



# The Barker

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Monthly newsletter of the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club  
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## Agenda

General Meeting, April 4, 2019

- \*Greeting/Introductions
- \*Minutes from November
- \*Treasurer & Committee Reports
- \*Old Business
- \*Announcements/Brags
- \*Adjourn

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### REMINDER: Barker Deadline

Just a friendly reminder, the Barker deadline to make certain that something will be included is 5 p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. You can submit things after that but they may not be printed until the next month.

### GLOC Board Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2019

Board meeting attendance: Teresa Barney, Jessica Bruns, Katie Schwartz, Kyle Smith, Jeannine Beer, Kat Potthoff, Kim Kempkes, Megan Zawacki.

Meeting was called to order at 6:15.

Review of the February Barker minutes. No corrections. Motion to approve, Katie moved, Jeannine seconded.

Jeannine - Treasurer's report: Income \$1649.96 expenses were \$5,552.80, for a net negative of -\$3902.84. Our beginning balance was \$61,969.49, ending balance was \$58,066.65. Float was \$633.48, working balance \$57,333.17.

We were negative for the month, have not received SCC money yet. Jeannine will be depositing money from the trial, also has some cash for activity passes, and classes to deposit. Motion to approve the treasure's report, Jessica moves, Kyle seconds, all in favor.

### Megan – Corresponding sec'y report

Nothing new to report, she has sent out cards, but not able to give these specifically at this time, she did not get email from Teresa with the names and information for these. Teresa finding these written in last month's Barker.

Discovering that some members did not get this last month's Barker, Megan hadn't, also some other members, Kat or Katie do not think they got it.

Kyle asked if we can start a shared sheet somewhere to put all the corresponding sec'y requests in, and this would make it easier for the corresponding sec'y. Discussion that we thought about having a notebook, Kat reporting we should do something differently as it becomes hard when the annual video is produced, when the information for the past year is not easily found. Jeannine stating that there is a shared drive, that she can get into, she goes into her email for gloc.dogs, is accessible. Have to have a gmail address to access. Finding the Barker from last month in Jeannine's email, this was sent out 2/23, and went to 63 people, and our membership is in the 90's.

Kyle restating that requests for correspondence should be written somewhere, anyone can log in and see the share files. Teresa will ask Adam if he could add a google sheet that anyone could get into, and have share with others option. Teresa stating that Adam hopes he can make this site user friendly, everything 'editable'. Membership list is a google sheet, this is not even on the President's drive. Has been locked down by previous board members, but this makes the editing difficult, so hope to change this.

#### Kat – Sport's director's report.

Agility – committees, updates, groups for the trials have been meeting. Need to set April date for a meeting. Will be loading truck at the building at 5:30 Friday to go to the venue. Not sure if we got what we needed to repair the teeter, but it has not been repaired yet. Judy tried to find out place to order the pellets, Speedway will not give us any that they might have.

Jessica reporting on the game, 51 club challenge, that was played at the Trial last

weekend. Discussion that we probably will not offer this, have not budgeted for this. Kat stating she does not know why one game is bumped up more than any others, and so Snooker gets a higher percentage of the awards. Jessica explaining that this was just something additional offered on the side, and was fun. Kyle reporting that this generated a lot of interest and cheering when it was played, and that there are people that do like the extra competition, and do not care about what they get. Megan stating to possibly offer something that would work for additional advertising for the club. Kat stating the price has just been upped, also extra for new ribbons. Might give out the 'coveted food scoop'!

Classes, Kat attended all the classes the first week. Only problem was a blue heeler that was biting his owners. Will talk to Jayne about this situation.

Teresa reporting the following;

#### New Business.

1) Teresa asked for a bid from Awards Unlimited for the plaques that have dangles, 4 plaques, we have on our back wall, The Black Star, the Volunteer of the year, and The Cleared Hurdle, and The Golden Bolt, are beginning to hang a bit low. Teresa may call Ristine, a price for the plaque from Awards Unlimited would be \$87.40 for these with 30/31 dangles. And the engraving is additional to have these re-engraved. It costs us when we take them in and have them hang the dangles, Teresa has been doing this herself the last couple of years to save this to save the extra. Some of these are getting very long, Teresa plans to call Ristine, ask about plaques with nameplates for 30. Suggesting that we could go back to the people who donated the plaques, and see if they would consider

changing the format for the plaque. The ones that are just the plaque are nicer looking.

