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HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

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President's Message to the Membership

Cluster Show

The Cluster Show is upon us. The links to BaRay Superintendent for our premium and entry forms is on our Web site under the "Events and Seminars" page. The entries close on Wednesday, Sept 2. The link to the Judging Schedule will be added to our Web page when it is available. You will want to read the update in this newsletter from Barb Delaney our Show Chairperson. I encourage everyone to get involved many hands make for light work. Remember that we have many visitors at our show, exhibitors and spectators. You, your smile and your attitude is the image they will take with them and remember forever.

Agility Trial

The Fall Agility Trial will be upon us just two weeks after the Cluster, the first weekend of Oct. We won't even have a chance for a club meeting before this second event takes place. Keep an eye open for emails from your Trial Chair, Christie Leon. The trial premium and entry forms are available from our Web Page. The entries for the Trial closes on Sept 16, the day before the Fall Roundup Cluster starts.

Training opportunities

We continue to have the Agility practice on Wednesday evenings 6:30 at the Kanine Kondo, Rally Practice at 4pm on Saturday afternoons and Conformation Practice at 1pm on Sunday afternoons both in our club building. All are FREE to club members, non-members are welcome for a nominal fee of \$5.

Budget for the year 2016

I will begin working on the budget for the 2016 year as soon as the financial statements are completed for these two important events. There are always required expenditures that are inescapable, that is the easy part of the budgeting process. The hard part is reading your minds and figuring out what your needs are. We want this club to meet the needs of its members. Neither the board nor am I a mind reader, so please, please, please, if you have any ideas as to where our club should spend our discretionary funds, let me or a board member know.

Respectively Submitted by Thea Sperline, President

Upcoming Event Committee Announcement

Fall Roundup Cluster Dog Show – September 17 -20, 2015

The Fall Roundup Cluster Show is just around the corner – September 17-20. Please come support the show in any way you can. If you plan on competing in any of the breed, obedience or rally events, get your entries in. The show closes September 2, 2015. The premium, entry form and on-line entry are available at barayevents.com. A link is also available on the Club's website, on the Events page.

Show help needed! It takes a lot of work to put on the Fall Show. We need member and non-member volunteers to help out at the Show (stewarding, raffle table, catalog sales, etc.) and with set up Wednesday afternoon and clean up Sunday. Plus, Gallatin Dog Club could always use volunteers for stewarding on Thursday and Friday. If you've never done any of these jobs before, no worries. We are happy to provide training and mentors.

Please contact the below if you are able to help out:

Conformation Stewarding: Adele Delp, delp@mt.net

Obedience/Rally Stewarding: Carol Steadman , steadmab@aol.com

General Show Help: Barb Delaney, bdelaney@montana.com

Raffle Donations: Monique Prevel, monique.hmkc@gmail.com

Club Grooming space. The Club has 2 grooming spots reserved in the Exhibition Hall for club members to use. If you are interested in using/sharing one of these spots, please let Barb Delaney know by August 31. Otherwise these spots will be returned to the pool for paid grooming.

Submitted by Barb Delaney, Show Chair

(Draft subject to approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

AUGUST 4, 2015

Members in attendance: *Dianne Armstrong, Jeanine Blaner, Ted Brodowy, Cyd Charlier, Tommie Dahl, Barb Delaney, Peggy Duezabou, Laurie Ekanger, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Carolyn Hattersley, Caroline Hudnall, Carla Huitt, Florence Josephs, Deirdre Kane, Janet Kosnik, Connie Leatherman, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Patty Mott, Rita Munson, Nancy and Lee Nicholson, Linda Owen, Thea Sperline, Susan Sperry. And guest Karen Nelson.*

Thea opened the meeting.

Peggy requested that she wanted her letter to go to the membership. It was explained that her letter and the letter from the Board had gone to the membership. Also that her letter which had been read into the record became a part of the minutes and was attached to the minutes. Carla called for a point of order to go on with the meeting.

