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Agenda

General Meeting, February 7, 2019

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- *Minutes from November
- *Treasurer & Committee Reports
- *Old Business
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- *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, January 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:10.

Board Members present were: Teresa Barney, Katie Schwartz, Jessica Bruns, Alicia Graybill, Mary Schweitzer, Sherry Tomes and Kat Potthoff.

Correction of December minutes, which had reported that Judy Vitamvas was nominated for president, this was incorrect. Motion to approve the minutes as amended, Mary firsts, Alicia seconds.

No treasurer report tonight, Jeannine absent.

Alicia – Obedience director/report – She expects to be back to teaching soon. Working on getting transportation so she can be there for the class.

Kim - corresponding secretary, not present, Teresa reporting that Kim will send a card to Leath, who lost Blast right around Christmas; agreeing to send card to Jack Higgins family after his passing;

suggestion to send a card to Pat Guticz for the fire and damage to her home. Suggestions to take donations for Pat Guticz to help her out financially, also will need to find out address for where to send the card. Will let Kim know these so she will send these prior to her surgery, scheduled for Jan 8, or may turn these over to Megan, who is taking over this position, and for her to let Julia Nawrocki know information to go into Awards ceremony, Julia is producing the video.

Kat – Sports director/report

Flyball will be offered in Session 1, Wednesday nights. Dogs that started in Session 8 are excited about continuing. Tracking going well, had some scheduling conflicts with some of the dogs, but some new ones have started. Elbert has offered to help with Tracking, also going to teach the Beginning Competition Obedience class. If there's too many dogs for 1 tracking class, could split to Beginning and more Advanced, but not sure if Terese is going to teach. There are some dogs that are going to work really hard in 2019, so they'll be ready to go test with Diane, and then can be certified and compete in 2019.

Branched Oaks dates have not been posted yet, with Mary Kramer, or someone else, hopefully that one is going to happen. This is close and good for people who might want to try. Some dogs that are working on their TBXs, Riko and Peege.

Agility – NADAC dates not set yet due to cold; 3 AKCs, entry is out and available for the March trial, she will get this information out.

Jeannine is out, so may not get a confirmation right away, if you have sent in your entry.

April CPE, Rose has sent the premium, so can look at this for our timetable to get back to Rose, Kat is checking on this. For November, Robin is checking out the form we need to file for November, she has contacted CPE, and we need to send in a change of date, at least 6 mos out from the trial. We can get this going once Jeannine is back, as dues have to be paid before asking for this. Can pay for 3 years out, and can then send in the change of dates we are going to need.

AKC trials – March is happening. June, Judy Vitamvas will be checking on when the June things are due, we right now do not have a trial chair for June. Kyle is trial chair for October. Timers, poles, Sherry asking about these, that the green lights were repaired, but thinking we need to put in the batteries and check these. Sherry stating they want to double check if the repair took care of the one that needed this. Other agility equipment that needs work, our tire, also weave poles. We need to have the PVC, decals and striping reviewed, as the tape is causing injuries to dogs, eye injuries. Jeannine is thinking of ways to fix these, maybe a dying process for the stripes. Possibly get cost estimates for the repairs vs ordering the poles from somewhere, rather than doing something that may be time consuming. Kat stating maybe we can get equipment that would be able to be used for both AKC and CPE, also to have a system so that the trial equipment doesn't get used in class.

We just got informed by CPE for some of our dogs that qualified for Nationals after the recent trial. Have to follow rules for entering your application, there is a 2-week period when your application has to arrive and then there is a draw to see who is selected to attend.

Registration ongoing, Kat reporting we need Puppy Manners instructors; 1 is on Monday, 1 is on Wednesday. Obedience 1's are the critical ones, and especially the 1 on Saturday, so Teresa can go to her Tracking class. Scent work will be offered at 6 and 8:00, same evening; Open and Utility are going at 7 PM; Elbert will teach Intro to Competition which starts out with Beginner Novice and if the class is ready, then will go into Novice. Teresa can teach Obedience 1 on Wednesday. Chris Lehman has done the CGC, and she may come back to do some of the other classes.

Award information. Black Star, most improved Obedience Dog is voted on by the Obedience Instructors, Alicia will do this tonight. Golden Bolt is voted on by the Board of Directors, so if we can take a list of contenders. This is for the dog who succeeds in spite of himself, and has earned a Title. Teresa will take names, and check out who qualifies, and then Board members will vote. The Most Improved Agility Dog, dog who improved throughout the year either in class, or trials or both. The last award is the Cleared Hurdle Award, this is for the dog or trainer who has overcome the most obstacles in the past year, and who has earned a title in the past year. For the Golden Bolt, names given were: Missy; Rufus; Pappy; Baxter; Nordie; Mara.