2) Teresa talked to Ellen Wilson recently, and that CDC is no longer doing Agility Fun Matches at their building, so question is if we are interested in having these down at our place on a monthly basis. Their cost is \$8 for 3 minutes, \$15 for more minutes or \$20 for 3 runs, 2nd dog is \$10. We have the space in our backyard to hold these. If we have NADAC April 6, we will have the fencing up, so we could do the Fun Run on that Sunday, we would need volunteers to help with this. There is a concern for dogs jumping the white fence, especially newer dogs that might do this. Then we would need to have the orange fencing set up, with doorway as required. If doing just for fun, we would shut the door, open when filming to send in the video. Teresa stating that the Omaha people aren't coming over for NADAC, so possibly would then come over for the Fun Matches. April might be pushing it, but can look at May 19, right after NADAC trial. Before deciding we probably need the individuals to volunteer for trial chair, etc. We need a committee of at least 5 people to get this going. The months that CDC is not having these are Apr, May and June, they will start these up again in Oct. Considering what we would do if any of these get rained out, moving this inside would not probably be possible due to our flooring. We can earmark whatever profit we make to repair and replace our flooring. Maybe have it professionally done. Our problem is that there is cement under our mats, this is not good, and we have faster dogs running always improving, considering if we might have any other options, such as looking for a building that better fits our needs, and to possibly buy one. Might be better for us in the long run considering what we pay for rent and all the other costs involved in not owning our own building. Agreeing to look into this rather than repairing our floor.

3) Ellen also brought up the topic of charity drives for community needs pertinent to dogs/animals. Kat reporting that this has been discussed in the past, and there is always someone who doesn't like one or the other of the groups selected, and other ethical considerations. We would not be changing our organization into a charitable organization and change our status, 501C-3, so not sure if this is one of the suggestions made, we will ask Ellen more questions. Not sure if we would be able to change our status to 501C-3. The word "Club" seems to give the wrong impression, the benefit of the change is that we could accept donations, charitable contributions yearly, people could will us their estate, and have all sorts of dough rolling in.

4) Kyle had questions regarding the proper use of mats, and for what is allowed, whether for ball play, tug of war. Problem is that dogs have been allowed to openly play, and then mats will come loose, may need re-taping. Possibly needs to be limited, to age and weight of dog, considering the puppy class; under 6 mos. and 40 lbs. or less, some play would be allowed, and/or under the direction of the instructor of the class. And tug at the end when training for agility is thought to be allowable. Expecting that having a free-for-all with your dog in or outside of class should not be allowed, and treating our building as an indoor dog park.

Distractions during class and damage to the mats are the two main objections. The mats fit together, and will shift with higher level of dog activity. Only solution per Teresa is to take 3 weekends, take everything out of the building, and fit all the mat sections back together, and/or can re-splice mats to fit.

Kyle suggesting that we post something in the building with these restrictions, so everyone will know and can adhere to these even if no one else is in the building. Decision to do this.

5) Tails and Trails Dog Walk is Sat May 18th. Matt, director of marketing, has contacted

Teresa, hoping we will come and provide demos as usual, and they will provide us our booth. Will need someone to head a committee if we want to participate.

6) Email request to Teresa for refund of money, a student wrote and expressed disappointment with the lack of communication during her class. Stating that it was difficult to hear the instruction and disappointed with the lack of instruction. Amount of activity disrupting the class, dogs could not focus. She thought she was going to be evaluated that night to ensure she was in the correct class, and this did not happen. Agreeing that we will refund the cash that we received for her place in class.