Thea advised the membership that the budget at this time is looking good, we have extra income from the drop-ins. Classes, etc. and that we are \$ 3900.00 over the projected budget at this time. *Expenses:* We've spent no money on agility so far, however because of the AKC requirements for new jumps we are looking at vendors and it is looking like the new jumps will be around \$ 3,000 to 4,000. Just as soon as AKC makes the final decision we will then go out for final costs on the jumps. We have a need for updating the laptop and programs for the treasurer. The web site software also needs upgrading. We are looking at some web tools. The Great Falls club has fairly good web equipment.

Thea also advised that she updated the Home page on the web. She also updated the dates for training and that we would start a Young Peoples class in January. A beginners agility, Handling and equipment will be held in October. We also have a CGC workshop on August 15th with testing on August 22nd. Then another one in Oct-Nov.

We had a request from Carroll College to use our building for their dog class lab work. A check with Keith and the contract found that unless the fairgrounds could not meet the needs requested then we could consider the request. The Fairgrounds does have available spaces.

Alice wanted to know the difference between the 4-H program vs. the Young Peoples class. Deirdre wanted an example, a lengthy discussion was held.

We then had introduction of members and the guest.

AGILITY: Patty, Jeanine is doing a class that starts in November.

The trial: Patty advised that they will be calling for helpers. Set up will be on Thursday night at 6PM. We will need desserts and Wendy is hospitality chair for the trial. The premium is on the web site.

FALL CLUSTER SHOW: Barb advised that we need helpers, it takes a lot of man power. Set up will be Wednesday afternoon. Adele will be Chief Ring Steward. Raffle will be chaired by Monique and you can contact her as to where she wants the items.

Marion advised that the obedience ring rental will be on Friday night. Barb also advised that there will be two grooming spots for club members. Dick Vincent will be doing the parking again.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: We had a meeting and came up with a schedule for: Run thrus for the winter months.

Thea discussed the 4-H dog project and the young man who is working on some of the equipment and he needed matting. Thea sold him the matting for \$ 60.00, the training committee made the recommendation that the club donate back to the 4-H dog project \$ 100.00. Laurie E made a motion to approve of the donation, Rita seconded and all approved.

Rita said she had several issues to bring to the club. She had question about the budget for the year. Thea explained that the history and budget came to the membership at a meeting earlier in the year.

Rita had question about auditing the books and that was explained by the treasurer and president, several years they are audited by 3 members and then an audit is done by a CPA.

New Business designation was questioned and Jeanine explained what constitutes new business and Roberts Rules of Order protocol.

Thea requested that we have 2 or 3 members look at and research items for the web site.

Barb explained what Responsible Dog Days is and asked for someone to volunteer to take care of that for the Show. Nancy volunteered.

GRANTS: Chris advised that the application has been revised and on the web site.

Thea discussed the Fair Premium book and that the Kennel Club needs to be listed, she discussed this with Keith.

Reading of three applications for membership:

Nancy and Lee Nicholson, Susan Sperry, and Sandy Smallwood

Catherine moved acceptance of all three, Tommie seconded and all approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thea advised that we would have a dog photo day, the date for this will be worked out with Ron.

Marion brought out the Brag can.

Catherine moved to adjourn and Tommie seconded.

Respectively Submitted by Caroline Hudnall, Club Secretary

******Club Meeting Agenda – September 1, 2015******

Please mark you calendars and plan on attending!

6:30 - Call the meeting to order
Minutes of the last meeting

6:33 – Secretaries report

6:40 - Report of the President

6:45 - Treasurer Report – Catherine LeCours

6:50 – Report of the Committees:

- Training Committee
- Agility Committee
- Cluster Committee
- October Agility Trial Committee

7:15 - Old Business

- Photo Shoot plans – Dianne for an update

7:20 - New Business

7:25 – BRAGS

7:30 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)

