



# Newsletter

## February 2014

## President's Message

Do hope this finds your Berners enjoying the winter weather and all of you safe and adequately getting through the issues winter can pose.

We had a wonderful time at the Winter Bash held at Powder Mills Park southeast of Rochester and orchestrated most capably by Lynn and Lance Nelson with wonderful assistance by a no. of club members. It was a wonderful event and opportunity to gather with our dogs, in addition to activities including the chili bakeoff. Thanks to all of you who helped make this a very special event!! Special thanks go to Pam Wehle, who donated a basket to be raffled. We had a no. of people apply for membership at the event.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a dues notice. Members should submit their dues for 2014 ASAP to our Treasurer Bev Burney. We are making every effort to follow the procedures cited in our Constitution and By-Laws, including prompt membership renewal. Those members who did not renew by November 2013 must reapply (see our website [www.bmdcfl.org](http://www.bmdcfl.org) for an application and the code of ethics). Breeder members who want to be listed on our website should also make payment now.

I'd like to make a special request to everyone to submit donations of funds or items representing our region or Berners for the basket that our club will send to the BMDCA National Specialty (VA) for raffle. It has become something of a competition and we are eager to impress those at the National who bid for our basket. The proceeds do a lot to support the activities at that week-long event in April.

At a recent Board meeting, we agreed to support Veterans at the National Specialty with a donation of \$50 toward their special event.

At the same meeting, we agreed to try using PayPal to allow members to make payments. Lance Nelson has volunteered to work with Bev Burney to put this in place. Stay tuned and check our website for further information.

Finally, many thanks to Lynn and Lance Nelson for resurrecting our Facebook page! We are eager to improve communication and this is another means to keep in touch.

We hope to hold another brief meeting shortly after Berners show at the Onondaga Kennel Club Show on Saturday, March 29, at the Syracuse Fairgrounds. If you have questions about the time (available about 1 week prior to the date) and location, please don't hesitate to contact one of your Officers or Board Members. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Sue Brightman

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# DUES ARE DUE

Please forward your dues to Treasurer Bev Burney for 2014. They must be submitted **by March 31**. *However, for new members who have joined since November, 2013, there is no need to pay an additional fee for 2014.*

Checks should be made payable to the BMD CFL:

Beverly Burney  
Treasurer, BMD CFL  
PO Box 322  
Barneveld, NY 13304

A single membership is \$10, and a family, \$15.  
Also, please renew your Breeder Referral listing on the BMD CFL website, \$25.

## **Minutes, BMD CFL Meeting Saturday, November 16, 2013 New York State Fairground, Syracuse, NY**

in conjunction with the Syracuse dog shows, The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes meeting was held on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at the New York State Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Sue Brightman.

Members in attendance: Sue Brightman, Mary Ellen Nawn, Linda Carney, Galen Zimmer, Patty Smith, Don and Linda Sahlem, Lynn and Lance Nelson, Lori Krebs, Joan LaMendola. Guests: Sally Gridley.

No treasurer's report was given as Bev Burney was away.

Discussion was held about the Winter Bash to be held 1/26/14 from 12-5 p.m. at the North Lodge of the Powder Mills Park in Pittsford, N.Y. They focus will be on fun with a chili cook-off. They have hiking trails there, also. Please R.S.V.P. so plans can be made for kids, too. There will be a raffle, 50/50 and a garage sale. Lynn Nelson made a motion that the proceeds from the sale and raffles be split 50 % to the Club and 50% to be donated to the BMDCA Berner Health Fund or Berner Garde. Lance Nelson seconded and the motion passed.

Sue Brightman thanked Joan LaMendola for serving as the Newsletter Editor. Sue also thanked the following members for chairing committees: Lori Krebs, membership; Galen Zimmer, Rescue; Lynn Nelson, List Serve; Lance Nelson, Web Site; Patty Smith, Sunshine.

Patty Smith reported that Debra Brown's mother passed away and a card has been sent.

Lynn Nelson and Patty Smith will talk about sending sympathy cards when someone's dog passes away.

We will have a Supported Entry for 2014 since Wine Country will be held at Sampson State Park.

Discussion ensued regarding membership. It was agreed that it is important to establish procedures for its processes. This is especially true for the membership process. Therefore, all members who had not yet renewed membership for 2013 would need to reapply. Lori and Sue will work on the membership processes. The Associate Membership was discussed as an option for those who do not know other Berner owners and do not have 2 sponsors. As Membership Chair, Lori will keep an up-to-date membership list and coordinate with the Treasurer, President and Newsletter Editor members' status and contact information.

Linda Carney reported that money from the National Specialty was to be split with the clubs that helped, but we did not receive any. We helped with Hospitality and club members Lynn Nelson and Linda Carney helped in other ways.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Ellen Nawn, seconded by Lynn Nelson and passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Nawn, Secretary



Amy Schwoeble and Kathy Mihalek from Wine Country 2013

Minutes, BMDCFL Meeting  
Sunday, January 24, 2014  
Powder Mills Park, Pittsford, NY  
in conjunction with the BMDCFL Winter Bash

Members in attendance: Sue Brightman, Lynn and Lance Nelson, Don and Linda Sahlem, Bob and Merry Lou Holley, Linda and Michael Delorme, Paul Donabella.

Guests: Chris Collins, Pam Wehle, Tom Herman, Laura Masterson, Judy Donabella, Amanda and Jason Davin, Lara Riley, Linda Foti, Laurie Lee Lischer, Erin McCarrick. (My apologies to the other attendees I missed.)

