



The Barker

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Monthly newsletter of the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club
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Agenda

General Meeting, January 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Greetings/ Introductions

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Obedience - Alicia
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Slate for 2017 Elections

President – Teresa Barney
Vice President – Chris Carr or Martha Anderson
Corresponding Secretary – Alicia Graybill
Member at Large – Jeannine Beer and Jessica Bruns
Training/Obedience Director – Whitney Fritzinger

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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

Thursday, November 28, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Vince Kamrath, Martha Anderson, Jessica Bruns, Judy Vitimvas, Kat Potthoff, Alicia Graybill

Best Choice Labels – Vince reported that he received a check for \$60.

Financial Information – \$31,716.30 has been transferred so all GLOC funds have now been transferred to the Union Bank Account. There is close to \$55, 000 total. Judy gave the CPE registration checks to Vince and Vince will deposit and have an updated report. Judy has the 3rd Quarter SCC check for the Fall Classes for \$6,300. This breaks down to 90 students times the \$70 fee that is retained by GLOC. SCC keeps \$10 / student enrolled.

AKC 2017 Trials – Amy Sabatka has a draft of the March premium and sent to Judy. Judy has signed contracts for Speedway for the March and June trials. She turned in a \$300 deposit for March and a \$400 deposit for June. Judy has tried to contact Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln to discuss the October trial. Judges have been confirmed for the AKC 2017 trials: March – Craig Josling from KS, June – Lisa Potts from IL, and October – Lynn Morgan from KS/MO. Pat is working on 2018 AKC judges. The dates are listed on the AKC corresponding trial dates to find future trial dates. Amy received the Trial Secretary Newsletter with updates.

Equipment Discussion – preliminary discussion was held on some items to fix or purchase. A complete list needs to be drafted and discussed with estimates and prices noted to determine priority purchases. Judy reported that a yellow tunnel which may have been purchased in Oct 2015 has damage after the trial and she will check with NTI Global to see if there is anything that can be done or if it is under some type of warranty. Another set of numbered cones is needed. Judy will order orange cones from

Clean Run. There was discussion about also needing additional sand bags.

CPE judges – need to make inquiries with the judges that had been suggested from people who have seen them judge.

CPE Trial – GLOC has been asked to consider hosting a second CPE trial in 2017. This is because CPE Nationals will be held in MN in Spring 2018 (based on points gained in the 2017 Calendar year). A club from Omaha may add a trial in December. Brief discussion was held about time requirement for setting dates as AKC requires 6 months in advance for initial paperwork. ***UPDATE – this information was verified with CPE following the board meeting that CPE also requires 6 months lead time to accept any new trial dates. So that an April trial for GLOC would not be possible in 2017 however, possibly a fall trial might work if the timing, details and all arrangements can be made. Further discussion is needed with the GLOC club membership and potential trial secretary, trial chair, facility, judge, etc...

GLOC classes – there was discussion about the next session and when registration will open. Judy will contact Gisele to discuss registration process. Some agility classes will be offered on Thursday nights in December.

GLOC Volunteer Roles – Andy Frederick is the web master. Jeannine Beer may have interest in working with the club treasury.

GLOC Agility - Martha is willing to help work on curriculum and several people are working on the agility program. Martha moved and Alicia seconded to appoint Kat as Sports Director. Motion carried.

Reminders - Reminder will be sent for people to turn in their Awards applications. The Christmas & Holiday Party is on Dec 1 at 6 pm. Volunteer hours can be turned into Robin Bonge or use the form on the web to add information.

Notes taken and submitted by Kat Potthoff.

**GLOC Membership Meeting Thursday,
December 1, 6:00 p.m.**

Members present: Adrienne Schlake, Jeannine Beer, Andrew Fritzinger, Whitney Fritzinger, Grayson Trevett, Robin Bonge, Leath McLaughlin; Carrie Johnstone, Mary Schweitzer ; Pam Eckstein; Dan Moravec; Stef Bowers, Judy Vitamvas, Andy Fredrick, Vince Kamrath, Teresa Barney, Teresa Lee, Denise Want, Danille Green, Sherry Tomes, Holly Adams, Julee Vincent, Jennifer Brown, Gryffin Carr, Jessica Bruns, Chris Carr Sumner, Howard and Katie Schwartz, Cheryl Fredrick, Marcy Graybill, Joan Olander, Sue Kosar, Alicia Graybill, Mimi Harvey, Kerri Paulson, Kelly Snyder, Kat Potthoff

Guests present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Judy Vitamvas. Members and visitors introduced themselves.

