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Agenda

General Meeting, May 2, 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 15th of the month. You can submit things after that but they may not be printed until the next month.

GLOC Board Meeting Minutes, April 4, 2019

Attendees: Teresa Barney, Jessica Bruns, Kat Potthoff, Mary Schweitzer, Katie Schwartz, Kyle Smith, and Megan Zawacki.

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM

Correction of minutes from last month is that for your 30 volunteer hours, you get \$10 off your membership, and not off your activity pass. 12 hours minimum are to be a member in good standing. Discussion to add this information to page where we record our volunteer hours. Teresa and Adam will work on this. Minutes are approved as corrected.

Treasurer report - Jeannine

Income for March was \$10,746.09. Expenses of \$18,516.64, cash flow of -7,770.55. Besides the trial, Awards were over \$900, 2 months of rent, and ribbons about \$1300, had high expenses last month. Ribbons will be used for CPE and Obedience, for the rest of the year. Checking acct balance was \$58,433.96; our float is \$9,102.18, so our funds on hand are \$49,331.76. Need final call for any outstanding bills for March trial, as of right now we are just over \$1900 profit, not counting last minute bills. Comparing to March of last year, our profit this year was more, \$890 profit from last year per Kat. AKC trials make more for us, but they are

3 days as opposed to 2 days for CPE. For our June trial, this year we have competing barn hunt in Omaha, this may affect profits, and our volunteers also. We plan to write a strong letter to AKC, also to the president of CDC, complaint that they scheduled the barn hunt as the same weekend as our trial. Audit committee will report on their findings during general meeting tonight. Motion to approve treasurer's report, Kyle approves, Mary seconds.

Sport Agility Report - Kat

Trial chairs report for this year: Robin will be here tonight, so can give report. April trial, 13th-14th, now coming up, committee has met, and competitors should be getting their confirmations. We should get out the information, as people can then plan to meet at the building and carpool for this if desired. Mike Conroy is confirmed for as our judge for Nov. CPE trial, he is a highly sought after judge, and well respected.

For classes coming up, Kat is solidifying things with Eric, still have a couple of holes to fill for Obedience 1, those all are full. Session 4 is about full, total across all sections, there are only about 9 openings not filled. Our agility numbers are low on this, through SCC. Maybe we need to look at more recruitment type things, we've never had great numbers through SCC. We require Obedience 101, so maybe this is hurting the numbers. Kat stating we have changed this class, starting handling right off the bat, and so is better, and then they can go on to other activities later, don't have to fix things they may have learned initially incorrectly, but some people don't understand why they don't get on the equipment right away. Megan asking if we can just do an agility fun class, stating she has heard that people would like to come try agility, and just see if their dog would like it, rather than committing to paying the \$80 for a class. Again not sure if the people get frustrated

later if they get to do this, mess around on their own and don't get the fundamentals, or techniques, or the safety things we would be teaching. Considering if this could be a one-night workshop or class, to make money for the club. Kat stating that we used to do this at our carnival, pay \$10 and got to also play games and try out the agility equipment, and give them instruction while trying also, so that maybe they then go on to sign up for a class. First obedience class is required, and then Obedience 101 is required before signing up for agility classes. In Agility 101, it has been changed, so far this session, they have been introduced to tunnels, 4 inch jumps and getting on the table. Also introducing conditioning information in the class. Megan and Kat and Teresa discussing how to set up this class, to help to increase interest in Agility. Suggesting that if we have some type introductory class, we schedule this at the beginning of session 5, last week of May, so maybe have this first week of June, possibly week night or on a Sunday.

Tracking, have had a good group, though have lost a couple of the participants. No new club members in session 3 signed up, so will break from this for the summer.

