



Blassi-News

November

2014

Next club meeting

**about a half hour after Berner judging at the
Central New York Kennel Club Dog Show
Saturday November 15th, 2014
New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY**

President 's Message

Hi All!

Thank you for your support for another year. Elsewhere in the newsletter are the minutes for our Annual Meeting held in September and the slate of Officers and Board Members, as well as committee members.

Please join us for the next club meeting right after judging on Saturday, November 15 at the Central NY KC Show to be held at the Syracuse Fairgrounds. We will attempt to keep club business short at meetings. Please go to www.raudogshows.com for a copy of the schedule. It should be available in the next few days. We plan to meet a half hour after showing. More information will be available at ringside.

The Supported Entry at Sampson State Park at the end of September was a wonderful event. As always, Deb Brown deserves a big thank you for pulling the event together. Mary Ellen and Tom Nawn and other members did a lot help. The weather could not have been more cooperative. Thanks too to all those who assisted and who helped make our meeting/club gathering a hospitable event. A raffle was held at the club gathering.

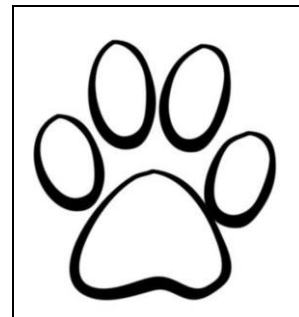
Many thanks to Lance Nelson for setting up our club website under www.bmdcfl.com when we ran into difficulty renewing our past website.

Lynn and Lance Nelson are planning a January Winter Bash and Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at Syracuse and to hearing from you.

Bernerly,

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Rescue success!

Report from Rescue/rehoming program from BMD CFL
September 1, 2013 through August 30, 2014

This is a summary of the yearly report every Rescue/re-homing chair of Regional clubs are asked to submit to the National Club. My response to the questionnaire is as follows:

Our club's rescue and re-homing program is chaired by Galen Zimmer and Lynn Nelson. We respond to every situation we learn of where we may be of assistance.

This assistance takes many forms and involves an incredible amount of time, skill, and emotional investment. Our goals are to be there for the dogs, the people looking to us for help, and the great homes eager to adopt a Berner in need.

Probably our weakest link is the ability to physically take dogs into our homes when temperament is questionable

We have never requested funds from the BMDCA. Our club's Rescue Fund is included in our treasury. While we ask no adoption fee, we have received generous donations from families who have adopted our dogs.

This year- in addition to countless hours of conversation, assessments, consultation, coordination and education- we successfully placed two rescues and two re-homes. One rescue was in a shelter and the other was in the custody of a dog warden. We learned of the two requests for re-homing via the BMDCA rescue yahoo e-list. Three of the dogs are doing well in their forever homes. One rescue died recently in the loving care of his new home. He had the very bad habit of "eating things" – medically it's called PICA.

We are grateful to have the support of the National Club should we ever need this.

Respectfully Submitted, Galen Zimmer

Laurie, Mark and Matthew Mullen from Londonderry, VT adopted "Buddie" this past sept. 2014

Jordon and Julie Stone from Williamsville, NY adopted "Ringo" in Sept. 2014



The BMD CFL Officers

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

**2015 Dues are due
soon**

Lynn Nelson is working on the Winter Bash with a few volunteers looking for a location and date. Is anyone willing to provide a heated barn or similar location? A few other locations are being scouted out.

Braggs:

From Sue Brightman:

Our Diezel's youngsters did well at the BMDC of the Rockies independent speciality in Colorado September 5, 2014: Wager (Nashem's I fell Lucky) took WD, under breeder-judge Deborah Wilkins. Rumble (Wyndrift's Rolling Thunder) took Best Puppy in Sweepstakes under Kathy Deyo, and then went on to take Reserve Winners Dog

From Joan LaMendola:

"Derrick" BISS AM GCH CAN CH Honeoye Arundel's Arm Candy has been awarded Grand Champion Bronze

From Lynn Nelson:

Kitzbuhel's All About Abby (Abby) received a 3 pt major at Romulus in the clubs supported entry, beautifully handled by Carol Gefell.

From Linda Carney:

"Simon" is still number 7 and won his 4th group placement in Leesburg Virginia.

Minutes:

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes meeting was held on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Sampson State Park in Romulus, New York. The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. by President Sue Brightman.