Vince reported that all the Great Western Bank account has been closed and all accounts are now at Union Bank. A voucher has been submitted to SCC for \$6,300 which represents the fall registrations. Kat expressed gratitude to all the instructors who make the classes possible. Vince reported that we have a total of \$59,668 in checking and savings. A motion to approve the treasure's report was made by Alicia G and seconded by Chris C. Motion carried.

Minutes from the November meeting as they appear in the Barker were reviewed. It was noted that the judge for the November trial is Lynn Morgan. No other additions or corrections were noted. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Stef B and seconded by Chris C. Motion carried.

Reports:

Correspondence: No report.

Training: Alicia reported that classes are going well. The week of December 12th is the last week of classes until January 2. If anyone is interested to being an instructor, let her know. There are some upcoming slots for special topics classes. Let her know if there are any suggestions or preferences. Judy reported that the Obedience trial was successful and it is too early to tell the financial outcomes. There were not as many competitors due to a Kansas City trial. Marcy reported that she received a lot of complements about the stewards.

Agility: Kat reported that class schedules for quarters one and two have been provided to SCC. She will double check quarters three and four, get them finalized and sent in next week. If anyone is interested in being an instructor, please let her know. She will email a reminder as well. Kat then reminded members that in week four there is a special session on Thursday (6:30 course runners and 7:30 Masters) and there is still room in the class. The club hosts one CPE trial (November) and there has been a desire for more trials in the Midwest due to 2018 National's in Minnesota. We would need six month lead time so the earliest possible date would be June that the club could hold another trial. We would need to determine if this is something we as a club would like to pursue. Teresa B noted this could be a good thing. Judy was going to check on dates. Kerri noted that there is already a CPE trial in June. Kat noted that the trial in September may move, so be on the alert. Robin B reported that the financial outcome from the CPE trial in November is unknown since it was just last week but we did receive a lot of complements. Attendance was down from last year, but last year was not a normal year. Judy reported that she has signed the contracts with Speedway for March and June. The premium for March is out (opens December 25). She also reported that the Lancaster Event Center has been contacted but no contracts yet. We are good for this facility in October. Judges have been confirmed all the way through. Kerri reported that one of the CPE judges has given a tentative yes and will get back to us. There are other options if we do an additional trial. Judy also noted that flyball is doing really

well. Judy then reported that Kat has been appointed to fill the Sports Director position that has been vacant. She will be the overall director and will distribute some of the duties. It was also reported that Elbert will be teaching a tracking class on Sundays. It was noted that Sunday's are not good for some students. Kat noted that tracking is an area of growing interest and the club may look at hosting a Tracking test at some point in the future.

Old Business

Judy noted that the nominating committee's slate of officers was published in the Barker. Members need to be current on their dues and have their volunteer hours in order to vote at the January meeting. If members have a minimum of 20 hours they will receive a \$10 voucher off their 2017 dues. These hours need to be recorded online no later than the middle of December. Robin will send out reminder emails. At this time we will accept nominations from the floor. Danielle Green was nominated and accepted the nomination for member at large.

Whitney Fritzinger was nominated and accepted for Training Director. There were no other nominations from the floor. Marcy G moved to close nominations and Danielle G seconded. Judy noted that we still have one position vacant due to resignation that needs attention. The board needs to appoint someone to fill the Treasurer position for the remainder of the term. Jeannine Beer agreed to fill this vacancy. Judy asked for a vote. No opposition. Due to this appointment, Jeannie will be removed from the ballot for member at large. Judy reported that we also need a registrar. This position works with SCC and track class registrations. Gisele resigned effective December 9 so we will need someone very soon as registrations are set to open on December 19. Danielle Green volunteered for this position. It is unknown how much there needs to be done at this point. The January classes should be ready to go and members only forms up on the website. Danielle then requested that her name be removed from the ballot for member at large due to her acceptance of the registrar position. The floor was then opened for any additional nominations for member at large. Having none Jeannine B moved

and Chris C seconded that Danielle Green be the new registrar. Motion carried.

Members were reminded that new key agreements need to be signed for next year. Judy expressed her appreciation for everyone that volunteers at our events. Teresa B reminded members that the due date for awards forms is the January meeting. An electronic version will be sent out for those that have not yet completed a paper form.

A membership application was received from Michelle Gibbons.

Brags and announcements

Alicia G motioned to adjourn the meeting and Marcy G seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.



GALLERY OF BRAGS



Viktor did an excellent job at the Barn Hunt Dec 10-11 in Omaha. He earned his RATI title and 1 leg of his novice title. His owner will need work on learning to trust the dog!! We are looking forward to the next time. – Submitted by Teresa Barney.

