

# **Quarterly Report**

## **California Chapter of the MBDCA April 2010**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Quarterly Report is to remain in compliance with the California Chapter bylaws. The bylaws require regular communication with club members in the form of a report or newsletter. This quarter, there will not be a CA Chapter newsletter. However, we have two new CoEditors who will begin to edit the quarterly newsletter again. Ann Dahlin will issue a Quarterly Report until our new CoEditors begin to issue the club's quarterly newsletter.

### **Contents**

This Quarterly Report includes the meeting minutes from the April 10, 2010 board meeting and the Treasurer's Report.

### **Message to Readers**

Thank you for your interest in your club and taking the time to read this report. Please remember that this is your club. The board always welcomes your suggestions and comments. You can impact the future direction of this club by joining the board and by helping with the activities we provide for our members. Anyone can sit-in on a board meeting.

### **Legs and Titles Report**

If you would like to see your latest legs and titles listed with the club, please go to the following: <https://sites.google.com/site/mbdcaawards>

**Mixed Breed Dog Club, California Chapter**  
**Board Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2010**

**Location**

At the house of Board Member, Dawn Bushong.

**In Attendance:**

Lloyda French, Ann Dahlin, Kitty Norwood, Betsy Jones, Kelly Zak, Chris Blanco, Cindy Sohrenszen, Dawn Bushong

**Call to Order - Time:1:30 p.m.**

**1. Approve Minutes from 9/20/09 Board Meeting**

All approve

**2. Approve Agenda**

All approve

**3. Treasurer's Report**

The report was done by interim treasurer Rita Jensen (Treasurer's Report included at the end of these minutes). The expenses listed under 'Specialty' actually include other club expenses as well.

**4. Committee Reports**

**A. Newsletter (Ann Dahlin)**

• **Replacement Editor?**

Ann Dahlin will no longer be the newsletter editor.

Betsy Jones and Lloyda French will be coeditors and do the newsletter together. They will do a simpler version than the current newsletter, but one that will help club members stay updated on club activities, membership, and announcements. Most likely, they will have few or no photos in order to simplify editing. They will complete the next issue around June.

- **Proposals to Tide Us Over**

The bylaws require a quarterly newsletter or correspondence. Ann will issue a Quarterly Report until Lloyd and Betsy begin editing the newsletter.

## **B. Bylaws**

Betsy Jones has started updating the bylaws.

## **C. Membership (Margaret Reed)**

Need to have guidelines for Margaret Reed on the types of emails to be forwarded (see Chat Group Ads/Membership Ads - Emails Coming from Margaret Reed, Page 8).

## **D. National Representative (Betsy Jones)**

- **Proposed Conformation Points Schedule**

The proposed schedule was a group project done with club members Betsy Jones, Kitty Norwood, Dawn Bushong, and Angela Silvestri. In addition Laura Finco consulted on the project. Laura is an AKC conformation judge and a Mixed Breed conformation judge.

Dawn created a diagram to outline the proposed new conformation program and points schedule (diagram will be available for viewing upon approval by the National Board).

The proposed schedule will help in several areas including, but not limited to, that it will help the small dogs progress more quickly. It will also help dogs and/or bitches progress more quickly if they have little or no competition of the same sex.

In addition, it will be proposed to National that turquoise ribbons be used for all the times when points are actually earned. The other colors such as green will be used when no points are earned.

It will also be proposed that the required CD or RE, to earn a conformation championship, can be earned at other venues such as AKC, ASCA, UKC, or APDT.

- **National Specialty for CA in 2011?**

It is decided that the board will wait to determine if the CA Chapter should host the Nationals in 2011. The board will first need to see how much interest there is within the club to continue earning Mixed Breed legs and titles. More specifically, the board would like to see how things turn out with the new AKC program for mixed breeds and how that will impact participation and interest in the MBDCA. In addition, the club will need to have enough money to host the Nationals as the Nationals are the most expensive event the CA Chapter hosts.

#### **E. Budget**

A budget committee meeting date will be set at the Spring Fling. At the budget meeting, the needed expenses and budgets for each event, for the entire year, will be determined.

#### **F. Photography**

Gloria McClain is concerned there won't be enough people taking pictures at the Spring Fling. This is because she will be helping with the Nose Work demonstration. In any case, Jan Frias is currently planning on attending and taking pictures.

#### **G. PR Committee**

- **Pet Parade, Redwood City, May 22**

The club will have a booth between 11:00 - 3:00. Chris Blanco and Kitty Norwood will help. Lloyd French and Lucy Rasmussen are also planning on helping.

- **Niles, July**

Gloria McClain and Dorothy Angus will have a booth.

- **Peninsula Humane Society, Mutt Strutt, August 21**

Chris Blanco and Kitty Norwood would like to have a booth. Kitty is having problems getting in contact with the PHS about having a club booth at the Mutt Strutt. Lloyd French works at the PHS and said she will talk to the PHS about a booth when she is there.

## **H. Judges Committee**

Kitty Norwood has been finding the judges for all of this year's events. She has implemented a new method for finding judges. In summary, the board now plans the entire year's schedule. Then the judges are given the list of trials, along with the dates, and asked if they can judge at one or more of our trials. This method has proven to be more efficient than finding judges for each event separately. As of this time, Kitty only has to find a few more judges.

In terms of rally judges for the October Regional Specialty, the board will wait to see how many rally judges will be needed. This will depend upon how many rally rings there will be this year. Rally entries have recently been low at the mini matches. The board will use the number of entries at the upcoming rally mini match to determine how many rally rings will be needed at the Regional.

## **I. Sunshine (Cindy Sohrenszen)**

Cindy is enjoying doing Sunshine. She prints the cards at her work and this has been working fine for her. She works at a nursing home where they print these cards on a regular bases.