7) Otto has reappeared, he was the reactive problem dog that led to previous discussion about classes for reactive or disruptive dogs. He is a Mastiff/Great Dane, dragged his owners when in class, he also attacked other dogs. He was evaluated by Marcy, she said that he was okay to come to the Obedience Class. He was required to take this class as he attacked and bit a bicyclist, which we found out later. Alicia started this class, Rosalie finished the class. She asked them to bring a pinch collar on the last night of class, which they did not bring. They were excused from that class, and that he was not allowed to be in the building unless he had a pinch collar on. Owners have since emailed Teresa asking for a letter to finish their Diversion in their court case, they need a letter that they took Obedience Classes with us. Teresa talked to Jayne, and while we can do this, we do not send the letter directly to them. Teresa will request the contact information for the Diversion Officer and address the letter to them, and send a copy to the owner.

Recommending that we send all the information for what transpired, and we can also put in there that we observed the dog attacking 3 dogs while in the building, at week five. Teresa will contact some of the individuals who were there that

evening, Kat, Kerri, and double check the documentation for the event.

8) Suggestion that we sell the round wood tables, that are heavy, will sell for \$5 as is, to then use that money for new tables that we can use. Discussion that we need more tables that are easier to use.

9) Motion to adjourn, moved and passed.

### **General Meeting Minutes, March 7**

#### **Called to order at 7:35 PM**

Present: Teresa Barney; Katie Schwartz; Vicki Burkey; Donna Bundy; Robin James, Dara Almanza; Ellen Wilson; Katt Potthoff; Jenny Pasco; Kyle Smith; Judy Vitamvas; Shannon Hanson; Jessica Bruns; Kim Kempkes; Jeannine Beer; Jennifer Brown; Kerri Paulsen; Megan Zawacki.

Asking if there are any corrections to last month's Barker. Reporting that we will have Martha, editor, check her email list, as it appears not all member's received the Barker. It is available on the website. Deciding to delay approval until next month.

Jeannine -Treasurer's report: Income \$1649.96. Our expenses were \$5,552.80, for a net negative of -\$3902.84. Our beginning balance was \$61,969.49, ending balance was \$58,066.65. Float is \$633.48, working balance - \$57,333.17.

We were negative for the month, have not received SCC money yet. Jeannine will be depositing the trial money, will get money for the trial this weekend, also has some cash from activity passes and classes to deposit, so our balance will be in the black by that time. As of right now, the audit committee has not met. Motion to approve the treasure's report, Judy moves, Donna seconds, all in favor.

Megan – Corresponding Secretary - is not reporting anything, as she had not gotten the email with the information for cards to be sent out in February. New cards we can still send: Janet Ball for her new puppy, Katie Schwartz for Uncle-in-law passing away, JuLee Vincent for the loss of her horse, also Rod, hubby who broke his ankle; Michelle Hunzeker is a new grandmother, get well card to Manny who was sick recently; and to add to this list, Thinking of You card for Kerri Paulsen for car accidents.

Kat – Sport’s Director

We have the 5 main competition events, also NADAC. Jeannine giving report on our trial that will be this weekend, Speedway Sporting Village, will load our truck at the building at 5:30 PM Friday, unload there at 7 PM. We can use help with lot of things, and these are not hard, will give you training. Any volunteer help for the trial helps with your volunteer hours, you are required to carry a minimum of 12 hours a year. If you volunteer for 30 hrs, you get a \$10 off certificate for activity pass for the next year. Coming out to help at the trial is always appreciated, you can learn the ropes, even just come for a couple of hours on Sat/Sun, and you can learn by watching. Also can help with loading up the truck Sun. when we are done, come out around 3:30 which is when we would be wrapping up, and then also to unload the truck back at the building after this. It is a lot of fun watching the dogs, we have dogs at the level of national/international, also dogs who are just starting out.

Robin Bonge is trial chair for our April CPE, this is on the 13th/14th, it will be at Wahoo inside the arena at the Fairgrounds. Committee meetings to wrap up the details for this will be happening once we have our AKC trial done. Then for our June trial, Jeannine is going to be the trial chair; October, Kyle will be trial chair

for AKC; then in November Sherry will be trial chair for CPE. For NADAC virtual trials, out in our backyard, first one on April 6, and will have further information for these soon. We will have more virtual trials, and next one is scheduled for May 18th. Liking and sharing these dates on FB are helpful for us to get the word out, and to let people know they are welcome to come watch, but no dogs that are not competing.

