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# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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## BMDCR Independent Specialty—Raffle Help Needed!

Please help us gather fantastic items for the raffle table at the Regional Specialty. This is a great fund raiser, not to mention a great chance to pick up some fun items if you buy tickets, to support the club! We could also use help manning the raffle table. It doesn't have to be all day - any hours will help.

Contact Joanna Hughes at 720-851-0402 or [jmhughes56@gmail.com](mailto:jmhughes56@gmail.com) to let her know what you can donate and/or if you'll be able to help out. It doesn't have to be big or extravagant—just think of something that you'd like to bid on!

Also keep in mind we are looking for some 'big ticket' items like crates, beds, or a cart.

Thanks and see you at the Specialty!



## BMDCR Independent Specialty—Dinner—**RSVP NOW!**

**Celebrate 25 Years of Accomplishments and Friendships with us at the  
Celebration Dinner in the Bunkhouse at Island Grove Park.**

**Cost:** \$25pp

**Time:** Cash Bar 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm

**Menu:** Smoked Pork Loin, Pasta Primavera, Rosemary Asiago Whipped Potatoes,  
Apple/Walnut/Blue Cheese Spring Greens Salad, Dinner Rolls,  
25th Anniversary Cupcakes

This is **last call** for reservations for the Reception Dinner Friday night! Are you coming to celebrate your club's 25th Anniversary & 6th Annual Regional Specialty?

Please Email Beverly Hilms ([bernese4me@aol.com](mailto:bernese4me@aol.com)) by this Wednesday evening if you'd like to attend the dinner. Checks can be turned in at the door.

Thank you, and hope to see you there!

## President's Message

Hi everyone!

Wow! We've been busy -- a splendid BernerFiesta, a great Draft Clinic, and as I write this, our Regional Specialty around the corner. Thanks to all of you for making these events happen and for contributing your time, energy and enthusiasm.

I want to thank Helen Karl for her work as club historian. She now passes the torch to Elaine Witulski, who has graciously volunteered to assume the duties. And thanks, too, to Candy McDanal, Elaine Witulski, and Sharon Keefer, along with alternates Vicky Whitney and Val Horney, for serving on this year's nominating committee.

In terms of the ongoing quandary about where to store club equipment and transport it to events, the question is still on the table. It will be discussed at the September meeting so please put your thinking caps on and help the club come to a good decision.

One more item of business for all our draft fans – we will not be hosting a Spring test because we will be way too busy getting ready for the National. But not to worry: There will be plenty of opportunities to compete there.

See you soon!  
Mary Ellen

## Nominating Committee Update

The nominating committee chaired by Candy McDanal and comprised of Elaine Witulski, Sharon Keefer and alternates Vicky Whitney and Val Horney, submit this proposed slate of officers for 2013:

- **President** Mary Ellen Guy
- **Treasurer** Sara Karl
- **Board members:** Candy McDanal and Joanna Hughes

Nominations can also be submitted for interested parties at the September general membership meeting.

Elections will be held at the November BMDCR general membership meeting.

### Current BMDCR Board Members

#### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Mary Ellen Guy  
VICE PRESIDENT Lori Kennedy  
SECRETARY Alice Gordon  
TREASURER Sara Karl

#### DIRECTORS

Helen Karl  
Candy McDanal  
Joanna Hughes  
Barry Solomon  
Vicki Chesser

## Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

### **BMDCR Independent Specialty “Celebrating Silver—BMDCR’s 25th Anniversary”**

**Date:** September 7, 2012

**Location:** Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO

Show Chairman: Dottie Schulte

For more information, see page 6.

### **September 30, 2012 - Meeting \*\*Please note NEW date\*\***

**Date:** Sunday, September 30, 2012

**Board Meeting Time:** 12:00 pm / **Membership Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** Laura and Al’s House: 103 Blue Heron Court, Greenwood Village, CO

#### **Please Note: BMDCR -Meeting Directions**

There is very limited parking with two spots in the driveway and one in front of the house. There also is parking at the clubhouse (#137 Blue Heron Drive), one block past Blue Heron Court on the corner of Silver Fox Circle and Blue Heron Drive. Otherwise, it is OK to park on the street. Many of our neighbors have rusty, metal landscape edging! Please keep all dogs on lead at all times (until safely escorted into Al and Laura’s back yard) and off the neighbors’ yards!!!