Rikokin entered the Barn Hunt in Omaha on Dec 10 & 11. He received 2 Q's in the Open Division and then needs one more Q to finish the Open title. – Submitted by Kat Potthoff.



Our very sincere condolences go to the Ecksteins on the loss of their Papillon Glory. Forever in our hearts.



Instructor's Notes

This time, we're going to discuss a specific student type that we all know and, ahem, love: the Yes-butters. You know who they are. You tell them to try something with their dog and their response is "Yes, but that won't work because . . ." without even hesitating to think about your idea let alone try it. Generally, we tell students that they know their dog best but sometimes, an owner or handler may be afraid or unwilling to try something. Because there are so many possible reasons why the student may feel this way, it's best to help them out by using their dog to demonstrate the technique.

Whenever using a student's dog to demonstrate how to train a behavior, make sure you ask for permission first. If you receive permission, ask the student to bring the dog into the middle of the ring with you. Use their treats in case there might be an allergy concern and, while they hold the leash, demonstrate how to teach the behavior. Once you have successfully gotten the behavior, have them demonstrate it for you with their dog. If by some chance they are having difficulties still and you have your dog available, you might have them try the maneuver with your dog, especially if they are similar size and breeds.

Sometimes the student wants you to train the dog for him/her. That isn't what GLOC instructors and assistants are supposed to do. The best way to deal with this issue is to explain that the relationship between dog and handler will benefit most if they do the training themselves.

Orientation Day at Second Chance Pups

Posted on [April 21, 2016](#) by [Allison](#)

Boomer isn't happy about having his nails clipped. The two-and-a-half-year-old, mostly black and white German Shepherd mix, shoves his full weight against the stranger whose arms are wrapped around him. Boomer strains anxiously, panting heavily. The man uses quiet words and gentle strokes to help Boomer settle. Then Boomer squirms again, and blood oozes from a nail cut too close to the quick. A man standing next to Boomer pats his head. The woman with the nail clippers puts them down and applies styptic powder to the bleeding nail. Boomer's eyes are wide with apprehension, but as the people around him shower him with praise he allows the rest of his nails to be clipped.

Today is orientation day, the first day of the 33rd rotation of [Second Chance Pups](#). The program pairs inmates at the Nebraska State Penitentiary with unwanted dogs in need of training. On this day, about twenty people and eight dogs are crowded together in a back room of the penitentiary's recycling building. The dogs are restless and scared, many having come from local shelters and rescues. Some of the fourteen inmates are newcomers to the program and aren't sure what to expect. Then there's Andy and me. Being first-time visitors, we're both nervous and excited. But we settle into our work: Andy with his photos and I with my notes. Over the next few hours, we gradually begin to learn about this amazing program.



Orientation day begins shortly after noon on a snowy day in January. Three SCP volunteers arrive at the Nebraska State Penitentiary with multiple leashed dogs in tow. A four-year-old English lab refuses to take the stairs and is treated to an elevator ride with Kim Osterman, President of the SCP program; according to Melissa Ripley, Adoption Coordinator of the program, "It happens every rotation that some dog doesn't like the stairs." Volunteers hand off the dogs to two guards who disappear beyond secured doors with their furry charges. My husband and I remain behind with the three SCP volunteers to be stamped, scanned, and pat searched. We then proceed through several secured doors until we eventually meet up with the dogs who are already getting to know their new handlers. Passing through more secured doors, we find ourselves in the prison yard. The group walks together to the recycling center.

The kennel room has cinder block walls and concrete floors. On one wall are the Domestic-PUPS and Second Chance Pups logos. Handlers immediately put their dogs into their kennels. At the back of each kennel is a doggy door leading outside. On top of some of the kennels are cleaning supplies. On the floor are large containers holding dog food and bones. A poster depicting various dog breeds is taped to a wall. Clipped to the front of each occupied kennel are a feeding guide and a weight chart. Volunteers unload supplies onto a desk and table. Chairs, fans, and lockers take up most of the room's remaining space.



The first half hour is characterized by restrained commotion. Handlers interact with their dogs and ask questions of the SCP volunteers. Kim gives directions and guidance. Some of the handlers look through the new calendar from Patriot Assistance Dogs, a program to which sometimes SCP will donate dogs. Guards ask about supply needs. A few handlers sit with their dogs in their kennels. Other handlers write notes on whiteboards. One inmate goes outside to shovel.

