

## Mason Dixon Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Meeting Minutes from Supported Entry Show in Harrisburg, PA, August 14, 2010

Attendance: 15 members

The meeting came to order at 4:20pm.

Minutes of last meeting: Dog's Day in the Park meeting minutes read by secretary.

Report of Treasurer: Total for funds as of Aug 14, 2010 is \$8816.12, of which approx. \$4200 is rescue funds and \$4700 is general club funds.

Old Business:

- 1) Plan "A" Match- Saturday Sept. 25 at 4 Paws Spa and Training Facility. Tom Nuss is going to be our breed judge and Wendy Jordan is going to be our obedience judge.
- 2) Rescue- Titan did not work well with the other animals at the alpaca farm in Chambersburg, PA at the Landons and since has been moved to a condo in Rockville, MD where dog and owner seem to be getting along perfectly.  
Josie- She needs elbow surgery and rescue is holding a raffle of doggy toys and supplies to raise money for it. Babs Winicur is currently fostering her and quickly falling in love with her and may permanently adopt her or she will go to a good home.
- 3) Supported Entry- Thanks to everyone who attended our show and tailgate.
- 4) Constitution and By-Laws- Valerie is making the final changes to our By-Laws, specifically the membership descriptions, and will finish shortly.

New Business:

- 1) Regional Club News
  - a) Potomac Valley BMDC is hosting a draft workshop, Sunday September 15, 2010 at Walkersville, MD. For more info, check out their website- [www.pvbmddc.org](http://www.pvbmddc.org)
  - b) BMDC of Central VA is hosting a draft test September 26, 2010 outside of Charlottesville, VA. For more info check out their website- [www.bmdccv.org](http://www.bmdccv.org)
  - c) BMDC of Nashoba Valley will be hosting it's 1<sup>st</sup> AKC Tracking Dog Test in Gardner, MA. For more info, check out their website- [www.bmdcnv.org](http://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 Nominating committee will be presenting the Slate for the Board members two weeks before the end of October. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please contact the secretary- Jill Shaeffer in writing on or before the Halloween picnic.
- 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](mailto:jjcara@comcast.net) or 717-891-2299 For more info check out our website- [www.mdbmddc.org](http://www.mdbmddc.org)

5) Rescue-

a) Duchess was turned over as a neglect dog. She is currently being fostered and they are looking for a home for her now.

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- The national rescue club gave us \$ for her elbow surgery and following her rehab with foster family the Winicurs, she has since been adopted by a couple in Easton, PA. They have followed up with her final month of rehab and say she is doing well. Rescue will contact the national rescue club and let the know how everything is going with Josie.

d) Westminster Holiday Parade- Once again we will be walking in the parade through downtown Westminster, MD. 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.

6) Next Meeting- Our next meeting will be at the Halloween Picnic, Sunday Oct. 17 at Valerie Chase's farm in Parkton, MD or in case of rain at 4 Paws Spa and Training Ctr. In Bel Air, MD. For more info, contact Valerie Chase.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Shaeffer

August 18, 2010