Flyball had 5 dogs in session 1, but lost some of these, so not offered again until session 7 or 8. Need to come up with a block of people who are going to be committed, can add more Obedience classes that we have more interest in. If the numbers got built back up, then we would put them back in the regular schedule. We haven't had good dogs at the same time, they are spread out over the years. Need to determine who is really interested, or are just taking this to take something. We haven't finalized sessions 7 & 8, so we could designate a couple of times on a Sunday now, and get this into SCC, possibly session 7 or 8.

Scentwork, we have beginning session now, and then in session 4 we will have advanced.

CPE is adding Scent work, and might be good for us to jump on this now. There is a judge in Omaha that is certified in this. CPE expects the first trials for this to be June and July, not sure if anyone from Omaha is getting into this. You could gain a lot of interest, no one has Q's yet, and won't have to do all of the different divisions, and we would not have to pay facility rent. We will check with our class people to see if anyone is interested. These trials are very easy to put on, compared to our agility trials, which need lots of people, and hauling stuff, etc. Kat and Pam have been discussing this. We probably couldn't add this to our Obedience trials. Maybe add the Agility try-out, or sampler class to this, one afternoon for people to try things. Also add Barn hunt or Scent work at the same time.

Kat will get with Eric tonight to find out which classes we do not have people, freestyle and rally, to work out the upcoming class schedule. Kat has Session 3 on FB earlier, some spots are filled, but still need instructors for Obedience 1, also Friday, Alicia has taken some of the classes, Rally on Mondays if this happens. Agility 102 and 103 may not happen.

Megan -Corresponding sec'y report. Sent letters today to Michele Hunzeker, lost her sheltie Molly; and Janet Ball for fall in parking lot; and sent thank you to Stacy Nelson, Lynette's son. No other needs reported, except to send a thinking of you card to Marilyn Scheffler.

Teresa Old Business

She has been working on the plaque issue, though no names on these for who donated these. Mary says she can identify these, and checking them out. Kat stating she doesn't think

the change is worth the expense. Marcy donated the Black Star, Pat Guticz donated one of these, not sure of the others. The cost is due to the engraving and putting the dangles on, which Teresa has been doing. A plaque with 30 name plates on it will run us \$80.00.

Tails and Trails Pet Walk, we have decided to not do this, and did not get any volunteers. There are too many other things going on that weekend. Teresa let them know. Not sure what is going on with the county fair, Teresa will check with Alicia.

Kat asked about the sign in-out sheets, these are not up yet in the building..

Updating policy documents, Kat reporting she and Judy are working on this.

New Business

Email sent from Ellen regarding issues with people not keeping their dogs on leashes while at the club, she had a problem when a loose dog approached Hank, and Ellen has worked diligently to help Hank overcome his past and other fear issues he has had, this was a definite set back. Teresa will write letter as needed to advise individuals who are not complying with this. Reporting that there are some members who do not think having their dogs on leashes is necessary, and this is more of a problem with dogs that are intact. Really never know what another dog might do, for safety of our dogs should want to keep them leashed. Decision to make an announcement to entire club, for everyone to follow the rules.

Kat reporting another issue, last Thursday night, with Advanced Obedience class going on, it was very noisy, barking dogs, Master's Agility going on, Robin tried to get people to hush. Barking included Viktor, Hank and Marcy and Ellen were sitting at the middle table; Pappy walked

by, barking, Kaza was playing, flyball dogs then came in, Hank barked and lunged, Storm barked when he came in. Flyball people backed up, Karu was in his crate and then barked, Kerri helped walking between the flyball dogs and Hank, so they could get to their class. Ring in the middle was not being used, but no one moved with the barking, and did not remove Hank, though he has had some history and issues with being reactive. Marcy said she was there to meet with Ellen and Hank, not sure if this was a specific or formal evaluation or not. Jessica asked about the vice-president email address, possibly this has not ever been used. Not sure how easy it is to use the template for our emails. Realizing that we need to get keys back from Andy, he is no longer building maintenance, he and Whitney Fritzingler are no longer members, so will have to get both keys back; get instructor key back from Grayson. Motion to adjourn, Katie moves, Jessica seconds, adjourned at 7:38 PM.

