



# HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

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November 2015 Issue

**President:** Thea Sperline  
**Vice President:** Marion Erp  
**Secretary:** Caroline Hudnall

**Treasurer:** Catherine LeCours  
**Newsletter Editor:** Nancy Nicholson

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (Travel Log-Cont'd)**

We will be home by the time you read this newsletter and I do think we and the dogs will be glad to be back. We have had a good trip, seeing many wonderful sights, enjoying the NASCAR race in Fort Worth Texas and some good quality time with John's son and the Grandchildren. There are many stories to share and I will do that when I see y'all on Dec 1 for our club meeting.

I am excited about our holiday party. It will be fun and a great time to just relax and visit about our plans for the future and share stories. Thank you everyone for participating in that decision making.

Our nomination committee will officially announce their candidate for the board position which will be voted on at our January meeting then reported in the next Newsletter.

It is the end of the year and many of us have earned many titles on our wonderful four legged companions. Jeanine Blanner is ordering the award pins for us and will have them for distribution at the January meeting. Please send her your request for pins along with the full list of title for your dog so she can share the good news on our WEB page. Remember that there are some rules that go along with the award pins:

1. You must be a "Full Member" to receive the club gift of 2 award pins.
2. The club will pay for two (2) pins for AKC titles earned during the 2015 calendar year.
3. All members are welcome to order award pins for non-AKC titles and take advantage of the quantity discounts, at your own expense.
4. If you are an "Associate Member" you are welcome to order pins for titles earned to take advantage of the quantity discounts at your own expense.
5. Associate members definition from the Club Bylaws:

Associate Membership shall be for persons who are not active (do not meet the minimum requirements for a new member) who live within or outside of the Club's area. Associate members are not entitled to vote, hold office or other club privileges.

Hopefully we will have had our next board meeting under our belt and I will be able to report on the decisions made.

Barb and Marion both attended the Cluster meeting this past month. I am sure you will want to hear their report and all the exciting news from that meeting.

I have been working on the budget and will have some news on that subject to share. I would very much like to hear from you about any ideas you might want us to consider including in the budget.

That is all I can think of for this report. I hope to see all of you at the meeting on December 1 – meeting starts at 6:30 sharp.

Submitted by Thea (from the road)

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We will ALL welcome Thea back this week. End of report.

Seriously, it was a short reign, but I'm happy to say I lived through it with relatively few scars.

We will have a regularly scheduled business meeting in December, on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30. The Board met shortly after Thea's return, and the results will be part of the President's Report. Nominations for the one Board member position will be taken from the floor. If you are nominated and are not there, a written note should be provided giving your permission to accept the nomination.

We have declared January 9 as our Holiday Party in the common room between Chili's and Nagoya's Restaurant. More details are forthcoming at the December meeting. At the January meeting we will have a very brief business meeting to include voting on candidate(s) for the Board position. Award pins will also be announced and distributed for titles earned by our club members. And of course we will have the Chinese Gift Exchange -- you'll have the after-Thanksgiving and after-Christmas shopping days to help you along.

Marion

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Draft subject to approval

### HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB Membership meeting of November 3, 2015

Those present: Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Carla Huitt, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Patty Mott, Rita Munson, Jean Norderud, Nena Kruger, Nancy and Lee Nicholson and Rochelle Timmer.

Marion opened the meeting and asked for approval of the October Minutes, hearing no comments, Rita moved for approval and Nancy seconded, all approved.

**Secretary Report:** Caroline mentioned Heidi's reception on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> and all are invited.

**Treasurer's Report:** Catherine gave a update on the club's financials and circulated a copy to the membership.

**President's Report:** Marion read an email from Thea on the Road.

### Committee Reports:

**Obedience:** Caroline told of the current obedience classes and the one for January. Jean mentioned that there would be Obedience run thru's on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Marion read the important info on the new obedience changes and what Lynn's presentation gave.

**Agility:** Patty gave a report, she mentioned that the trial made some money. Entries were down about 50 and that the fairgrounds cost was up.

Many members came out to help with set up and take down. The temporary workers that were hired only worked the first day and did not come back on the last day. There was a discussion about hiring temp fellows. Also there was a discussion on the financials for the trial. The dirt floor was prepared very well, in fact the best it's ever been.

Christie emailed some suggestions on saving money, one was on the judges' fees.

## TRAINING CLASSES

**Agility classes:** Catherine has on going classes and Jeanine will be teaching an advanced class. Chris mentioned that we need a way to get students who go thru the classes encouraged to start working on trials. Catherine and Jean both mention how they have been trying to get people interested.

