

Mason Dixon Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Meeting Minutes from Halloween Picnic, Parkton, MD, October 17, 2010

Attendance: 17 members

The meeting came to order at 2:20pm.

Minutes of last meeting: Supported Entry meeting minutes read by secretary.

Report of Treasurer: Total for funds as of October, 2010 is \$8200.95, of which approx. \$4400 is rescue funds and \$3700 is general club funds.

Old Business:

- 1) Regional Club News
 - a) Potomac Valley BMDC is hosted a draft workshop, Sunday September 15, 2010 at Walkersville, MD. For more info, check out their website- www.pvbmddc.org
 - b) BMDC of Central VA is hosted a draft test September 26, 2010 outside of Charlottesville, VA. For more info check out their website- www.bmdccv.org
 - c) BMDC of Nashoba Valley hosted it's 1st AKC Tracking Dog Test in Gardner, MA. For more info, check out their website- www.bmdcnv.org
- 2) New committee members
 - a) Breeder Referral- new chair is Beth Sheehy
 - b) Regional Club Council- new secondary rep is Stephanie Finkbiner
 - c) Heath Liason- New chair is Stephanie Finkbiner
- 3) Slate of Nominations- The slate is the same as currently with a few changes. Valerie Chase as Vice President, Beth Sheehy and Kristen Greenwood as Board members.
- 4) Health Clinic- Sunday Jan. 9, 2011 at the Dog Sense Learning Center, (formally Kay Ames School for Dogs) in Lancaster, PA, 9am-2pm. CERF eye exams, Cardio exams, Microchipping, ACK DNA test and Vetgen vWD tests will be available. You must pre-pay to reserve an approximate time. Call or email Jackie Caracciolo to set up your appt. jjcara@comcast.net or 717-891-2299 For more info check out our website- www.mdbmddc.org
- 5) Rescue-
 - a) Duchess is here at picnic with her new family and is doing wonderfully!
 - b) Katie, the rescue with the bad hips and hocks took a bad jump and broke both of her hips. Unfortunately, because of the severe breaks and previous poor condition of her hips, she had to be put down.
 - c) Josie- She is in her new home in Pottstown, PA and doing well.
 - d) Stella- She was left behind at a divorce and Mary Centiola has adopted her.
 - e) Westminster Holiday Parade- Once again we will be walking in the parade through downtown Westminster, MD the Saturday after Thanksgiving. A short level 1 mile walk in which we decorate our truck with a holiday Berner theme, wear red shirts, and walk with our Berners to the absolute delight of the crowd. Come help us this year win an award again! For more info, contact Sue Eller.

New Business:

1) Celtic Classic- We will again be participating in the Celtic Classic by doing a Supported Entry on Friday, March 18, and a Regional Specialty on Saturday, March 19, 2011. Judges are confirmed and so are trophies. If anyone would like to contribute to the general trophy fund, please contact Dawn Cox at cox215@comcast.net.

2) Draft Clinic- In conjunction with Watchung club, Sat. and Sun. March 26 and 27. We desperately need volunteers on Sunday for grounds crew, ways-n-means, hospitality, and stewards.

3) Club dues for 2011 are due anytime. Please contact Jackie Caracciolo to send your check or for more info at jjcara@comcast.net.

4) Yahoo members list- Once again we are trying to get our members to join our online Yahoo list. If you do not know how or want more info, please contact Jill Shaeffer at jillsberner33@aol.com.

5) Ideas for next year- We are looking to have more activities involving pet owners and families. Suggested ideas are Dog walk in spring or Pool party at Dawn's in the summer. If you have any idea, please contact a Board member.

6) Next Meeting- Celtic Classic in March after Best of Breed on Saturday, March 19, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Shaeffer
October 20, 2010