Teresa reporting that she got an email from an SCC student, asking for a full refund for the AKC Tricks dog class. First week the date for class was changed, 2nd week the instructor did not show up, 3rd week the instructor was not prepared, 4th week was a good lesson, and instructor did not show up the 5th and 6th weeks. Agreeing to give her a full refund, and Kat stating there is another person also.

REACTIVE DOGS

Teresa sent out a copy of our insurance policy to the board for review. Teresa asked if there is a dog that we do not know is aggressive, how does our insurance policy handle this. We have to be deemed negligent before our insurance will kick in and pay. So if we're sued by anyone, there has to be some form of negligence on our part. So if we did not know that that dog had issues, we cannot be considered negligent since we did not know. Then it becomes whether or not the waivers that we have on our membership and student class forms are going to hold up in court. This would be up to a judge, can't answer this ahead of time. Our policy was put in place when Beth Vincent was the training director. Determined by whether the dog can be redirected or not. And training director takes the person aside to tell him we can't help them with their dog in a group class. Discussion if we should recommend other trainers in town, or how else could we help them.

Alicia stating that she believes the training director should be at all classes the first week, to

observe for any issues. Teresa asking if we should continue with our evaluations, maybe we should not know about the aggression or other problems, to protect ourselves. Mary stating we should be further questioning the owners about dogs they are bringing to class. Teresa says there are some basic questions already on the student information form. Always the chance they might lie on the form. Teresa reporting we should not be doing individual assessment of dogs, so we do not have the prior knowledge, and will rely on the form the participant signed. Considering if we should even hold these [classes](#). Alicia stating that there has never been any further issues for the dogs whom Marcy has had in her class, after taking the class. Alicia stating that the problems occur when these dogs start the Obedience Dog Class Level 1. Discussion if the dogs are going to have aggression even after being evaluated, and how the evaluations are conducted. Marcy has stated that she does not plan to teach the Reactive Dog Class, also does not plan to do evaluations going forward. Considering where we can point the owners, other training we might be able to help them find. No trainers in Lincoln who will take on an aggressive dog, this is what we would have to tell them. Alicia reporting we can work with reactive dogs, but not aggressive dogs. Decision is for no more evaluations. Teresa will leave copies of what to do with reactive dogs out for the new instructors, and also suggestion was made to print this in The Barker.

Sherry asking about friends who may want to bring their dogs to our Agility Classes, do they first have to have them go through our Obedience Classes, but informed that they do not have to do this, just have to have some proof that their dogs received training somewhere else.

Discussion for bringing dogs to the building who are sick, or may have something that is contagious. There are two types of mange, 1 is contagious, 1 is not, not sure if any dogs were exposed to the contagious type, but can review recommendation to be proactive and not bring in any dog that is sick.

Alicia moves that we adjourn the meeting, Sherry seconds.

General Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2019

General meeting called to order at 7:39.

Introductions of all members present, these are: Teresa Barney, Katie Schwartz, Bruce Gillan, Eric Wickizer, Donna Bundy, Dara Almanza, Pam Eckstein, Peta-Gaye Clachar, Kyle Smith, Alicia Graybill, Rosalie Claussen, Robin Bonge, Jenny Pasco, Marcy Graybill, Linda Krutz, Elbert Traylor, Sherry Tomes, Mary Schweitzer, Judy Vitamvas, Joan Olander, Julia Nawrocki, Jennifer Brown, Tory Balle,r Shannon Hanson, Jessica Bruns, Kathy Zupancic, Megan Zawacki, Kat Potthoff, Stef Bowers, Kerri Paulsen, Michele Gibbens, Ellen Wiken, Holly Adams, JuLee Vincent. No

errors/corrections for last month's minutes. Sherry moves, Joan seconds, minutes are approved.

Treasurer report – none due to Jeannine not present, she is in South Africa.

Obedience Director Report –

Alicia. Thanking everyone for stepping in and covering classes when she was out with medical issues. Kat has master list for Obedience class instructor's needs, so please talk to her if you would like to try teaching. Needing instructors for Obedience level 2, Puppy Manners, and Obedience 1 classes. Reporting that other than this everything is going well.

Sports Director – Kat. Reporting Flyball class was completed in Session 8, we did add a Flyball class so will have classes, in Session 1 and 2, will be on Wed. nights, Sherry will teach. Tracking has finished through Dec., will have this in Session 1 & 2, may or may not have Advanced and Beginning at the same time, will depend on how many students, and some people have said they will be willing to help with these classes. Some new people have started and they are very enthusiastic. Need certification before you can enter a Tracking Competition, and so have some dogs close to this. We will have a competition in this in March that will be at Branched Oak, hopefully those interested can have the test and be certified to compete. For Agility, we have our 5 major Agility Trials,, and we also have NADAC, CPE, we host all of these. Leath is in charge of NADAC, we use our

field out back for this (North), once the weather is warmer we will have schedule trials.