General Meeting

Called to order at 7:40PM.

Members in attendance were:

Teresa Barney, Megan Zawacki, Jeannine Beer, Jennifer Brown, Sherry Tomes, Kim Kempkes, Jessica Bruns, Katie Schwartz, Lynette Nelson, Shannon Hanson, Martha Anderson, Robin Bonge, Ellen Wilson, Mary Schweitzer, Kyle Smith, Sally Clayshulte, Eric Wickizer, Judy Vitamvas, Dara Almanza, Kat Potthoff, Jenny R. Pasco, Kathy Andelt, Julie Keech, Kerri Paulsen, Pam Eckstein, Alicia Graybill, Leath McLaughlin, Melissa Hewitt, Lauren Zak, Jim Zak, Robin Zak, Nathan Zak.

Board noted 1 correction, that if you volunteer for 30 hours, you get \$10 off your membership dues, not off your activity pass as incorrectly written. Also Rixstine has an 'X' in it, was

incorrectly spelled. Corrections approved by Martha, Robin seconds.

Treasurer's report - Jeannine

Income for March was \$10,746.09, primarily from our agility trial. Expenses of \$18,516.64, cash flow of -7,770.55. Besides the trial, expenses for Awards from the Awards Ceremony back in February were over \$900, 2 months of rent, \$4,480/month; and ribbons were about \$1300, ribbons are for CPE and Obedience, for the rest of the year. Checking acct balance was \$58,433.96; our float is \$9,102.18, this also includes our venue fee for Speedway for our March trial. So our funds on hand are \$49,331.76. Motion to approve treasurer's report, Jessica moves, Judy seconds. Jeannine explains that at the end of every year a committee goes and audits the treasurer's books, check that everything balances. Audit report presented by Melissa, reviewed all the books, everything was reconciled, and everything was clean and accurate. They made a couple of recommendations as follows: The first one that we should create a back up procedure for the books, and then document when the back up is made, and where they are so other people can locate them if necessary; also since SCC is switching to semesters instead of quarters, we should begin to see what their schedule is going to be and how it will affect us going forward. Regular school year is 2 semesters with a summer break, we do not know yet if this will affect their continuing education. Question comes up for how they are going to pay, and for us to get reimbursed. We will be on the same schedule as they will follow. We will have a June scheduling meeting this year, to check on new classes we want, etc. Teresa will find out from Nancy for any particular weeks that they are not in session, as if they don't have classes starting, we can't have classes starting, might be due to their computer changeover, but we will look into if this will affect us. Do not know if

they put in breaks or not, such as their spring break.

Corresponding sec'y Megan

Cards sent in March, one to JuLee Vincent for the passing of her horse; also spouse with broken ankle; Michele Hunzeker, she is a new grandmother, also for her dog Molly passing away; Katie Schwartz for Kramer being sick; Kerri Paulsen for car accident; Sherry for her new puppy; Janet Ball for fall in the parking lot; Stacy Nelson for donating time and labor to make the tire frame. If any cards are needed, please send the information to Megan's email.

Sports Director Kat

We are in the midst of our Agility Trials, now have had our March AKC trial. Jeannine asks that anyone with outstanding receipts turn these in. Next trial is CPE is April 13 and 14th, Robin is the chair for this.

Robin sharing information that the fairgrounds flooded, but has been cleaned up, new dirt laid. Reporting that the route/streets Dodge in Omaha is closed, but not sure of other closings, can go on the Interstate. Saturday will be potluck, pulled pork and buns, bar-b-que sauce, and can order pizza if we need to. Check in time is 7:45, measuring is 7:45-8:15; 8:15-8:30 is judge's briefing; also go over the rules, and plan to have the first dog on line at 8:30. We will load the truck at the building at 5:15 Friday evening 4/12, then unload and set the courses Friday night. Need some volunteers to report for duty Sat. AM at 7:45. Reporting that one of the entrances is closed, this is the campground road, but main one is open. Volunteers who would like to go and help, you do not need to know anything about agility to assist, someone can show you what is needed, whether bar setting, leash running, working the timer or working as a scribe, sheet running, you take the results from the ring up to the judge. Anyone can participate, it is fun, and not hard. Held at the Wahoo