Entrance to the back yard is via a gate on the east (right) side of the garage. Please help to ensure the safety of all dogs by latching the outer gate behind you. There will be an X-pen just inside the gate as a secondary precaution. Please close it behind you also.

Directions from I-25 north or southbound: take the Belleview exit and exit to the west. Go past Quebec St and then past Holly St. Just past Holly St., go south on Fairfax Street (going west this is the next street after Holly) where you will see the sign for the Preserve; at the stop sign turn left on Blue Heron Drive. You will see the eagle statue and sign for Bateleur in the center of the street. Go one tenth of a mile past the following streets: Silver Fox Drive (on the right), Blue Heron Lane (on the left, at this point, Blue Heron Drive curves to the right), Blue Heron Circle (on the right twice), Golden Eagle (on the left). Blue Heron Court is the next street on the right. #103 is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

### **Fall Draft Tests**

**Date:** October 6-7, 2012

**Location:** Germania Park, 5243 S. Murray Parkway Ave, Murray, Utah

**Entries Close:** Wednesday September 26, 2012, 7:00 PM

**Secretary:** Vicky Hall—1910 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84108 Ph: 801-486-7141

eMail: ravhall@aol.com

**Judges:** Kathe Vasquez & Eden Jonas

The test site is conveniently located in the Salt Lake City area, and it is Columbus Day weekend so as a bonus some of you may have the day off on Monday the 8th.

## Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

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### **November 18, 2012 - Meeting**

**Date:** Sunday, November 18, 2012

**Board Meeting Time:** 12:00 pm / **Membership Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** Laura and Al's House: 103 Blue Heron Court, Greenwood Village, CO \*\*Please see directions on page 3\*\*

### **December, 2012 - Carts and Caroling/Berner Noel**

**Date:** Sunday, December 9th, 11AM

**Location:** Aspen Grove Shopping Center, Littleton, CO

**Address:** 7301 S Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO

**Note:** Lunch at [Champps](#) following the Carts and Caroling. Purchase your own meal off the menu.

\*Holiday decorations and attire encouraged for dogs, carts and carolers.\*

### **January, 2013—BMDCR Awards Banquet and Meeting**

**Date:** Sunday, January 27 (Tentative)

**Location:** TBD

\*Watch for details in the November/December Newsletter\*

### **2013 BMDCA National Specialty “Rendezvous in the Rockies”**

**Date:** May 13-18, 2013

**Location:** The Ranch Events Complex and Embassy Suites Hotel, Spa, and Conference Center, Loveland, CO

For more information, visit the website: <http://bmdca.org/specialty/2013/index.php>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BMDCA2013>

Show Chairman - Dottie Schulte - [dotties911@aol.com](mailto:dotties911@aol.com)

Conformation Co-Chair - Sara Karl - [karl3106@comcast.net](mailto:karl3106@comcast.net)

Performance Co-Chair - Stephanie Biksacky - [dogwoman67@q.com](mailto:dogwoman67@q.com)

## Welcome New Members—Stacy Temples

Please welcome to the BMDCR's newest Sustaining Member Applicants voted in on July 22, 2012:

