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BMDCFL Official Newsletter

*Next club meeting*

brief meeting at 11:00am before Berner judging

*Saturday, June 28 2014*

*General Clinton Park*

## President 's Message

Hi All!

Happy Summer! Please join us for a brief meeting at 11:00am before Berner judging on Saturday, June 28, at the Chenango Valley KC Show. The show will be held at the General Clinton Park, NY Rt 7, Bainbridge, NY 13733. We anticipate meeting at one of the campsites on the hill adjacent to the show grounds. More information will be available from officers and board members at ringside shortly before the meeting. (Please see [www.raudogshows.com](http://www.raudogshows.com) for more information about the show.) Bernese (17) will be judged in Ring 4 at 1:45pm, and given the lateness of the hour and people's desire to head for home quickly, we have decided to hold the meeting before the breed is shown.

We had a wonderful turnout and time at the BernerFest earlier this month coordinated by Galen Zimmer with help from Mary Ellen and Tom Nawn. Many thanks to them and the many other members who assisted!

Bernerly,

Sue Brightman, President  
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## Meagan LaMendola

### New Member Bio

My name is Meagan LaMendola, I am 24 years old and have been involved in Bernese Mt. Dogs and the dog shows since I was 8 years old. I showed in junior showmanship as soon as I was old enough and was blessed enough to have a great dog to show and lots of success. I was the number 1 junior handler in the county in 2006 with my Tibetan spaniel. I have also had the opportunity to work with and learn from some of the most successful professional handlers in our area. I have always been passionate about the sport and have grown increasingly passionate about Bernese Mt. Dogs. I have had the opportunity to own and show many Berners. I grew up with Berners in the house as my mom bred them for several years. It has been so much fun to see the breed as a whole improve noticeably year after year. I look forward to my future in the breed and doing what I can to help improve the breed's health and well-being and of course their good looks =)

### RESCUE :

Treasurer Bev Burney is pleased to announce a very generous anonymous donation has been received from a family to honor their new rescued Berner. He worked closely with Galen and maintained contact with Lynn, and has provided a forever home for his new male. In addition, a couple of other smaller and very appreciated donations were received for Rescue.

Galen Zimmer wants to take this opportunity to ask for volunteers who might consider taking in a Berner rescue to foster, allowing the club to assess the dog and his/her needs, before placing the dog in a long-term home. Last week, a Berner was left in a shelter in our region and an owner with a pit bull furnished the foster home because our club lacked a list of volunteers. There may be other roles volunteers in which can assist, such as transportation or visiting a shelter/home to see the potential rescue. Anyone interested in assisting with Rescue in any form should contact the Rescue Chair Galen, 607-844-4168.

From Lynn Nelson:

Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club has a large number of Berners needing new forever homes as well as a new litter of Berner Mixes. If you know someone that would like to become a new forever home to an adult Berner or a Berner Mix puppy, please contact April at: [mibmdresq@gmail.com](mailto:mibmdresq@gmail.com). The website is [MichiganBerneseRescue.org](http://MichiganBerneseRescue.org) or on FaceBook at: [MichiganBernerRescue](http://MichiganBernerRescue).

## Braggs:

From Sue Brightman:

Our Striker (Arundel's Stroke of Luck v Nashem) was Best of Winners at the Saturday Nashoba Valley Regional Specialty in Massachusetts in May. Heartfelt thanks to Meagan LaMendola for handling him to the victory. He only needs 1 point to finish his championship, so far done with majors at specialties.

From Joan and Meagan LaMendola:

"Derrick" , AM GCH Can CH Honeoye Arundel's Arm Candy was Best of Breed at the Nashoba Valley Regional Specialty this past May and Best of Breed at the Sunday's supported entry that same weekend, Ladies Kennel Club. Congratulations Meagan LaMendola on all your success with that big pet of yours. "Derrick's" daughter Xena was best puppy in Sweeps at the Specialty.

From Lynn and Lance Nelson:

We are please to announce a litter of 2 puppies (Bristol and Blitz, born on May 6. Sire: Monchsberg's Kitzbuhel ("Morneau") and Dam: Enya V Colmburg Waldchen ("Enya" ).

### BMDCFL Nominating Committee

Galen Zimmer  
Joan LaMendola  
Linda Carney

recommend the following slate for 2014-5:

President: Susan Brightman  
Vice President: Lynn Carlson  
Secretary: Mary Ellen Nawn  
Treasurer: Meagan LaMendola  
Board Member: Galen Zimmer

Officers and available board position to be voted on during the September meeting at the Romulus Dog show

Minutes: The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes meeting was held on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Myers Park in Lansing, New York (site of Bernerfest). The meeting was called to order by President Sue Brightman, at 12:10 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:** Sue Brightman, Debra Brown, Beverly Burney, Mary Ellen and Tom Nawn, Laurel Strawbridge, Paul and Judy Donabella, Bonnie Behmonte, Galen Zimmer, Linda & Michael DeLorm, Carrie Young, Dick Buchanan, Chris Collins, Donna Webster, Caryn and Dave Schrader, Ellen Lechner, Patty Smith, Joan LaMendola.\*

**Guests:** Anne Dadson, Jenna Zimmer, Marie Friess, Ellen Ott, Jerry Stay, Josh Goodberry, Sabrina Granger, Mike DiFasto, Dolly Donnelly.\*

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved (as published in the newsletter). Motion to accept the minutes was made by Debra Brown, seconded by Ellen Lechner. Motion passed.

Bev Burney gave the Treasurer's report. We currently have \$4,530.29 as of May 31. We have had two substantial donations made by people to aid in rescue. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mary Ellen Nawn, seconded by Galen Zimmer. Motion passed.

A short discussion was held about the November meeting and adhering to the bylaws regarding dues being paid by March 31 of the year due. Discussion included trying to assist people in renewing their memberships on time.

Galen Zimmer gave a report on Rescue. She has had two Bernese Mountain Dogs in the last month and they have been successfully placed. She expressed a need for people to step up as temporary foster homes, as well as more people interested in adopting the dogs we rescue. She has used most of the people that had expressed an interest.

**New Business:**

Galen presented the slate of officers to be voted on at the meeting in September at Sampson State Park, Wine Country Circuit. President: Sue Brightman, Vice-President: Lynn Nelson, Treasurer: Meagan LaMendola, Membership: Lori Krebs, and Secretary: Mary Ellen Nawn. Anyone interested in being Co-Secretary with Mary Ellen or Secretary should let Galen know. Mary Ellen is only able to attend 3 of the meetings each year. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at that meeting. If the member being nominated is not present, a letter from the member stating their willingness to be an officer should be presented. Sue thanked Bev Burney for her 20 years as Treasurer and acknowledged her service to the club. Bev is one of the founding members of our club.

Sue Brightman stated that we are looking for people to host functions for our club, like the winter bash held in January. Anyone with ideas should talk to Sue Brightman.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Galen Zimmer and seconded by Joan LaMendola. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Nawn, Secretary

\*Some people did not sign in, so if we missed you, please contact me at [mmelly62048@msn.com](mailto:mmelly62048@msn.com) if you would like your name added.

