

Mason Dixon Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Meeting Minutes from Pool Party, June 24, 2011

Attendance: 7 members

The meeting came to order at 12:35pm.

Minutes of last meeting: Celtic Classic meeting minutes read by secretary.

Report of Treasurer: Treasurer not present. Total for funds as of May 10th Board meeting is \$8890.54.

Old Business:

1) Supported Entry- We again will be supporting the entry at the Penn Ridge show in Harrisburg, PA on Saturday August 13th at the Farm Show Arena. We will have our tailgate and general club meeting after Best of Breed like usual. Please come and support the club!

2) Pool Party- Beautiful day! Weather and company are wonderful. Just wish we had a bigger turnout. Would the Pool Party on Sunday have been a better day for members?

3) National Specialty- In 2012, we, as a club, have volunteered to chair hospitality. This means we need to have people at the hospitality area from 6-10am each day and make sure food and drink are provided. If anyone will be attending and like to help, please contact Dawn Cox at cox215@comcast.net

4) New Members- Welcome new member Heather Thibault! Heather is our vet tech that works her butt off at our health clinic doing microchipping.

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

New Business:

1) How to attract members to club events- We are going to send out a survey to ask members what kind of club events they like to attend or would like to see scheduled. We will make sure all flyers say welcome to all people, not just current Berner owners. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Jill Shaeffer at JillsBerner33@aol.com

2) Rescue- Since May, we have had 7 dogs in rescue

a) Puppy (now called Millie)- come from a home w/ too many kids, dogs, cats and too little time for her. She has now been adopted by the Hearn family in Hagerstown, MD

b) Stanley (now called Bailey)- 1 yr. old male that was getting n attention at home and chewed things as a result. Adopted by the Del Rossi family in DE and lives with another Berner and gets lots of attention now.

c) Sugar- Went to live with the Baker family in Bethlehem, w/ a Berner mix and a loving family.

d) Rudy #1- 4yr old male w/ paralyzed front leg due to auto accident. Can walk, run, do stairs, but all without the non-functioning leg. Hi family is moving and cannot take him along. Being adopted by the Grill family in Cockeysville, MD.

e) Elizabeth- young female, turned over to rescue by neighbor. She was chained outside and owner said they would rather put her down than treat an infected toe. She has since been taken into foster care and is good with other dogs and kids and once her health is stable, she will be available for rescue.

f) Ruby- 6yr. female that we assessed for PV club. Family has no time and she is left alone too long is chewing things and having accidents. Rescue will foster her for a few weeks until the permanent home can take her in August.

g) Rudy #2 (aka Rudy Tooty)- 3yr old male, overweight with skin and ear infections and 2 torn ACLs. Owner got overwhelmed and gave him up. He is in a foster home right now, but will need surgery for both knees.

h) Rescue is asking for anyone who can to please donate towards our rescue funds, as the surgery for Rudy Tooty will be \$4000, and each rescue that comes in requires medical check ups and medication. For more info on how to donate, contact April Clark at jabbclark@comcast.net

3) 2014 Specialty- This is the specialty that our club is now part of. A bid has been accepted by the BMDCA for the Hampton Roads convention center. The bid was proposed by members of each club involved.

4) Cancer Fundraiser- The club has decided to join the regional clubs in supporting this research for Dr. Breen's Histio study and we are donating \$100. For more info on this study or to donate yourself go to: <http://bernese.biz/CancerFundraiser2011.htm>

5) BMD AKC Sanctioned Clubs- Since the AKC has put a moratorium on licensing anymore regional clubs, the BMDC has granted our club de facto license status. Meaning under normal conditions, once a local specialty club is granted AKC licensing status, they receive additional privileges from the BMDCA.

6) Scottish BMD club donations- We have sent a Lucky Dog shirt to Karin Beyer who will be traveling to Scotland for their National Specialty and it will be put into their Specialty raffle. Apparently anything from American clubs is quite popular and once they see our lucky dog logo, they are all going to want one!!

7) Performance Day- We are planning a day of performance events or run-throughs in September at 4Paws Training Center in Bel Air, MD. We will have a ring for rally run-throughs, obedience run-throughs and a mini draft workshop with run-throughs. More info to come, but plan to come as this is a day for your dogs to have fun and learn something!!!!

8) Next Meeting- August 13 at the tailgate at the Penn Ridge Supported Entry at Harrisburg Farm Show Arena.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Shaeffer
June 30, 2011