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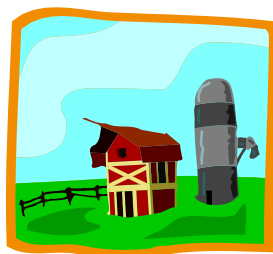
Ellen Hizer, was our guest presenter on the new craze....Barn Hunt! This is for all breeds of dogs and is recognized by AKC and UKC with titles and levels. Dogs locate rats which are in protective tubes hidden in straw/hay bales by climbing, tunneling and finding the rat. The handler calls "rat" and the dogs are onto possibly another rat to locate. There are tubes with rat litter in them without the rat to challenge the dogs. All dogs have different cues they give the handler, some are subtle and some are extremely obvious.

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<http://barnhunt.com/rules>

Or the Michigan Barn Hunt Group on Facebook



## Secretary's Report:

President, Kevin Nieboer, called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. and the business meeting to order at 7:55pm

Present: Diane Murray, Nancy Alder, Pat DenBoer, Pat Kronemeyer, Cindy & Mike Wilkinson, Bill Blakeman, Su Young, Shirley Albers, Ingrid David, Kevin Nieboer, Fred Hyer Jack Badgero, and Karen Mott

Guests: Ellen Hizer from GRKC

**Recording Secretary:** Motion to approve the March minutes as published in the Tailwagger made by Shirley and seconded by Diane. Motion approved.

**Corresponding Secretary:** none reported

\*\*\*\*\*President's Report\*\*\*\*\*

Kevin informed all on the very productive board meeting held the previous Monday. On the Legislative side, things are very quiet this month for dog related matters. Things will pick up as election time nears.

**New Members:** Jack Badgero from Grand Haven had his 1st reading. He has a rottweiler and has attended two meetings, but needs one more reading to complete his application.

## Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Shirley and seconded by Bill. Motion approved.



## Committee Reports:

**May Show:** The premium list is out and you should receive yours shortly. The cluster is growing by leaps and bounds!!  
**Stewards:** Karen has 6 stewards confirmed but is still welcoming volunteers! Last call before stewards are hired. **Trophies:** These were due to Diane at this meeting. Once again, we need to address this issue. She should not be scrambling around getting the trophies at the last minute! Please Please get these turned in!!  
**Breeder's Cup:** The original intent was to recognize the breeder/owner The cluster has changed the rules to an owner/handler competition. \$100 will be awarded each of the 5 days to the BIS owner handler.  
**Health Clinic:** GMKC wanted health clinics at the May show and the cluster has clinics set up for Friday---heart, eye, and patella clinics are available. **Jr. Handler:** Once again set for Saturday afternoon **Best Jr Handler:** Competition is on Monday with the winners from the other 4 days. \$500 scholarship will be awarded. **Bark In The Park:** Fred is updating the flyer and needs to contact the park & Dr. Bader.



**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business was brought up.

**NEW BUSINESS:** At the May meeting our educational program will be on owner/handler stewarding. Sharon, the show chair, will be presenting this and answering questions.

*Congratulations to members, Penny Sorenson and Gregg Helm, who were married in Key West!*



Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm



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**“In a perfect world, every dog would have a home;  
And every home would have a dog. ~anonymous**

\*Nancy Alder's Dallas, was BOB and a Group 4 and the next day was Sel Dog. He is closing in on his GCH!!

\*Ingrid's puppy girl took 2 RWB and Qyinn needs only 4 singles for his Grand title!!

\*Pat DenBoer's grooming van is all lettered and on the road!!

\*Gladys and Karen's boy, Lincoln took his 3rd major, a 4 point, in Pennsylvania at 13 months!!

CONGRATS ALL!!!



### Upcoming Dates:

- **Next Meeting:**  
May 7th 7pm  
Norton Shores  
Library



- **Board Meeting:**  
Monday April  
28th 7pm  
Coopersville



Apple Blossom  
Cluster  
May 22nd thru 26th



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