**Adam Shapiro**, Boulder, Colorado - E-mail: [adam@bernerlighting.com](mailto:adam@bernerlighting.com)

**Gail Marshall**, Breckenridge, CO - E-mail: [gmarshall@colorado.net](mailto:gmarshall@colorado.net)

**Jessie Pellant**, Lakewood, CO - E-mail: [jesspellant@gmail.com](mailto:jesspellant@gmail.com)

### New Voting Member Applicants:

**Buffy Snider & Michael Caruso**, Arvada, CO -E-mail: [Avampslayer@gmail.com](mailto:Avampslayer@gmail.com). [Taekwondo-nut@gmail.com](mailto:Taekwondo-nut@gmail.com). Owners of Milo, (NM, 11/08/ 2007), a dog they rescued from acquaintances. Currently are sustaining members. Sponsors are Ann Rutherford, Phil Shaffer and Candy McDanal. They have attended meetings on July 22, 2012, May 20, 2012 and January 29, 2012 in addition to meetings and events in the previous years since becoming sustaining members. Buffy is the BMDCR Messenger newsletter editor. They are interested in health issues, obedience, agility, draft and backpacking.

**Vicky Whitney** Conifer, CO - E-mail: [hwwhitney@bresnan.net](mailto:hwwhitney@bresnan.net). Has been a sustaining member for years living out of state who now retired in Colorado. Sponsored by Candy McDanal and Alice Clark. Attended Bernerfiesta and plans to attend the September meeting. Owner of 4 Bernese Mountain Dogs at present. She has shown in conformation and performance events for 11 years and been doing therapy work with them. She has bred 2 litters and is a former member and club officer of many other dog clubs including the BMDCA and the INWBMDC.

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### New Sustaining Member Applicants:

**Joan Grasser**, Commerce City, CO - E-mail: [joang@mesanetworks.net](mailto:joang@mesanetworks.net). Owner of Snowbiz Rocky Rogue, (M, 3/22/2011) from Swiss Kisz Farms. Her sponsors are Ann Rutherford and Sharon Keefer. Joan is interested in health issues, draft, obedience and therapy work. She wants to learn more about the breed and share her experiences with Rocky with others. She attended the May 20, 2012 meeting.

**Margaret Darling**, Pagosa Springs, CO - E-mail: [Margaret@wjdarling.com](mailto:Margaret@wjdarling.com). Owner of Ozzie, (NM, 2/14/2008). Sponsors are Candy McDanal and Alice Clark. Margaret and her husband recently acquired their adult Bernese. They attended the club drafting seminar and she wants to get Ozzie to do his draft competitions. They are interested in obedience, drafting and backpacking.

**Jim & Belynda Wilson**, Denver, CO - E-mail: [jhbw4037@aol.com](mailto:jhbw4037@aol.com). Sponsored by Lori Kennedy and Sharon Johnson. Owners of Prairiefire's Promise Me, (F, 1/2/2012). They are interested in health issues, tracking, drafting, search and rescue, obedience, agility and herding; and they want to learn and help with events. Jim attended the summer Bernerfiesta. They have owned AKC Labradors in the past as family pets but haven't been involved with dog clubs before.

**Susan Barrett**, Santa Fe, NM - E-mail: [susanbarrett726@gmail.com](mailto:susanbarrett726@gmail.com)  
Sponsored by Sharon Johnson and Phil Shaffer. Susan owns a male named Chewie and a girl, Hickory's Tryst of Fate, (1/7/2012) from Amy Tucker who she recently showed at the Greeley shows. She knows BMDCR members Darcy Babb and Jean Gottenborg. She is also a BMDCA member as well as a member of the Santa Fe Working Dog Club.

## **BMDCR Independent Regional Specialty, Friday September 7, Greeley, CO**

Join us in Greeley for the Fifth Independent Regional Specialty Show! These events are held indoors and are unbenched. Complimentary ringside breakfast will be provided by the BMDCR.

For more information see the [Premium List](http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html) at <http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html>.

### **Location:**

[Island Grove Regional Park](http://greeleygov.com/Parks/islandgrove.aspx) (<http://greeleygov.com/Parks/islandgrove.aspx>)

North 11th Avenue & “D” Street

Greeley, Colorado

### **Directions to Island Grove Regional Park**

**FROM THE NORTH:** Take Highway 85 south to the 11th Ave. exit. Proceed south on 11th Ave. to “D” Street, turn right on “D” Street into the park.

