

## Mason Dixon Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Meeting Minutes from Penn Ridge Supported Entry, Harrisburg, PA August 13, 2011

Attendance: 15 members

The meeting came to order at 12:00pm.

Minutes of last meeting: Pool Party meeting minutes read by secretary.

Report of Treasurer: As of the end of July we have a total of \$10,416.69, with more expenses from rescue to be deducted soon.

Old 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](mailto:JillsBerner33@aol.com)

2) Rescue- Rescue would like to thank all who have donated, the total donated is currently \$1100. The Rudy Raffle from today just raised another \$210.

a) Sandy- Breeding female the breeder no longer wanted, is being fostered.

b) Rudy #2 (aka Rudy Tooty)- One ACL surgery has been done with good results and is being fostered during rehab by the Bardsley family. Donations are still being accepted for his possible second ACL surgery later this year or next depending on how the 1<sup>st</sup> one works out. For more info on how to donate, contact April Clark at [jabbclark@comcast.net](mailto:jabbclark@comcast.net)

c) Events- Woofstock- Sept. 18 at Harrisburg, PA, riverfront, Braxton's Animal Works- Sept. 25 in Wayne, PA, Dog's Day in the Park- Oct. 1 in York, PA, Bark in the Park- Oct. 1 in Nottingham, PA, Dog Fest- Oct.15 in Reisterstown, MD, Holiday Parade- Nov. 26 in Westminster, MD. For more info, visit our website at [www.mdbmc.org](http://www.mdbmc.org)

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- Sept. 17 and 18. We have now changed this to a day of Draft Run-Throughs at Valerie Chase's farm in Parkton, MD. If you are entered in any of the upcoming fall draft tests, come practice in a full size ring and area for freight haul. If you are new to draft, come watch and in the afternoon, Valerie can work with you and your dog to get introduced to draft. For more info and to schedule a time, contact Valerie Chase at [vchase529@att.net](mailto:vchase529@att.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](mailto:jjcara@comcast.net).

New Business:

1) National Specialty- May 7-13, 2012, Gettysburg, PA

a) Judge's Hospitality- Susan Moskovitz has volunteered to chair this duty and is looking for other volunteers to help her with transportation, welcome baskets, meals, and other activities to keep the judges comfortable during the National. For more info contact Susan at [su-mo.woof@verizon.net](mailto:su-mo.woof@verizon.net)

b) Morning Hospitality- We as a Club as taken on the responsibility of chairing this task. This means we need to have people at the hospitality area from 6-10am each day and make sure food and drink are provided. Mike and Janice Bann of the Watchung club have volunteered to be the on-site people, but we need more volunteers to help them with day to day tasks etc. For more info, please contact Dawn Cox at [cox215@comcast.net](mailto:cox215@comcast.net)

2) Celtic Classic - March 14-18, 2012, with our Supported Entry March 16 and our Specialty w/ sweeps March 17. Judges for Specialty are Christine Mann for regular classes and Roseann Deutsch for sweepstakes. We will have our basket raffle, a new stuff the duffle raffle (the duffle is very large), Ways-n-Means from the club and from Rescue, and a hospitality table with delicious snacks. Friday evening after Best in Show, we will again hold our A match. Please come and support the club by showing, watching, and buying!!!

3) Draft Test- April 15, 2012, with Watchung club (April 14) at Canine Meadows at John Rudy County Park, York, PA. We are trying to get York Kennel Club and other local dog organizations to join us for an all dog day, with a CGC (Canine Good Citizen) test, microchipping, etc. Rescue will also set up a booth. This is a very involved day and volunteers are needed to help make it run smoothly and be a success. No experience necessary, we need ground stewards, ring stewards, hospitality help, photographer, trophie help and Ways-N-means help. For more info, please contact Jill Shaeffer at [JillsBerner33@aol.com](mailto:JillsBerner33@aol.com).

4) Holiday Party- For the past 2 years, we have not had one due to various reasons. We would like to know from you the members, should we have one, when and where? Any ideas, please contact Jill Shaeffer.

5) Club Incorporation- We have become an incorporated club now with non-profit status, and will now be expected to charge sales tax at events and file all proper paperwork for the state and federal. Susie Friedman has volunteered many (wo)man hours to complete this and we give a BIG Thank You to her for helping us complete this arduous task!

6) Next Meeting- Sunday Oct. 16- Halloween Picnic at Valerie Chase's farm in Parkton, MD

Meeting adjourned at 12:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Shaeffer  
August 16, 2012