



The Barker

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Monthly newsletter of the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club
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September meeting agenda

General Meeting September 8, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

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GLOC

The Barker is a monthly publication by and about the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club, its members and events. Provided free by email to all club members, past issues are available on the glocdogs.org web site in the members' area. To submit brags, announcements, articles, or other information, email the editor at glocthebarker@gmail.com.

REMINDER: Barker Deadline

Just a friendly reminder. The Barker deadline to make certain that something will be included is 5 p.m. on the 20th of the month. You can submit things after that but they may not be printed until the next month.

GLOC Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting 8/4/2016

In attendance: Judy Vitamvas, Jessica Bruns, Teresa Lee, Kat Potthoff, Susan Melcher, Alicia Graybill, Jayne Sebby

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by Judy Vitamvas

Minutes: There were no corrections or additions noted. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Susan and seconded by Alicia. Motion carried.

Treasures report: Susan reported income for the month of July of \$16,211 and expenses of \$10,130 for a net profit of \$6,081 for the month. Year to date the club has incurred a loss of \$4,587.39. We have not received our SCC payment yet and Susan will contact them. Current balances in checking and savings are \$37,944 and \$17,446 respectively. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jessica and seconded by Jayne. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Correspondence: Judy reported that Kathy has sent cards to Robyn B, Judith A and Cheryl G.

Sports Director: Jayne reported that mid month classes are about to start. Instructors are lined up. The premium is out for the fall trial and the judges have their information.

Obedience Director: Alicia reported that one class was canceled due to heat. She is also looking for an evaluator for CGC class on Wednesday. Alicia will work on the schedule for next year's classes. She has not received the academic calendar from SCC yet.

Building: The building has low usage during the summer due to heat. No building issues were noted.

Old Business:

The building locks have been rekeyed and new keys will be exchanged tonight. We currently have 24 keys and instructors should get theirs this evening. It was suggested that additional dates/times should be available for those needing keys and not able to attend tonight. Jessica will be able to come out on Wednesday at 7pm to exchange keys. Alicia will send an email to membership to let them know their options. Judy reported that the Dog Splash still needs 7 more folks to be there at 5:30 pm. The event runs from 6:30 to 8:30 and ticket sales begin at 6 pm. Vince is aware that Susan will not be there and will cover for her. The check will be presented at the September meeting. It was recommended that the September meeting be moved from the 1st to the 8th due to Labor Day. Jayne finished the letter to Lee and the board signed. Jayne presented a proposal to increase dues, annual pass costs and required volunteer hours. The amounts are up for discussion and consensus was that the 12 volunteer hour requirement was not enough. The obedience trials break even, agility trials make money and the club needs more instructors and cleaning volunteers. Options include paying instructors or hiring a commercial cleaning company to care for the building. Currently the club cannot afford these alternatives. There was discussion about a small group that does a lot of volunteering and that some members are not physically able to do some of the

physical tasks. It was suggested that any changes need input from membership and policies could be set and then given a year for implementation. Alicia will email proposal details out along with costs to keep the building open to the membership asking for ideas and input. Jayne reported that the venue for the June trial fell through and she spent a lot of her time to take care of the situation. She felt that the emails she received from the trail committee treated her poorly and she is resigning as the sports director effectively immediately. Jayne will teach classes in the upcoming session if no one else can cover. The board determined that the sports director duties may need to be split up. A separate meeting will be held this Monday evening at 6:30pm to identify immediate needs due to this board vacancy.

Jessica motioned to adjourn the meeting and Judy seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.

GLOC Membership Meeting Thursday, August 4, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Kat Potthoff, Jessica Bruns, Martha Anderson, Denise Want, Joan Olander, Jennifer Brown, Rosalie Claussen, Noelle Sherdon, Marcy Graybill, Teresa Barney, Chris Carr, Robert Sumner, Jeannine Beer, Kerri Paulson, Stef Bowers, Whitney Fritzinger, Andy Fritzinger, Grayson Trevette, Mary Schweitzer, Dan Moravec, Leath McLaughlin, Susan Melcher, Judy Vitamvas, Teresa Lee

Guests present: Eric Turner

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Judy Vitamvas.

Minutes from the July meeting as they appear in the Barker were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted. A motion to approve the minutes was

made by Martha and seconded by Jeannine. Motion carried.

Susan reported income for the month of July of \$16,211 and expenses of \$10,130 for a net profit of \$6,081 for the month. Year to date the club has incurred a loss of \$4,587.39. We have not received our SCC payment yet and Susan will contact them. Current balances in checking and savings are \$37,944 and \$17,446 respectively. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Noelle and seconded by Teresa B. Motion carried.