**FROM THE SOUTH:** Take Highway 85 north to the 5th St. exit; proceed west on 5th St. to 11th Ave. Take 11th Ave. north to “D” Street, turn left on “D” Street into the park.

**FROM INTERSTATE 25:** Exit at Highway 34 East. Take Highway 34 east to Highway 85; take Highway 85 to the 5th St. exit; proceed west on 5th St. to 11th Ave. Take 11th Ave. north to “D” Street, turn left into the park.

For a map of the park, [click here](http://greeleygov.com/Parks/islandgrove_facilities.aspx). ([http://greeleygov.com/Parks/islandgrove\\_facilities.aspx](http://greeleygov.com/Parks/islandgrove_facilities.aspx))

### **Day of Parking:**

The paved lot south of the stadium (approximately one block from the Exhibition Building) is available for day parking. Additional day parking is available FREE OF CHARGE on the east side of the park and west of the show buildings. These are gravel lots.

### **Specialty Raffle!**

Don’t forget to stop by the Ways and Means table to check out all of the awesome items that are for sale, and buy a couple of tickets for the raffle!

For items that are on the table, including beautiful baskets full of Berner items, pictures, prints, books and more—tickets are only \$1 each or 6 for \$5 or \$20 for arms span worth!

The larger ticket items are only \$5 ticket or 6 for \$25 and you could win fantastic items like a cart, soft sided crate, or a Berner mailbox!

## **BMDCR Independent Regional Specialty, Friday September 7, Greeley, CO**

### **Program of Judging—Summary**

For details, see the [Judging Program](http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html) at <http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html>.

- **Rally Trial**—Livestock Barn—Starting at 9:00 AM (Walkthrough 8:50 AM)
  - 8:50 AM Rally Novice Walkthrough
  - 9:00 AM Rally Novice-A Class
  - To Follow Rally Novice-B Class
  - To Follow Rally Advanced-B Class
  - To Follow Rally Excellent-B Class
  - To Follow Rally Pairs Excellent Class
- **Obedience Trial**—4-H Building—Starting at 10:30 AM
  - 10:30 AM Open-A Class
  - To Follow Open-B Class
  - To Follow Novice-A Walkthrough
  - To Follow Novice-A Class
  - To Follow Novice-B Class
  - To Follow Veterans Class
- **Junior Showmanship**—Exhibition Building—Starting at 12:00 PM
- **Puppy Sweepstakes**—Exhibition Building—Starting at 12:20
- **Veteran Sweepstakes**—Exhibition Building—Starting at 1:15
- **Specialty Breed Classes**—Exhibition Building—Starting at 1:45

### **Show Committee:**

- Show Chairperson: Dottie Schulte
- Obedience Chairperson: Lou Tucker
- Rally Chairperson: Beth Dennehy
- Chief Ring Steward: Mary Ellen Guy
- Trophy and Ribbon Committee: Sara Karl, Chairperson
- Logo and Advertising Committee: Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway, Co-chairpersons
- Hospitality Committee: Lori Kennedy, Chairperson
- Banquet Committee: Beverly Hilmes, Chairperson
- Raffle Committee: Joanna Hughes, Chairperson
- Grounds Committee: Dottie Schulte, Chairperson

## Show News! By Lou Tucker

### Performance Wins

#### **\*\*Mile Hi Rottweiler Club\*\* 7/14/12**

Classique's Midnight Serenade (Cooper) owned by Patty Wellinger passed the Temperament Test TT sponsored by the Mile Hi Rottweiler Club.

#### **\*BernierFiesta\* 7/22/12**

Prairiefires Miracles Can't Wait (Dechlen) owned by Lori Kennedy passed the Canine Good Citizen Test CGC at 7 months of age.

Wagontale's Yazı passed the Canine Good Citizen Test.

Milo passed the Canine Good Citizen Test.