Catherine LeCours will be teaching 2 beginning agility classes, equipment (6:00 - 7:25) and handling (7:30 - 9:00) Mondays January 4, 11, 18 25. To register contact Patty Mott [pmott73@gmail.com](mailto:pmott73@gmail.com)

## NEW BUSINESS

Rita asked that the Board take a look at the policy on complaints, etc and that she felt it should be on a separate “Members only” area on the Web site. Caroline advised that Thea had said that she and John were trying to find a way to do that and they are still working on that.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Title Pins:** Marion mentioned that Jeanine is chair and she thought she was waiting for info from Thea regarding who gets pins, Marion will check with Jeanine of status.

**Parade of Lights:** Alice said she had little interest therefore we will not be doing it this year.

**Holiday Party and Jan meeting:** Marion explained that we needed to determine if we would have the two events together or separate. Patty moved to combine the two at the party, Catherine seconded and after discussion the motion was approved with one opposing.

**Holiday Party:** Alice moved to hold the party at the club building and Patty seconded, the motion was approved with one opposing. Discussion was opened again and Alice rescinded the motion with Patty agreeing. Catherine moved that the party be held at a facility that has a separate room, such as Chili’s. Catherine mentioned that the budget could subsidize \$ 15.00 per person including one guest per member. Jean seconded and it was approved. Nena phoned Chili’s to see if the room would be available on January 9<sup>th</sup>. (it was) Catherine will follow up and will give details at the December meeting. Nancy volunteered to be on the planning committee and assist with the decorating.

**Board nomination:** Marion asked for a Board member to be on the nominating committee, Catherine said she would be and other members would be Jean and Chris. Carla was asked if she wanted a 3 year term on the board and she said yes. Caroline advised everyone that to vote in January for the Board member one would have to have paid their dues on or before that meeting.

After the Brag can was passed around the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

## WINTER AGILITY PRACTICES

The response to changing agility practices from Wednesday to Sunday showed an overwhelming vote in favor of changing to Sunday practices. However, there were a couple of time conflicts on Sunday, to try and accommodate as many members as possible, practice will be from **11:00 till 1:00 on Sundays**. **Sunday practices will start this Sunday, November 22, 2015.**

I will be asking club members to help out with facilitating Sunday practices. This includes bringing a drill to practice, being sure equipment is put away, and closing all outside gates. **If there is no volunteer to facilitate practice and I am unavailable, there will be no practice.**

Please consider facilitating practice for one of the following dates. Please email date you would be willing to facilitate.

November 22nd

November 29th

December 6th

December 13th

December 20th

### Practice Reminders:

- Practices are **temperature/weather dependent**; I will post an email on the **Saturday** before practice letting everyone know if practice will be held.
- Please do not **arrive at practice before 11 a.m.**
- For the **safety** of your dog, please crate your dog or keep them in your car when not running your dog.
- Please be respectful of Susan's property; pick up after your dogs.

Please email Jean Norderud at [jean.norderud@gmail.com](mailto:jean.norderud@gmail.com) or text at **431-8122** with any questions.

Hope to see you all soon,  
Jean

## THANK YOU AGILITY VOLUNTEERS!!

We had the following folks step forward on the spring agility trial -- with much thanks to them!

Trial Chair: Monique Prevel (assisted by Susan Engle)

Secretary: Catherine LeCours

Worker Coordinator: Jeanine Blaner & Heidi Rudio

Patty Mott

## OBEDIENCE RUN-THRUS December 5

### HMKC OBEDIENCE RUN THRUS

**What:** Ring Rental/Run Thrus

**When:** December 5, 2015

**Where:** HMKC Training Building (email me if you need directions)

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (The building will be open at 9:30 for set-up.)

**Cost:** \$5 per dog/handler team, for eight minutes of ring time.

This will be a ring rental format. You may use your ring time to work on whatever you would like with your dog. Pseudo judges will be available for formal run thrus if desired. Please be willing to help with setting jumps, figure eight posts, and calling patterns as needed.

Group sits and downs will be held **approximately** halfway through the ring rental/run thrus.

Please email me if you will be attending, by **Tuesday, December 1, 2015** at:

[jean.norderud@gmail.com](mailto:jean.norderud@gmail.com) . ***Please include your name, dog's name, email address, class level, jump height if indicated, and any special proofing requests.*** I will email a tentative ***Run thru/Ring Rental schedule later in the week.***

Sorry, only one ring rental run thru per dog/handler team and sign ups will not be accepted after 1:00 p.m.