Flyball, we are finishing up class, and then will have this again in the fall. Tracking, there is a session 2 class going on, with some dogs that are very good, Elbert is taking the leadership on these. Registration now done, Session 3 and 4 are coming up, Kat will send along the information when these are complete. SCC classes done up through Sept. Stating please let us know what agility classes you would like, send in any feedback. Feedback also for the Fun night with students setting these classes up, or if everyone wants to go back to instructor driven classes. The Fun night classes seem to be going well, reporting that the attendees are all helping each other, and sharing ideas.

Sherry – Membership - was not able to attend tonight, but we do have some new members: Kathy Andelt, joined right after the last meeting, received her paperwork to make it official; Kevin Oliver; and Rod and Vicki Burkey became family members. Welcome to the new members!

Dog Expo – weather contributed to the low turnout. Teresa says we did demos of Scentwork, Obedience, Tracking, Agility, and everything went great.

UNL demo, Kat was there, Robin, for the CASNR, reporting that this went very well.

Agility Fun Matches, with CDC at Omaha not having these over the summer, will start back up in October. Asking if we want to do these for

the next several months. These would be outside, due to flooring inside building not acceptable. We need a committee of at least 5 people to be in charge of these for these months, and so only want to do this if people are willing, as we do have a lot of volunteer events already going on. Profit is about \$500 for the one-day event. Ellen volunteering to head up the committee for this, so will reach out to people to help, 4-5 others. Discussion if we can hold the first one in April, on Sunday the day after the NADAC fun trial, April 7th. We are hoping for Omaha people to come to this, as they do not come to our NADAC trials, so we are not trying to get them to come 2 days in a row. Ellen will look at dates and go from there, Kerri also willing to help with ideas and to formulate a plan.

Discussion - Ellen reporting on her idea for a charity committee, and that we could do some good stuff in the community. Suggesting a billboard highlighting animals that have been in shelters for a long time; or to help out a shelter who runs into difficult situation, hoarding, etc. Other suggestions animal ventilators for the Emergency responders; would like to look into the opportunities we have to give back to the community. Ellen asking how formal this help might need to be. Adding that we could just have a group chat, doesn't have to be a standing committee. Megan asking if this would have to be club sponsored and using our name? Additionally asking if maybe helping a young child learn how to take care of a or train pet might be more in line with our club, than collecting supplies for a group. Maybe members could do some of this as a side thing. Thinking that for marketing for GLOC it would be better if it was something that we are good at, and that we do. Kat reporting that we do help Parks and Rec with Dog Splash; help with the development of the dog parks; our members help with other groups already, lots of dog

rescues, and specific dog breed groups; and that informally members are doing things. Suggesting that maybe we can post, and just make everyone aware of needs that are known. Kim reporting that German Dog Rescue just brought in some puppies, and then found out they have Parvo, so are looking for financial donations to help them with the treatment. Kerri stating that as a club, we may not want to put our reputation on the line for one charity over the other, or one humane society over another, also that AKC may have some rules that as a club we have to follow. And that there are lots of groups that have needs, so is difficult to decide who we might support, and not support, as we can't support them all. Jessica suggesting that we share information on our private FB page. Ellen suggesting we put up note/board in the office with current needs listed, to get the information out there. Kat stating that if in the building we give the appearance that we support them, and that maybe we are showing favoritism to one group over another.

Need to check that all our membership is in favor of this, that this topic has been discussed in the past, and that making the decision is complicated.

Tails and Trail Pet Walk, this year is May 18th, 11 AM – 3 PM, and is put on by the Capital Humane Society. We in the past have been involved as a vendor, have done agility and obedience demos, let attendees try the equipment, had a Tricks competition, other ideas put forth. Need someone who is willing to chair it, round up the volunteers if we want to attend and decide what to demo. Teresa will send out an email to see what interest there is.