#### **\*Colorado Springs Kennel Club\* 6/23/12 – 6/24/12**

Blumoon's Butcher Hollow (Loretta) owned by Holly Foster

6/23/12 – 1<sup>st</sup> leg rally novice 3rd place score 94

6/23/12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> leg rally novice, 3rd place score 93

6/24/12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> leg NEW TITLE RN 2nd place score 98

Blumoon's Circle Unbroken (Terra) owned by Holly Foster

6/23/12 – 1<sup>st</sup> leg rally novice 1st place score 99

6/23/12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> leg rally novice 1st place score 96

6/24/12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> leg NEW TITLE RN 1st place score 99

#### **\*Greeley Kennel Club\* 8/18/2012**

RWD Gatekeeper Vom Gippelfeur Owner – Sharon Johnson

WB/BW Prairefire's Happy As A Lark Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWB Wagontale's Winter Rose CGC Owners-Stacy Temples & N Winegar

BOS Brisago Aurora Borealis at Wagontale Owners-Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

SEL CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land Owner-Valerie Horney

SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners – Beverly Hilmes & Michael Hilmes

## Show News! By Lou Tucker

### \*Greeley Kennel Club\* 8/19/2012

RWD Maine's Built Like A Sherman Tank Owner-Jean Gottenborg

WD/BW Gatekeeper Vom Gippelfeur Owner- Sharon Johnson

WB Prairefire's Hidden Treasure at Tanzanite Owners – Sharon Montville & Sharon Johnson

RWB Lemark Cover Girl Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

BOS Brisago Aurora Borealis at Wagontale Owners-Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

SEL CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land (Kuza) Owner- V. Horney

SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten (Amber) Owners – Beverley & Michael Hilmes

## Advertisements



As a Bernese Mountain Dog owner, are you looking for fun opportunities where you can socialize your dog, and make new friends? Would you like to have the chance to hike, camp, have play dates at dog parks, take canine First Aid, massage classes, walk in parades, do fun run/walk events, raise money for good causes, and more all while hanging out with other cool Berner owners & dogs?

Join us in the #1 Bernese Mountain Dog “Meetup” ([www.Meetup.com](http://www.Meetup.com)) club in the US! We have 80 members, and are growing every week! In the past year, we’ve had 66 Meetups, and currently have 32 Meetup Events planned.

Check us out at <http://www.meetup.com/The-Colorado-Bernese-Mountain-Dog-Meetup-Group/>.

We’re also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Colorado-Bernese-Mountain-Dog-Meetup-Group/222486277790520>

Thanks & hope to see you soon at a Meetup Event! Buffy & Milo

**Board Meeting Minutes—July 22, 2012****Lori and Don's Home**

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:10 pm on [July 22nd, 2012 at Lori Kennedy's home in Denver.](#)

**Present:** Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Helen Karl, Alice Clark, Candy McDanal, Joanna Hughes, Lori Kennedy, Barry Solomon.

**Approval of Minutes:** Joanna moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the March/April 2012 newsletter. Motion seconded by Barry. All in favor, motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** A local business has asked if we want to participate in a Meet the Breed at their event for the AKC's Responsible Pet Ownership Day in Longmont. Alice volunteered to attend, Buffy may join as well.

**Treasurer's Report:** Savings Rescue CD \$5282.24; savings CD \$6781.78 (Matures in Jan 13), checking \$16279.66. The spring draft test profited 1,327.81.

**Committee Reports**

**Rescue Committee** – Ann Rutherford has said she would like to retire from her responsibility as chair. There was a meeting of the Rescue Committee a few weeks ago (Phil Shaffer, Lori Kennedy and Ann). Trying were trying to enhance communication between all the committee members. It came up that Phil will be out of town for 3 months, and Ann would like to phase out. Lori said she was surprised at how much work is done by this committee. Lori also reported that she is having trouble finding fosters. Another issue discussed was the existence of 6 different documents for adopting and fostering. The Committee felt that we need to consolidate these. One possibility is to consolidate the adoption and fostering forms. However, the rescue committee doesn't want to do the redesign of the form. Buffy volunteered to take a shot at consolidation and then forward it to the committee for review. We also discussed raising our rates, but they decided that wasn't needed as we are in line with everyone else.