fairgrounds, so if anyone wants to carpool, let us know, can park at the building, only a 1/2 hour drive. Anyone who volunteers, food and water is free for anyone who helps out. Loading the truck back up on Sunday, will be maybe around 5, 1/2 hour to load up and drive back. Then unload back at our building sometime after this. Please call someone at the trial that afternoon for more specific time for unloading.

June is the next agility trial, AKC, Jeannine is the trial chair, and will be a 3-day trial, June 14, 15, 16 at Speedway Sporting Village, indoor soccer field. Asking for volunteers to sign up as soon as possible, as there is a competing Barn Hunt trial the same weekend up in Omaha, and we may not have the number of volunteers we will need. We anticipate that our trial will be full, and need to not have a skeleton crew hopefully. We are going to write a note to Omaha expressing our dissatisfaction with them scheduling their event, when they were aware of dates for our trial.

October we have Kyle as trial chair, AKC trial, also will have Obedience trial at the same time, and hope to also have enough volunteers for this. This is at the Lancaster Event Center. The last CPE trial is November, Sherry is our trial chair. We have Mike Conroy as judge, and this is at the Wahoo Fairgrounds.

Also will have NADAC trial, this Saturday in the back yard. We have the fence fixed. Please watch out for holes in the fence, and we will mark and fix these. Will have snow fencing out there also. For NADAC if you are competing, you have to have an unencumbered opening, and then your run is videotaped and sent in to NADAC. But you can also run for fun, will close the opening, 3-5 minutes out there having fun. We will start setting up at 8:30, registration is at 9, and dogs start running at 10. So if you are interested in just coming out and trying agility with your dog, we have 2 runs of Standard, a Touch 'n Go, Chances, which is a distance challenge game, a Jumpers course, and

Tunnelers. There will be 8 tunnels out there, and are run last, so if you want just come out later, about 3, can just do the tunnelers. Chance of rain but the trial is rain or shine, though will have rain delay if there is thunder and lightning. We are then having another NADAC fun trial on May 18th, everything will be about the same, though courses will be different, same games. Everything gets recorded no matter if you are running officially for NADAC place or not, you can later watch your video, it is downloaded on our you.tube channel. \$5 for each run, or \$25 for all 6 runs. If you want to run any of the courses a 2nd time, it is not videotaped, costs \$5 for the second run.

This Saturday from 8-10 there is a building cleaning, and from 10-11, there are Obedience 1 classes going on inside.

There also is an Obedience Fun Match on Sunday 4/14. Please crate your dogs for both trials, either outside or in your car in order to keep the building clean.

May 11 and June 2, we will be holding Agility fun matches in our facility, outside. We are doing these as the Companion Dog Club in Omaha is taking a break from having these over the summer. These will start at 11 or 11:30, and will last until 3 or 4. These are being organized by Ellen, so direct questions to her. Costs are \$8 for 3 minutes, \$15 for 2 runs, and \$20 for 3 runs, and \$20 for the second dog. \$20 is unlimited. There is a course, but you have a set time, and you can do whatever you want for your time, do not have to follow the course. One other thing about the June 2 trial, this is right before the AKC trial, so can get in some practice prior to the trial. For course building, let Ellen know if you can help. Also considering having a potluck, and charge \$5 to eat. Otherwise can just have water out, and skip the food. Deciding on no lunch organized by us at this time. Ellen will make a FB announcement,

please share this to get the word out. In terms of staffing, we won't need many people, maybe someone to take \$\$, a gate steward. So will need 2-3 volunteers to run things. May start earlier in the day for June 2, due to hotter temps.