Jessica, sharing that we earn money by sending in the UPC codes from Best Choice labels, these come from Russ's and Super Saver's, to please put these in a bucket in the office. Then she will

send these all in in October, and this gives us free money!

Proper usage while in the building thinking of our mats and preventing damage to them, regarding playing tug of war and fetch with your dog, which have been observed. What we have decided is that dogs under 6 mos of age and under 40 lbs. will be allowed to play under the instruction of the teacher in a class. Also okay to toss dumbbell in obedience; okay to toss a ball or play tug with your dog as the reward in agility is fine. What is not acceptable is coming into the building and throwing the ball for your dog 15-20 times, or using the building as an indoor dog park is not acceptable. We want to prevent damage to the flooring, or to have to do major repair to the mats. Flyball activities are allowed, the dogs are turning on the box, and is within the class.

Kat stating she would like an update on the County Fair, and so Teresa will get in touch with Alicia for this.

Braggs/announcements – by Jessica, last weekend at the CPE trial, Bella had her first perfect weekend; Kyle - Jax earned the special 51 challenge in Snooker at the trial; Kerri - Keo also had a perfect weekend; Jeannine - Pappy got his first Level 5 Q. Jeannine moves to adjourn, Jessica seconds.

### **Best Choice Labels**

There is a can for the Best Choice labels on the office desk. Once a year these labels are sent to the corporate office in return for \$\$\$ for our general fund!! “Let’s Pack the Can!”

### **Obedience Trial Committee**

If you would like to be on the Obedience Trial Committee, please email Robin James ([rjames\\_1@windstream.net](mailto:rjames_1@windstream.net)). You don't have to be actively competing in obedience. Besides your ideas on to make our trial better, I need assistance with providing lunch, cleaning and setting up the building on Thursday and Friday before, help stewarding (no experience needed) during the weekend of the trial (Nov 16-17).

### **Agility Opportunity**

If you are looking for another Agility Trial to do this year, you might be interested in the Boston Terrier Club of America National Specialty’s Agility Trial that will be held in Granger, Iowa which is northwest of Des Moines, on May 4-5, 2019. May 4<sup>th</sup> is 2 trials for Boston Terriers only. The trial on Sunday is an All-Breed trial. Here is the link to the premium if you are interested.

<http://bostonterrierclubofamerica.org/btca-club-events/2019-national/2019-BTCA-Agility-Premium.pdf>

If you have questions or have trouble accessing the premium, talk to or e-mail Martha Anderson.

### **Not Getting The Barker?**

It has come to my attention that some of you might not be getting The Barker. I had a problem last month because it would not let me send it to everyone at once. I will try to send it a different way this month. If you do not get it this month, please let me know through the barker e-mail.

## Gallery of Brags

*If you have a new puppy/dog announcement, a brag, or just some great pictures of your dog(s), submit them to the Barker for inclusion in our Gallery of Brags. Send your items to [glocthebarker@gmail.com](mailto:glocthebarker@gmail.com). Our deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month but for pics of puppies, we always make an exception.*

Rein ran in his first flyball tournament this weekend at CDC in Omaha. Started with only warm-ups on Saturday and by the end of Sunday, we gave it a shot. He is officially a flyball dog (got his 25 points). On behalf of Stephanie and myself, we would like to extend a special thank you Cheri Miller and those helping and organizing the flyball class. She has been instrumental in his development. THANK YOU CHERI!

Justin Moore



## Pupcoming Events

GLOC Meeting, Thursday, April 4

Barker deadline Monday, April 15

For your planning pleasure: I had a request to add all the GLOC sponsored trials in the newsletter so you can mark your calendars. Below is what I can find so far. Some of the events are still pending so are not set in stone but will help to mark your calendars. If you know of more events that should be listed, let me know and I will add them to next month's Barker.

NADAC Trial April 6

CPE Agility Trial April 13-14

AKC Agility Trial June 14-16

Obedience Trial November 16-17  
(Building clean Thursday November 14, Trial set up November 15-building closed 15th)  
Note: No classes Friday-Sunday.

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