Sue Brightman called a brief meeting to order. She thanked everyone for attending the Winter Bash. Lynn and Lance Nelson were instrumental in coordinating such a wonderful event, with thanks to so many members and guests for making the gathering so special. Pam Wehle was thanked for contributing the lovely basket that was raffled, with 50% of the proceeds going to the BMDCA Health Fund.

No reports were provided by the Treasurer or Secretary since they could not attend.

Sue welcomed the new member applicants who completed applications at the event and attended the meeting. Introductions of attendees were made.

Vice President Lynn Nelson mentioned the BernerFest and Supported Entry at Sampson State Park as excellent opportunities to gather with our Berners.

Sue thanked Lynn for volunteering to prepare a raffle basket for the BMDCA National Specialty. All regional clubs are asked to contribute a basket with proceeds helping offset the costs of the week-long event. Pam Wehle volunteered to assist Lynn with the basket. Fanciers are asked to send Lynn items that represent our region and/or contributions, payable to the BMDCFL.

The club looks forward to having members join us at the next meeting, to be held on the Saturday following Bernese judging at Syracuse Fairgrounds in conjunction with the shows in March.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Brightman

# FACEBOOK

We are pleased to announce  
our club has a FaceBook page that is back up, running and up-to-date:  
See "Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes".

For those that do not have a computer or use the computer, FaceBook is one of the social media that people use to stay informed. Clubs and businesses use FaceBook as a way of promoting their club or business. Unlike a website, Facebook is multi-dimensional in that people can post comments and photos and others can reply. It is an excellent way to get up-to-the- minute information out to a lot of people at once.

Our FaceBook page has already been updated with information about our 1st Annual Winter Bash, with 1 photo posted. Some of our upcoming events have been listed such as: National Specialty, Hunt Country Dog Walk, Bernerfest, and Wine Country. We will post more events as they come up. Share more pics by posting them or e-mailing them to Lynn at [BernerMom585@aol.com](mailto:BernerMom585@aol.com).

This is also an excellent way for us to announce our brags from dog shows, new litters, if someone wants a recipe from the Winter Bash--simply post a comment. This will not replace our newsletter, but rather this is an enhancing tool for our club to communicate to members and non members.

## Did you know?

- \* Our very own Sue Brightman is the sweepstakes judge at the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin Speciality held in West Bend, WI Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Good Luck Sue!
- \* Linda Carney's dog , Simon, owned with Sherri Starbird participated at this year's Westminster Kennel Club dog show? He looked fabulous.
- \* In 2013 Bernese Mountain Dogs ranked 32 in the AKC registration statistics. In 2003 our breed ranked 47.
- \* Actress, Eliza Dushku and Comedian, actress, Chelsea Handler both own BMD's. Don't know who they are? Google.

## Judge suggestions needed ASAP

Debra Brown is looking for suggestions on who you might like to see judge Berners at our supported entry held during the Wine Country Cluster in Romulus, NY this September 2014.

Contact Debra right away at:  
315-337-3154 or  
[serendipityfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:serendipityfarm@hotmail.com)

Information on Trophy donations will be coming soon.

## Braggs

Send me your  
brags and pictures for the next  
BMD CFL Newsletter:  
Joan LaMendola  
[jglamen@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jglamen@rochester.rr.com)

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# *New Member Applicants*

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The following are applying for membership in the BMD CFL. Anyone having any knowledge of these persons may direct concerns in writing to the Secretary, Mary Ellen Nawn, and the Membership Chair, Lori Krebs ([lori.krebs99@gmail.com](mailto:lori.krebs99@gmail.com)), no later than 30 days after publication of this newsletter.

Jason and Amanda Davin  
Caledonia, NY  
Sponsors: Sue Brightman, Lynn Nelson

Amanda Conner  
Rochester, NY  
Sponsors: A. Andrea Heiny, Sue Brightman

Laura Masterson  
Penfield, NY  
Sponsors: A. Andrea Heiny, Sue Brightman

Bronwen Van Hooft  
Rochester, NY  
Sponsors: A. Andrea Heiny, Sue Brightman

Matthew Fine  
Pittsford, NY  
Sponsors: Lynn Nelson, Sue Brightman

Lara Riley,  
Fairport, NY  
Sponsors: Sue Brightman, Andrea Heiny

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# *Welcome*

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## *Dog Dictionary*

**LEASH:** A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

**DOG BED:** Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

**DROOL:** A liquid which, when combined with sad eyes, forces humans to give you their food. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and get the drool on the human.

**SMIFF:** A social custom used to greet other dogs, similar to the human exchange of business cards.

**GARBAGE CAN:** A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

**BICYCLES:** Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards. The person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

**DEAFNESS:** This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

**THUNDER:** This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

**WASTE-BASKET:** This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrappers. It is important to evenly distribute its contents throughout the house before your person comes home.

**BATH :** If you find something especially good to roll in, humans get jealous, and they use this degrading form of torture to get even. Be sure to shake only when next to a person or a piece of furniture.

**LEAN:** Every good dog's response to the command "sit!," especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

**BUMP:** The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

**GOOSE BUMP:** A maneuver to use as a last resort when the regular bump doesn't get the attention you require ... especially effective when combined with the sniff. See above.

**CHILDREN:** Short humans of optimal petting height. Standing close to one assures some good petting. When running, they are good to chase. If they fall down, they are comfortable to sit on.

**LOVE:** A feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return.