We have Tracking coming up. Flyball, just finishing this session, then will have next session in the fall probably, may go to Sunday practice for this, but not every Sunday. May schedule other classes that are overflowing on Sunday, such as Obedience 1 for the upcoming session is full, and then for the next session we have just 9 openings left out of all 5 sections. We are going to have a Barn hunt workshop scheduled also, and Scentwork, beginning class starting in section 3, section 4 will be an advanced Barn hunt class.

Classes are starting next week, new dogs will be coming in Friday night when we're loading out the truck. We will not have our member's classes, but for those who registered through SCC we will have these, such as Scentwork and Obedience 1. We will have makeup sessions for classes not held. Kat still needs instructors, a couple classes were cancelled due to low enrollment in these but looking for assistants and instructors, there is an opening in Obedience 2 on Monday nights. Tuesday night is okay, Wednesday CGC is needing some help, Agility 103 need instructor, Thursday night for the Fun class, need help with organizing the course map for Apr 11. Friday night Obedience 1, need an instructor, 6:30, Alicia or Teresa will take this, Shannon is the asst. Looking for an Asst. for Sat at 10 AM, Alicia will be the instructor. Kim offering to help as asst. in any classes that need this. Kat hearing from a couple more volunteers, Sally, for Obedience, also Teresa will teach Rally. Agility 102 probably won't happen, Freestyle either.

Sherry announcing new members, a hearty welcome to:

Sally Clayshulte, and Julie Keech!

Eric reporting that registration went well, enrollment somewhat lower than last session. Eric is waiting to hear from SCC about the official enrollment, and he will then send out everyone's confirmation for classes.

Old business

Charity discussion, Ellen proposed that we branch out more community-wise, put up posters with adoptable dog of the month, etc., or drives to collect supplies for rescues, etc. Ellen contacted AKC to see what the official regulations are, she hasn't gotten the definitive word back yet, though heard from someone at Natl's that AKC doesn't have an opinion. She is waiting for the official response. She told them this would be for local shelters and rescues only. Questions raised for what is needed in areas that were affected by the flooding, that dog food is needed by organizations. Ellen has contacted quite a few local shelters, not hearing back about with any requests at this time. Kerri asking if we are going to help with organizations that are affected by flooding, or what we want to do with the needs that we hear about in general, and on a regular basis. Kat informing that this discussion was very broad last meeting, such as helping dogs in a rescue, and how people are in favor of certain rescues and not others, so maybe should keep this on an individual basis, not sponsored by our club. Alicia suggesting that when we see needs on FB, we could run a little blurb in The Barker, or share on FB things we would like to get out there, pet adoptions, etc. Maybe there are public services we can provide, such as providing CPR equipment to local fire stations for pet resuscitations, or bullet proof vests for dogs that are working with policemen. Maybe we could

leave a jar on the front desk for people to throw in a few pennies, or use the proceeds from a Fun match. Discussion what we want to do and support as a club. The discussion now is not so much focused on supporting a specific shelter or rescue, but more to helping with some pet needs or assistance in general, Jeannine agrees with Alicia, so we are not showing favoritism, but is community and dog supportive. Robin concerned that there will be a need due to the flooding. Ellen thinks we should have a plan to deal with catastrophic things that occur, would be nice if we had some funds in reserve for these type things. Ellen suggesting that we could use all proceeds, like from the June 2nd Fun match go for dog food for places affected by the flooding. Pam adding that that people will need help 6 mos. from now, and no one will be donating then. Ellen restating we should think about having the emergency fund for whatever, things like the flood, now and in the future. Teresa saying she is hearing that we are going to help our local shelters in time of need, rather than hanging a poster board for dogs that might need adoption, etc. And suggesting that we use the June AKC Fun match for funds that we earmark to help, Ellen agrees this would be a really good start. Alicia suggesting that there be a subcommittee set up for this, so that the board doesn't have to deal with this, as they are already very busy. Kat moving that we set up a subcommittee to handle the funds set aside up to \$400 year, and then if there is more that comes up in above and beyond this, that it comes back to the board for additional allocations. Kat moves, Jeannine seconds, all in favor.