Reports:

Correspondence: Judy reported that Kathy has sent cards to Robyn B, Judith A and Cheryl G. A current address is needed to send a card to Kenny Hartstrom and a card is needed for Julee V.

Sports Director: Judy reported that Jayne has resigned and the sports director position is open. We need members to step up to keep things going. We will need instructors and volunteers to keep the club afloat. It may be necessary to re-open the bylaws to address any changes to positions. The first priority should be to complete the agility curriculum. There will be a meeting this Monday at 6:30 pm and anyone interested in helping out is welcome to attend.

Obedience Director: Alicia reported that a couple of classes have make up dates due to heat.

Building: Nothing urgent or serious has been reported.

Old Business

The Dog Splash is on August 21 and volunteers are needed at 5:30pm. Janet is looking for 6 or 7 more to help out. The past couple of years the weather has been cooler for this event. The new keys are here and members can exchange their old key for a new one. There will be another opportunity to exchange on 8/10 at 7pm. If these times do not work, you can email Jessica if absolutely necessary.

This information will be emailed out to the membership. The premium is out for the fall trial. Amy is working this event.

New Business

Judy reported that the building costs the club about \$5,000 per month. If we do not have classes and have low trial income we need to make up the funds to keep the building. We also need members to volunteer. Judy presented a proposal as a starting point for discussion about increasing dues, annual pass costs and required volunteer hours. This proposal will be sent out via email and we would like feedback and constructive comments. We need the membership input. Stef inquired as to the status of the agility curriculum. The status is unknown at this time. It was asked about the number of activity passes and courses for review in the process. Susan reported that 60-70 activity passes have been purchased, representing a large portion of total membership. Noelle noted this probably means they are underpriced and should be re-evaluated. Judy also reported that some of the jobs may need to be split. This would allow for more flexibility so those with some time can do their part.

Kat then reminded members that registration for the new session is Monday and asked that the Masters class be open to levels and not waitlisted. A motion of have this master's class enrollment on a first come first serve basis was made by Kerri P and seconded by Kat P. Motion carried.

As a reminder, Vince is collecting Best Choice bar codes.

Membership report: Teresa introduced new member Eric Turner.

Noelle motioned to adjourn the meeting and Stef seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.

Instructor's Notes

Reactive dogs, that is, dogs that bark and lunge at other dogs or at people, are difficult to deal with in group classes. Difficult, but not impossible. Most are frightened and overwhelmed by trying to deal with multiple distractions in a new environment. If, as an instructor or assistant, you feel that your class would benefit from some assistance, contact the training director (Alicia at 402-465-5393) or our resident reactive dog specialist Marcy at 402-742-9015.

Signs to watch for: besides barking and lunging, watch for dogs that cannot focus on their owner, cannot eat treats, that have their tails tucked between their legs, are panting more than normal, and may be shedding excessively or leaving sweaty paw-prints on the floor.

So what do you do if you have a reactive dog in your class? First, take a moment to assess the situation. As much as I hate to say it, a smaller dog is not as problematic in class as a large dog. Yes, they can still do damage but not as much as a big dog. Second, is the handler able to physically control the dog? If not, it may be better to put them behind a baby gate so the dog feels protected and is easier to handle.

If the dog begins to calm down, starts to respond to the handler, and take treats, you may not need to seek help. If not, speak to the handler privately about your concerns and ask for assistance. It's better to be safe than sorry for all concerned.

Gallery of Brags

Since no one submitted any brags, I'm going to subject you to a picture of my kitten Bowie. Marcy gave him to me for my birthday. He's adopted from the Cat House and is about 4.5 months old. Sage and Sadzi consider him an honorary dog since he likes to eat their food and play fetch.



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PUPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly membership meeting – Thursday,
September 8 @ 7:30 p.m.

Barker Deadline - Tuesday, September 20 @ 5:00
p.m.

VOLUNTEER PUPPORTUNITIES

Instructors and assistants always needed for obedience and agility classes. Contact Alicia at a_graybill@yahoo.com or Jayne at glocsportsdirector@gmail.com.

There is a box at the GLOC building on the table in the office. Next to the box is a notebook. If you find yourself with a few idle minutes, look in the box and find a quick chore. Make sure, if you complete a task, that you write it down in the notebook. These are quick and easy tasks that will contribute to your volunteer hours.

October and November will have lots of pupportunities for volunteer hours with two agility trials (one AKC, one CPE) and our annual AKC obedience trial. Watch this space!

Check for other volunteer pupportunities in the GLOC calendar. If you have a pupportunity for GLOC members to volunteer, submit it to the Barker to be included.