We discussed how do we proceed with finding a new chair? Could we explore changing the duties so that we have regional contacts for incoming dogs, and maybe Ann, Lou and Phil can continue to review the incoming applications to find suitable adoptees? The Board asked if the committee could meet again to hammer out how we could possibly restructure. Maybe they could open the meeting to those members who might be interested in helping with rescue.

**The Meetup Group and its Relationship to BMDCR** – Buffy is wondering how we could work together to the benefit of all BMDCR events. Meetup.com is a website for like-minded people to get together. Buffy has 67 total members now. They usually have events 1-3 times a month. It costs Buffy \$140 a year, so she asks for dues for people to participate. There's a core group that participates the most frequently.

We discussed whether the Meet up Group could be part of the BMDCR... the consensus is that's not the way to go. We discussed whether Buffy could post events in the newsletter? The question was raised "What makes an event BMDCR sanctioned or sponsored?" After discussion it was decided that if we have Buffy

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put her notices in the newsletter as “Advertisements” that should release the club from any liability. Alice motions that we provide free ad space in the newsletter for board approved affiliated groups in our newsletter, Candy seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

**Procedure for converting from sustaining membership status to full status** – If a person joins as a sustaining member and would later like to become a voting member, the current process requires a new application. Buffy recently went through this process, trying to change it with her annual membership renewal. The process was very unclear to her. Did she need to have new sponsors, different from her originals? The answer was, no, they can be the same as original sponsors.

We thought that we should probably put something in the newsletter about the process prior to the renewal time period.

**Unfinished Business**

**Spring Draft Test** – Candy motions that we don't have a spring draft test, Joanna seconds. Two votes against, the rest in favor.

**Member Survey** – Buffy and Barry are working on the survey. One was done as a communications survey and the other as a general membership survey. Mary Ellen suggests that they continue to meet and then present to the Board by email.

**Welcoming Procedure for New Members** – Stacy and Vicki met to work on this. They came up with a letter addressing the new member by name, telling them about what's coming up over the next few months and giving them contact info. We thought that maybe a follow up call inviting new member to meetings would be a good idea. Stacy and Vicki need to firm up the process and then report again at the September meeting.

**Nominating Committee** – we need to create the committee consisting of Board Member, and two other members, plus two alternates. Candy volunteers to be the Board Member.

**New Business**

**Next Meeting:** The next board meeting is September 23rd tentatively, location to be determined at the general meeting.

**Adjournment:** The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm.

**Member Meeting Minutes—July 22, 2012**  
**Lori and Don's Home****General Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:20pm pm on July 22nd, 2012 at Lori and Don Kennedy's home in Denver.

**Present:** 19 voting members (a quorum), 3 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 7 guests.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alice moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the March/April 2012 newsletter. Motion seconded by Pam. All in favor, motion passed.

**President's Report:**

As this month's meeting was held in conjunction with Berner Fiesta and we had a lot of guests, we went around the group to give everyone a chance to introduce themselves.

Decisions from the board meeting today... we're putting together a member survey that will come out in a month or two. Please take the time to complete it and send it back.

We are not going to host a spring draft test, due to the obligations of the 2013 test. But we will put together our usual draft practices.

Welcome new members Barb LeTourneau and Byron and Yoshi Petersen.

Match flyers: Mary Ellen brought flyers for July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Pike's Peak has herding tests & trials August 11 & 12; entries close July 25. It will be in Elizabeth. It closes Wednesday. People are welcome to come watch and learn.

AKC PAC – Mary Ellen will pass around a mailing from the AKC. They are playing a more active role as a lobby function regarding restrictive laws that might affect hobby breeders. They are asking for donations from dog owners who belong to AKC clubs. Their challenge is to come up with \$100 per club. Mary Ellen has a sign up form if you are willing to make a donation.

Nominating committee – Candy McDanal has volunteered to chair the committee. It must meet before August 15<sup>th</sup> to come up with names for the slate to be voted on this fall. We need two volunteers and two alternates. Up for vote are the positions of President, Treasurer and two board members.