## **5. Old Business**

### **A. Mini-Match Wrap-Up (2/13/10)**

Those who attended were happy with the Obedience Mini Match.

### **B. Website (Dawn Bushong)**

Kitty Norwood would like to list the club's volunteer jobs on the website. Dawn said that it would be fine to add that to the CA Chapter's website.

## **6. Future Events**

### **A. Spring Fling**

- **Spring Fling Jobs:**

Games/Hospitality/Head Game person - Kitty Norwood.  
Spoon Ball Heeling - Dawn Bushong  
Tennis Ball Catch - Lloyd French  
Speed Retrieve from Toy Pile - Kelly Zak  
Hot Dog Bowls - Cindy Sohrenszen  
T-Shirt Relay - Betsy Jones  
Tricks Showcase Judging - Ann Dahlin, Kitty Norwood,  
Chris Blanco  
Raffle - Chris Blanco  
Lunch - Cindy Sohrenszen  
Toys for prizes - Betsy Jones

- **Volunteer Certificates**

Kelly Zak will print these.

- **Medallions**

Kitty Norwood is ordering the medallions and bringing them.

There are 36 new titles earned by club members.

- **Sportsmanship Award--name after Terry?**

Yes, to be named after Terry Beardsley. Will call it the "Terry Beardsley Sportsmanship and Service Award".

- **Allow Vendor Booths?**

Background: Club members have asked if they could have a vendor booth at the Spring Fling for their new dog related business.

The board decided that this would not be a good idea, because the City of Milpitas charges a very large, prohibitive, fee for a vendor booth. Generally, the City of Milpitas prohibits the sale of merchandise in the park.

Kitty Norwood will propose that the inquiring club members can put their items in the raffle in order to promote their business. In addition, they can also put out fliers or brochures.

**B. June 13 Rally/Conformation Match**

Kitty Norwood has the needed judges for this match. Melinda Eaton will judge rally and Janet Nagashima will judge conformation.

**C. October Regional Specialty, October 16**

Regional Specialty will be dedicated to Terry Beardsley. Chris Blanco will set up a display board with dedication to Terry.

- **Regional Specialty Jobs**

Show Chair/Co Chair - Ann Dahlin (Chair)

Show Secretary - Kitty Norwood

Awards - Kitty Norwood (Ann Dahlin will put notice on Yahoo to have members bring unwanted plaques to the Spring Fling for recycling.)

Catalog and Premium - Dawn Bushong

Judges - Kitty Norwood

Hospitality - Lloyd French

Luncheon - Cindy Sohrenszen

Raffle - Chris Blanco

Grounds - Kitty Norwood and Chris Blanco

Chief of Stewards - Will ask Carol Wilson. If she doesn't want to, then Lloyd French will do this.

(1). Darleen bringing her sisters for Obedience Ring.

(2). Stewards get free entry to MBDC of CA events.

#### **D. Chat Group Ads/Membership Ads - Emails Coming from Margaret Reed.**

Background: Increasing amount of complaints about advertisement emails being forwarded via Membership Chair, Margaret Reed. Club members would like to see this stopped. Board decides this will no longer be allowed. Only will allow emails from our own club members and only if it concerns club business.

#### **E. Privacy Issue Concerning Group Emails.**

Another complaint concerns the group emails to all club members which show the individual email addresses. Dawn Bushong will set up an email account for the entire club that does not show individual email addresses. Then Margaret Reed or others can use this email account and club member emails will remain anonymous.

### **7. New Business**

#### **A. National Specialty 2010 Cornelius, Oregon, Oct 31 - Nov 1**

- **Ad for Catalog?**

Board approves having an ad in the National Specialty catalog.

- **Donate two of our plaques for prizes--what awards?**

Board approves donating two of our plaques to the National Specialty. Maximum amount \$50.00 (\$25.00 each). Will use for Highest Scoring Novice A Dog and Highest Scoring Rally Novice A Dog.

#### **B. Agility Fun Day**

Betsy Jones will discuss possible date with Kathleen Alles, owner of Heart Agility in Ben Lomond (previous location of agility fun days). However, Betsy points out that the profits from the agility fun day really dropped off. This is due in part because, numerous agility practice days are currently available around the Bay Area. In the past profits were higher because, agility fun days were not as available and more in demand. Potentially, the club will switch to an APDT Workshop as a fundraiser instead.

### **C. Satellite Tables/PR in Sacramento?**

Chris Blanco is willing to help with booths in the Sacramento area. Potentially, if there is enough interest, a club could be started in that area.

### **D. Record Voting from Board Emails**

The following items were previously voted on, and approved, by the board by email:

- **Sponsor of award to APDT Rally Trial, hosted by Just Rewards LLC, on March 13/14.**

Award went to the highest scoring mixed breed dog.

- **Free entry for people who steward at matches/Specialty**

The club will give out free entries to those who volunteer to steward at club matches.

### **E. Inventory**

There exists a CD with past club inventory information that Kitty Norwood has. However, an updated club inventory needs to be done.

**Adjournment - Time 4:00 p.m.**

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**Treasurer's Report**  
**By Interim Treasurer, Rita Jensen**

April, 2010

Expenses: January – April

Specialty:                 \$669.28  
                                   \$ 99.00

Workshop:                \$105.

Newsletter:              \$55.64

Insurance;                \$571.00

Misc.

Sponsorships/reg        \$25.    Just rewards rally trial  
                                   \$25.    Redwood City Pet Parade

Deposits: Jan. – April

New members / renewals                 \$278.

Sale of jumps                                 \$ 65.

Mini Match entries                         \$183.

Balance as of 4/6/10                       \$1658.49