We have CPE trials, April and November trial. Robin will be trial Chair in April, reporting the premium is going out very soon. For Omaha and for Lincoln, read your entries fees as they have had slight adjustment, this is due to CPE raising their prices.

AKC trials, we have March upcoming, Chris Sumner is trial chair for this. Kyle will be trial chair for October AKC trial.

Agility classes, registration just ended, let Kat know if you have any questions about this. Kat has print out of all classes. Please let her know if you are interesting in teaching in any capacity. Classes start Mon Jan. 7.

Kim Kempkes – Corresponding secretary

not present, cards sent to Leath for Blast passing away; Jack Higgins passed away 12/18, and card to Pat Guticz for fire in her home; card to Kim for her recent medical issues. We can have a conversation about helping Pat out due to costs incurred from the fire.

Other business

For new classes starting, if you have a loud or constantly barking dog, will have to consider crating your dog outside, or getting your dog to be quiet, so that students can hear the instructors and vice versa. If you use kennels that are available, please clean them out after use. We had to discard some kennels due to rust and mold and possibly e-coli. Those not locked are available for anyone to use. If you have a locked

kennel you probably also should clean and disinfect these. At all times when on the premises, dog should be leashed, we do not want any bad occurrences. Only off leash when your dog is working actively with you in the ring. Also want to remind everyone that if your dog is exhibiting signs of illness, don't bring them to the club. We have had instances of parvo and other diseases, please try to not expose the other dogs to anything that could be serious.

We really need a registrar. Terese who has been doing this is unable to commit to this anymore. Due to this we had problems with registration this time, along with the holidays which also challenged the timing; hopefully we can find a volunteer to take on this position. Teresa stating she really needs someone, and needs them now! Please inform her if you can do this tonight. This position handles all the classes. A lot of spread sheet work, you are working with SCC college, taking this information and putting it into a spread sheet, then add the members who register online, and then providing this to the instructors, so everyone has their roster for the classes. In general it is getting the class schedules put together, you are working with the Obedience and Agility directors, putting the classes for sessions together, and make it available for people to register, email as it comes up, and turning on and off the registration, it's a back door thing, all done through the website. It can be time consuming.

Hopefully we won't have to manage a free for all, chaos, mad house, that's why we need that special person.

Awards

One item on the ballot for tonight is the Outstanding Service Award or The Volunteer for the Year, this is at the bottom of your ballot. The 6 nominated are : Alicia Graybill, Jeannine Beer, Kim Kempkes, Teresa Barney, Pam Eckstein, and Kat Potthoff. It is a secret ballot. The winners will be announced next month at the Awards meeting, will get a dangle and will end up on the Wall of Honor at the club. Only vote for 1 for the Volunteer of the year.

There is just 1 person for President, 1 for Vice President, 1 for Corresponding secretary, you can vote, or elect not to. Kat and Alicia need to meet with the Obedience and Agility instructors, to determine the Black Star – Award, for the dog most Improved in obedience. Then also the most improved Agility dog, the one who has improved the most throughout the year, either in classes or trials, or both. If you are an instructor you will need to speak with Alicia or Kat to share your opinion on who you think deserves this award.

In next months' Barker will be a small blurb about how to handle disruptive dogs in class. This sheet explains how to handle disruptive dogs in class, will be a good refresher for instructors to determine if the dog is disruptive or reactive or just overly excited. Elbert also

brought in a flyer on the International European Dog Show, which will be held in Fremont.

Discussion on activities for this coming year:

The Dog Expo is in February, this is going to be 2/23 and 2/24, so let us know if you want us to participate in this, we need to know tonight, and need someone to head the committee. This person makes sure everything is organized, paperwork is taking care of, getting volunteers lined up, scheduling for when we do demos etc. This will be at the Lancaster Event Center. Kat has spoken with their coordinator to see if they want us to come and have the demos, she has not heard back yet, but thinks they will want us to do this. We think it is good to have our name out there. Events like this help our presence in the community. Sherry volunteered to chair this, also JuLee is volunteering to help, so we will be participating. Humane Society Pet Walk in May, we will think about this. This is the Tails and Trails. Another event we need to be thinking about is the County Fair. Alicia will contact them, since she has not heard back from them previously.

Sherry is going to take on Membership position, direct any questions on this to her. Anyone who hasn't turned in their paperwork tonight, this needs to be done by the March meeting.

Teresa asking for input on marketing ideas, if we have interest or ideas for swag of some type? Where and how should we get our name out in the community, ideas for updating our brochure. Sherry suggested that we could put out a blurb right before the public sign up time, just before

the classes are being offered. This is a public post, their members 'like' it, so it stays on their news feed. New member Peta is a photographer, so possibly she could take photos of our dogs for our brochure. Possibly could do a live video of a class. Kat explaining that we have 2 FB pages, one is public, one is for members only. Another suggestion is to set up for people to apply for membership online. Teresa asking for everyone to send in errors they see on our website, or in the calendar, etc., that she and Adam are still working on our website, and they are able to correct things.