**Secretary's Report:** See Board Minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** See Board minutes.

## Member Meeting Minutes—July 22, 2012

### Lori and Don's Home

#### Committee Reports

**Awards Banquet Planning** – Lou asked if we want to do the banquet at CB Potts again. If someone wants to look for a different location, they are welcome to it. Lori suggests the Warwick downtown. Another idea was the JD Marriott in Cherry Creek. Lori will check these out.

**December Caroling** – It was brought up that we might want to consider skipping it since we didn't have a very good turnout last year. However the membership feels like we should do it again.

**Berner Noel and Fall Parades** – Buffy wondered if there were any fall parades that we could do. She's going to check into the Arvada Harvest Festival Parade. Dottie suggested that we might have Berner Noel after caroling at Aspen Grove. Candy says that she will look into Champps for the meal.

**Ways and Means** – Berner Fiesta Coffee here today.

**Fall Draft Test** – The Fall Draft test is the first weekend in October in Utah. The premium list should go out in the next two weeks. There are trophy sponsorships available.

**2012 Regional Specialty** – September 7<sup>th</sup>, Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley. The premium list is out. Sara has sign-up sheet for trophies. The banquet is afterwards, it's our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will be a special meal. It would be great to get a big participation. We do need help with the raffle table, as some of our Raffle people will have a different commitment that afternoon for the 2013 National. Lou and Beth need stewards for Obedience and Rally.

**2013 BMDCA National Specialty** – The dates are May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup>. Ways and means items are here today. Dottie asks what we might want to do as sponsorship for 2013... as we've always done so in the past for other specialties.

**Rescue** – There is one dog to get adopted next week. There's a dog in Utah that will be adopted, but didn't go through rescue. There's one more that Ann is working on. The checking account for rescue is still not established, there seems to be some red tape that Sara can't get through.

#### Election of New Members

Adam Shapiro (sponsors Sara Karl and Dottie Schulte)

Gail Marshall (sponsors Jeanne Stanwood and Ann Rutherford)

Jessie Pellant (sponsors Vicki Chesser and Howard Ramsdell)

Note - we have several people who have not renewed. Please get with Sara asap. Stacy will take one more shot at getting people contacted.

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**Draft Clinic** – We need to decide whether to hold the clinic as we only have 4 people signed up. Sara will check to see how much we spent last year to check the feasibility of doing with less. We'll wait until next weekend to see how many people we get and make a decision.

**Unfinished Business**

**Storage and Transport of Club Equipment** - We have been talking about this over the last few meetings. At our last meeting we voted to go forward with a trailer. But after that meeting there were some compelling discussions about doing something different. Lori moves to set aside the vote from last month, Sara seconds. All in favor, motion passed. We will revisit this at the next meeting.

**New Business**

**University of Minnesota Histio Study Request for Funding** - Sharon Keefer reports that the Greater Twin Cities club is working with Dr. Modiano they have the opportunity to support the pretrial testing of a promising new drug from Germany. They need money and dogs who have been diagnosed with Histio. Sharon will post more detail on the Yahoo list.

**New Club Historian Needed** - Helen would like to retire as she's just started school. There are two boxes of materials which should be made available to people when they request it. We also wanted to scan the materials and get them stored digitally. Buffy says that Groupon has a deal on scanning large quantities of documents. If you're interested get in touch with Helen or Sara.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is tentatively set for September 23rd, Laura and Al's in Greenwood Village.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

## Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies

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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.



**Providing a source of education and support  
for fanciers of Bernese Mountain Dogs**

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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](http://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 Buffy at [bmdcrookies@Gmail.com](mailto:bmdcrookies@Gmail.com).
- **Facebook**—[Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies](https://www.facebook.com/BerneseMountainDogCluboftheRockies)
- **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.
- **Email**—Informational emails and Newsletters will come from [bmdcrookies@Gmail.com](mailto:bmdcrookies@Gmail.com).