Tails and Trails, May 18th, we are not going to be participating this year, with no volunteers coming forward. We also had a request for a tricks dog demo on June 11/12, from a nonprofit girls camp near Fairbury, they are having a circus theme. Teresa will put you in

touch with the contact person, Laura, so let her know if you are interested.

Reminders: All dogs are to be on a leash whether inside or outside the building. We had an altercation between a couple dogs leaving the building, not leashed, and other dogs coming in. Your dog needs to be on a leash, with you holding the other end of it. And if you are hanging out here in the building, middle or other area, be aware when there are classes going on around you, and hold the noise level to a quiet roar. Playing and being noisy causes problems, people cannot hear the instructor.

This was in The Barker, this is not a dog park, so no one should be throwing toys/balls for them to retrieve. You can throw a dumbbell, required for Obedience, play tug with your dog in agility, can use these training aids in class, just no wild play indoors. You can use a tug toy used as a reward in class. In addition, regarding playing on the mats, dogs that are 6 mos and younger, and 40 lbs or less, and under the supervision of an instructor, is acceptable. Dogs can play together when they are leashed, and not disruptive to classes going on, and you have your dog under control. Different rules for puppy manners class, play is allowed.

Information for new members, volunteer hours for the year, are a minimum of 12 hours to be a member in good standing. If you put in 30 hours, you get a \$10 certificate that you can put toward your next year's membership dues. You have to be a member for 1 year in order to have an activity pass. You pay the fee and it allows you to take up to 3 classes per session; then after having the activity pass for a year, you can then get your activity pass key, also have to maintain your 30 hrs. volunteering each year. For 2018, if you didn't get your 30 hours, we are giving a grace period to get caught up. Also need to be a member in good standing to get your award

dangle, anything that the club pays for, that is a benefit, you need to be a member in good standing. If you are a lifetime member, you are exempt from volunteer hours.

Building and instructor keys, if you are no longer instructing, please turn in your key, Jessica or Kat or Alicia will be contacting you. Also please turn your key in if you are no longer an activity pass holder.

Announcements

Be careful under the matted area that has X's on it, these were shifted when they replaced the lights. We are marking these areas with chalk.

Jennifer brought in a couple of harnesses for anyone who might need one.

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). 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).

Not Getting The Barker?

It sounds like everyone got the Barker last 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 glothebarker@gmail.com. Our deadline is the 15th of the month but for pics of puppies, we always make an exception.

Ellen's 4 year old little brother Axel, got his 4th MACH last week.

Pam's dog Chelsea did nose work over the weekend, and got 1st place both days.

Judy's dog Ikon got his security clearance to do therapy work at the airport.

Lynette reporting that they had participated in Barn Hunt trials down in Arizona, they did this in a couple of different places, explaining that this was somewhat of a different experience, but a lot was the same. These were outside, with a Canadian judge, straw bales, done at night as daytime is too hot. Bandit did well, but was distracted by someone walking by with fresh cookies on a plate – not helpful!

Teresa told about Viktor, Sunday they had a very busy day, did rally in the morning, then went to the dog park for 1½ hours, then came back to the building for a meeting. Then at 5 had a make-up class with Baxter. She then had the opportunity to run Viktor through the tunnels course that was set up, and he did the

whole thing, staying with Teresa, the second time he ran through every single tunnel! And enjoyed himself!!

Deja Vu and Jo Jo both went 9 for 10 in the CPE trial last weekend. It was a fun show they ran well and it seemed like most our group did well. Thanks to all for the hard work it takes to put these shows on.
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Pupcoming Events

GLOC Meeting, Thursday, May 2

Barker deadline Wednesday, May 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.

Agility Fun Match May 11

Agility Fun Match June 2

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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