Julia Nawrocki will be putting together the video for our Awards meeting, so asking for everyone to send along their photos and videos to FB or to her email so these can be included. She will need these by a week before the meeting.

Short time for passing out ballots, and instructors then met with their instructors to consult for the 2 Most Improved Dog Awards.

We need to have revote for Board member at large there is a tie, so please write Grayson or JuLee.

Final votes and our new 2019-2020 Board are as follows:

Jessica Bruns is our new VP, Megan Zawacki is corresponding secretary, Kyle Smith and JuLee Vincent are new members at large. Will announce our Volunteer of the year at our Awards Ceremony. Alicia is our new lifetime

GLOC member, was nominated due to her outstanding contributions to the club, Teresa informed her of this earlier. Jessica makes motion to end, Sherry 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!"

Disruptive Dog Policy

Please review the disruptive dog policy that was put into place a few years ago by an earlier board. This is a good process and procedure on how to handle a dog for those that are instructing or plan to instruct.

If a dog is barking or lunging at other dogs, the handler should be taught how to handle their dog. If the instructor is unable to help the handler, then the Training Director should be contacted as soon as possible and s/he will arrange for help for the handler. An instructor should not tell a student to leave class unless the dog is a danger to others. At this point the Training Director needs to be contacted to make arrangements to refund class fees or work with the dog in another setting. How to handle noisy or disruptive dogs in class: The first issue is for the instructor to decide:

1. Is the dog making noise (barking/growling/whining)? This can be a dog barking at moving objects dogs that are fearful, or just like the sound of their own voice. Often distracting them is the simplest option.
2. Is the dog making noise (barking/growling/whining) and/or lunging at other dogs? Sometimes this is just an exuberance, a happy husky, might lunge at people or other

dogs just to get closer. A dog might bark and lunge to try and scare the other dogs away.

3. Is the dog growling, barking, lunging and grabbing at other dogs? These are the dogs that are most likely fearful and just want everyone to get away from them. Rarely do they want to 'fight' most just don't want the other dogs near them and don't know any other behavior. These are the dogs that often do not do well in group classes. Along with these questions, the Instructor has to ask, is the dog still taking/eating food? Will the dog lick peanut butter or cream cheese? Any time the dog is calm enough to eat/lick food, issues one and two can be handled in a group class setting. Three can be handled, but takes more effort and is far more difficult in a group setting. If the dog is unable to eat, this means the dog's anxiety level has surpassed any reasonable ability to learn anything. These are the dogs that need a much smaller class setting or some one-on-one help before taking a group class. Some simple ideas: The owner can take the collar in one hand and cover the dog's eyes with the other. Uncover the eyes when the dog stops barking. This gives the dog a choice--see or bark. This is fairly effective with dogs that bark at other dogs/moving objects. Use peanut butter in a Dixie cup or a rolled paper plate. This distracts the dog from barking and associates class with a good thing. If the dog cannot eat in the ring, have the person step to the center of the ring or out of the ring if necessary and try the above methods. Placing a barrier between the barking dog and the other dogs in the ring can be helpful if the building is busy. Teach the handler how to distract or correct the dog appropriately, the handler needs to pay attention to their dog and work on the sit and watch command throughout class. For more information on how to handle dogs that are disruptive in class contact the Training Director. He/She will respond or refer you to a club member who will pass on more information.

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.

Jax had an awesome weekend at the Go Dogs CPE New Years trial. He went 9/10 on the weekend and achieved high in trial on Sunday. He also had the cumulative high for the weekend. We also finished up our 40 Qs for CPE national qualifying. All in all a good weekend!



Kyle Smith

After many weeks of not being able to compete in agility Bizzy Boy came back to the ring and finally earned at least 1 Q of the last three level 3's he needs. Now he only needs 2 level 3's in snookers to be wholly in Level 5. We are going to run faster and finish these real soon. Good to be back!

Julee Vincent

Digby is now CT Buffalo Creek's Beau Geste RAE TD2 HSAs NJP NFP SWA SCE finishing the final Advanced Scent Work element one week before his 15th birthday at the BDOC trials. In early December he added a couple of extra Q's in Advanced Containers at the NKC trials.



Also at the NKC trials, Buttercup made her scent work debut with 3 Q's out of 4 attempts in Novice Containers for her first scent work title, making her Pokies Country Princess Bride TD PT SCN.



Mary kramer



Pupcoming Events

GLOC Meeting, Thursday, February 7

Barker deadline Friday, February 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.

AKC Agility Trial March 9-10

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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