, as of 8/1/2013, is that for an award to be given for this year, all requirements must have been completed prior to August 1st .

Berner Noel & Holiday Caroling. Candy led a discussion for this year's Berner Noel and caroling at Aspen Grove. It was felt that last year's Berner Noel and Holiday Caroling at Aspen Grove was successful. We may try to schedule this year's event on 12/8/13 at Aspen Grove with dinner to follow at Champs Restaurant. Candy will investigate.

Awards banquet. The Awards Banquet will be on 1/19/2014. Candy will chair this event. Location to be determined.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be at Lori Kennedy's house on November 24.

Kismet. Laura and Al asked that the minutes reflect the long life of their 12 1/3 year old Berner, Kismet, who died peacefully on 9/26/13. She was bred by Sara Karl and Karen Baru. Many of our members knew that Karen was one of the founding members of our club, a cheerful and tireless club contributor and winner of the Kathy Roth Award. Kismet may have been the last remaining dog bred by Karen Baru. For 12 years, 3 months and 2 days, Kismet greeted every day with a wagging tail and a smile on her face. We had a great run and we think that Karen would have been pleased!

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm. Brags followed.

Kathy Roth award nominations

We are looking for someone to take Kathy Roth award nominations and someone to do the Award Certificates. Let Lou or Candy know if you are interested in attending and if you would like to help with the Kathy Roth Award or making up certificates. Contact Lou at bltdog@msn.com or Candy at McDanaJJC@msn.com

Barn Berner Draft Test

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Cathy Davis) and Rose (handled and loved by Nancy Winegar).

Other notable successes are: Watson (handled and loved by Barry Solomon) earning his Advanced Novice Draft Dog title; Narsil (handled and loved by Kim Giannone) earning his Master Draft Dog

title; Carly (handled by Alice Clark and loved by Elaine Witulski) teamed up with Dash to earn her Brace Novice Draft Dog title.

We had a few Advanced Brace Novice Draft Dog titles earned as well: both Murrey & Graci (handled as a team and loved by Lori Kennedy) and Dash (teamed up with Carly, handled and loved by Alice Clark).

Many thanks to Barb Clark our SUPER Secretary; to Lynette Weaver who recruited a bevy of wonderful stewards and kept us fueled up with the best vittles out there; to Dottie Schulte who was our secretary at the beginning of this journey, our fabulous Trophy Chair and who also volunteered to steward too. And, hats off to all who came out to play in the snow in DogTown™ USA, Steamboat Springs, Colorado!

Beth Dennehy, Barn Berner Draft Test Chair
Steamboat Springs, CO

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Please submit content for BMDCR newsletters to the Editor by the deadlines listed below.

In addition to regular features, appropriate articles, advertisements and photos are welcome.

Jan/Feb Issue - 12/15/2013

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Email to: t_doming@msn.com

In Memory of

KISMET (Ch. Il Forza del Destino),

Date of birth: 6/23/2001

We lost Kismet (a.k.a. Kizzie) on 9/26/13 after a valiant struggle with numerous health issues. We had a great run. She gave us 12 years, 3 months and 2 days of joy and love. Thanks to Karen Baru (posthumously) and Sara Karl for our wonderful girl. She is sorely missed and will not ever be forgotten.

Alvin Beers, Laura Haupenthal and Kaia



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The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies Fast Facts

- Founded in October 1987, the BMDCR is comprised of people who love Bernese Mountain Dogs.
- The BMDCR serves the states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming.
- The BMDCR has been officially recognized as a regional club by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America since 1989.
- The BMDCR achieved status as an AKC licensed club in 2007, and hosted their first independent specialty show that same year.
- BMDCR members are fanciers involved in breeding, showing, service and performance activities, as well as those whose Bernese are cherished family members.



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Keeping In Touch...

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies is striving to keep in touch with its existing members, and reach out to new ones. Here are some of the ways we're working to connect with you!

- **Website**—www.bmdcr.org *Please note, to review the Members Only section of the website, you must have the member password. If you are a member, and need the password, please send a message to Helen Karl at helann10@yahoo.com.
- **Facebook**—[Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies](#)
- **Yahoo Groups**—<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BMDCRockies/> *Please note, this group is for members only and you must obtain permission by the moderator to join.