Members in attendance: Mary Ellen and Tom Nawn, Linda Carney, Beverly Burney, Bonnie Belmonte, Galen Zimmer, Patty Smith, Kevin O'Brien, Don and Linda Sahlem, Susan Brightman, Heather Anschutz, Joan LaMendola, Ellen Lechner, Lori Krebs, Meagan LaMendola, Carol Propis. Guests: Amy and Sean Burwell, Elaina Anschutz, Dawn Hitchcock, Connie Ballard, Karlo LaFortera.

Secretary: The Secretary's minutes were approved by as presented in the newsletter. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Ellen Lechner, seconded by Galen Zimmer, and passed.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was given by Bev Burney, Treasurer. The club treasury is \$5,939.11. The account has been closed to pass the balance to the new Treasurer to set up an account. Motion to accept the report was made by Ellen Lechner, seconded by Galen Zimmer, and passed. Members thanked Bev for her years of service as Treasurer since the founding of the club, and Bev relayed her plans to continue as an active member.

Old Business: None

New Business

Rescue: Galen Zimmer read a report on Rescue/Rehoming that is being submitted to BMDCA. She has been very busy, and we foresee Rescue being more active in the future.

AKC Accreditation: Discussion was held about the possibility of AKC Accreditation; information had been included in the club mailing prior to the meeting. Joan LaMendola, Linda Carney and Patty Smith are the committee. Patty asked Dawn Hitchcock to discuss what they encountered in the Chattanooga BMDC. Members of the Board of Directors must live in the geographic radius of 75 miles and theirs weren't. AKC requires a constitution, bylaws and a website. The club must have at least 20 members, with 12 living in the geographic radius. The club must hold one fun match and two education events (Bernerfest counts as education) per year. The committee will continue to look at this. A motion as made by Patty Smith to send out an electronic survey (Survey Monkey – 5 questions, response required, asking for member feedback) and seconded by Joan LaMendola. Motion passed

Winter Bash: Galen Zimmer asked (for Lynn Nelson) if there is any interest in having a Winter Bash in January. Positive comments were voiced. People would like a site with a convenient bathroom, better kitchen facilities, and heat. Ellison Park has been redone and has a pavilion and heated kitchen.

Rescue: Galen asked if we could buy 12 copies of "Second Hand Dog" (to be given to people when they rescue a dog). Ellen Lechner motioned to purchase 10 copies of the book for Rescue; Linda Carney seconded, and the motion passed.

Miscellaneous: Linda Carney has heard from a lady who has a cart that needs work and the harness. She lives in Canandaigua. Anyone interested should contact Linda Carney.

Supported Entry: Discussion was held on the "supported entry" that we have at Wine Country. Debra Brown has asked to step down as Chair of the event. A committee was formed. Money and forms for camping will be sent to Linda Carney by 8/1, who will submit the request to the Cluster. Trophies will be taken care of by Linda Carney and Joan LaMendola. Paperwork will be handled by Joan LaMendola and Sue Brightman. Hospitality will be taken care of by Mary Ellen and Tom Nawn. Heather Anshutz offered to assist. We will attempt to expand this venue to make it more appealing to a variety of club members and their interests, not too dissimilar to the BernerFest. Anyone wanted to volunteer will be greatly appreciated.

Annual Election: The slate of officers was presented to the membership:

Sue Brightman - President
Lynn Nelson - Vice-President
Meagan LaMendola - Treasurer
Mary Ellen Nawn - Secretary
Board Members –Galen Zimmer (Linda Sahlem, Heather Anshutz remaining)

Since there were no nominations from the floor, the secretary cast a single vote and the officers were elected.

Committees:

Linda Carney, Joan LaMendola, Patty Smith - AKC Accreditation
Galen Zimmer – BernerFest
Sue Brightman – BMDCA Liaison (including Health Committee)
Lori Krebs - Membership
Joan LaMendola – Newsletter
Breeder Referral – Lynn Nelson
Galen Zimmer (Chair) and Lynn Nelson – Rescue
Patty Smith – Sunshine
Linda Carney, Joan LaMendola, Sue Brightman, Mary Ellen and Tom Nawn – Supported Entry
Lance Nelson – Website
Lynn and Lance Nelson – Winter Bash

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Carney, seconded by Ellen Lechner and passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Nawn , Secretary