Please, **for your dog's safety**, please keep him/her crated unless getting ready for your run.

Hope to see you soon,

Jean

[jean.norderud@gmail.com](mailto:jean.norderud@gmail.com)

406-431-8122

## Help Needed

Jean Norderud and Patty Mott are retiring from the Agility Chairperson responsibilities. We truly appreciate all that they have done over the past several years. They promise they will be around to help when they are needed.

The best way we agility enthusiasts can say thank you is to step in and take over this important job. Please give this some serious thought. How can you help keep our agility program.

We need an Agility person (or Three) who is willing to take responsibility for overseeing our agility activities and equipment. This includes our training/practice sessions the agility trials, agility training plans, making sure our agility equipment meets the AKC requirements and is in good condition, that the equipment gets moved to the locations where it is needed and making sure the agility budget is sufficient.

## Club Meeting Agenda – December 1, 2015

6:30 - Call the meeting to order

- Minutes of the last meeting

6:33 – Secretary's report

6:40 - Report of the President

- Board Meeting
- Policies Update
- Budget

6:55 - Treasurer Report – Catherine LeCours

7:00 – Report of the Committees:

- Training Committee
  - Obedience
  - Agility
  - Conformation
- Cluster Committee
- Agility Committee
  - See Help Needed notice, above

7:30 - Old Business

- Nominating Committee Report
- Award Pins
- January Social

7:40 - New Business

7:45 – BRAGS

8:00 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)



## **New Membership Requirements Policy**

The HMKC Bylaws specifies the new membership requirements as:

Article I. Section 3. ...Each application for membership shall be on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by this Constitution and Bylaws and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Individuals who are interested in becoming a member of the club need to attend at least two club meetings and work at two events that are sponsored by the club.

Attendance at the club meetings can be verified through the list of attendees as recorded in the club meeting minutes published in the Newsletter.

The sponsors of the prospective new member are responsible for knowing if the work requirements for membership have been fulfilled.

Approved by the board 11/23/2015



## **Family Membership Policy**

The HMKC Bylaws defines a family as follows:

Article I Section 2. ... A family is considered to be two or more members of the same household. ...

A household is defined as individuals who are residing at the same residence.

When a family member establishes his/her separate and independent residence, s(he) is responsible for his or her own membership status and dues at Renewal time.

Approved by the Board 11/13/2015



## **Membership Classification Administration Policy**

The HMKC Bylaws adopted by the club membership and approved by AKC in November 2012 includes the changes to the definition of memberships and reads as:

### ARTICLE I. Membership and Dues

Section 1. Membership in this Club shall be divided into three classifications.

- (a) Full Membership shall be limited to persons eighteen (18) years of age and over. A full member enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.
- (b) Junior Membership shall be limited to persons under eighteen years of age. A junior member is entitled to all the privileges of membership except that he/she may not vote or hold office.
- (c) Associate Membership shall be for persons who are not active (do not meet the minimum requirements for a new member) who live within or outside of the Club's area. Associate members are not entitled to vote, hold office or other club privileges.

Each member requesting "Full Membership" status is responsible for ensuring that they have met the "minimum requirements for a new member" on an annual basis.

The membership renewal form provides check boxes to acknowledge attendance of two meetings, and space to declare at least two events worked.

Approved by the Board 11/24/2015

## 2016 HMKC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please fill out the following for your membership renewal and return it with your check made out to HMKC to:

**HMKC, P.O.BOX 415, Helena, MT 59624 RENEWAL**

**DEADLINE: MARCH MEETING**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION EVEN IF THERE WERE NO CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR.**

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DOG BREED(S) YOU HAVE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ SINGLE MEMBERSHIP - \$30.00    \_\_\_ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - \$ 35.00    \_\_\_ ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$30

**Lapsed membership (after March meeting) - Add a \$5 Late fee**

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

\_\_\_ Full membership shall be limited to persons eighteen (18) years of age and over. A full member enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.

Attended two club meetings during the past 12 months? YES / /                      NO / /

Which two events did you work during the past 12 months?

\_\_\_ Spring Agility    \_\_\_ Fall Agility    \_\_\_ Fall Round-up Cluster    \_\_\_ Classes    \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of what you did during these events \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ Junior membership shall be limited to persons under eighteen years of age. A junior member is entitled to all the privileges of membership except that he/she may not vote or hold office.

\_\_\_ Associate membership shall be for persons who are not active (do not meet the minimum requirements for a new member). Associate members are not entitled to vote, hold office, earn free title pins or enjoy other club privileges.

Approved by the Board 11/24/2015

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