Discussion turns to names, personalities, and the dogs' needs. All of the dogs have been temperament tested with people, other dogs, and cats. The handlers are warned that two of the dogs don't get along and should be kept apart. One dog needs a new name; he came with the name Zeus, but that name suggests aggression. More tips and cautions are issued: some dogs might not be used to leashes or might chew up collars, one dog was a breeder dog and much will be new to him and he may not be socialized. Then there's charming little Bella, whom I wrote about in my first article in this series. Her small size is a cause for concern. There's a small

opening between her kennel and the next, and so there's a worry she could get into the next kennel and might get bit. The suggestion was raised to put a small kennel within the big kennel.

They're comin' from such a negative thing in life, and I can relate to that. Who knows what that animal's been through. Most likely, we get them out of the Humane Society, or a breeder mill, or whatever, they've been through something. Or deprived. So that for me to be able to say 'here, not all people are bad.' It's just awesome.—Thomas, SCP Handler

Kim reminds everyone that the dogs have been through a lot, that they've been shuffled from place to place and now find themselves here. They're overwhelmed, she says, and some aren't used to people. She tells the handlers to educate guards and inmates about the need to approach the dogs slowly, as well as the importance of practicing crowd control. If a dog backs up and puts its ears back, handlers need to tell others to back off and give the dog time to adjust. Kim stresses that the handlers are their dogs' protectors. A dog that can't retreat might bite, and then it'll be out of the program, and no one wants that. Kim tells the handlers to make sure their dogs don't end up in that situation.

Potty training is the next topic. In this new environment the dogs might forget what training they've had. Handlers are responsible for taking their dogs out and teaching them to "go potty". Teaching dogs the proper place to use the bathroom will need to be handled just like it would be at a person's home. Dogs should be taken outside consistently for potty training to be successful. The biggest goal is to get the dogs on a schedule. If handlers are in their cells, they can get permission to take their dog out. Kenneling the dogs at night, Kim advised, would also help with potty training.



Finally, Kim tells the handlers not to worry yet about training their dogs in obedience. The dogs will need a few days to adjust, she says. They might not initially eat. They might have messy bowel movements. Handlers should be patient, do lots of petting, and focus on getting to know their dogs. Kim said that when she returns in two days for the first training session, handlers should be ready to give her personal information about their dogs, including a detailed health record.

Julie, a longtime volunteer with SCP, takes the floor to talk about the need for handlers to groom their dogs. Julie recommends that handlers shampoo dogs only once a month to ensure their hair doesn't get dried out. Handlers should check the ears and nails of their assigned dog for the first couple days. Julie then shows how to clip a dog's nails by demonstrating on Boomer, who, as one of the most energetic dogs, is a poster child for what SCP is about.

Boomer has a checkered history. He started out as an outside farm dog. A scrapper, he had to fight for everything including food, and so was strongly independent. Then he killed the family cat and was sent to the local shelter. Although he did get adopted out, he got surrendered again due to being so high in

energy. Now, like the other seven dogs, he's here getting a second chance.

I love these dogs dearly and I miss them when they leave. But the fact that I have to let them go... I know they're going to a better place and the fact that I got to spend two months with that animal and basically I feel the animal did more for me than I did for it. We both work with each other. That was the best experience in two months that I could have ever asked for.—Thomas, SCP Handler

Kim takes the floor again and stresses the importance of the training sessions. Without behavior modification, Kim notes, dogs are more likely to be relinquished to shelters. There are a number of articles in the handlers' information packets about how to teach the dogs obedience and manners. Kim instructs the handlers to review these handouts and know the training commands; when she talks about basic obedience commands in the upcoming training sessions, they should already have a familiarity with them.

Bringing up the issue of health again, Kim explains that handlers should do a physical exam, or a hands-on check, of their dogs to determine if there are issues. If a dog gets sick, its handlers should fill out a medical form and give it to a guard to take to the vet. The form may be the only communication for the vet and so it needs to provide all necessary information. In addition, Kim warns, handlers should only give medication that has been approved or prescribed.

Next, Kim lectures about her biggest pet peeve: No people food! Many of the dogs will be going to homes with kids, and SCP doesn't want the dogs snatching food away from the kids. Also, people food can mess with the dogs' stomachs and make them sick. If anyone tries to give their dogs people food, the handlers should just say no and walk away.



Activity is another topic Kim addresses. She notes that the dogs should be exercised for thirty minutes every day. Except for night time, dogs should be kept no more than four hours at a time in the big kennels and two hours in the small kennels. If a dog has a secondary handler, there's really no reason for the dog to be in a kennel at all. That's the purpose of the secondary handlers.

Kim cautions the handlers to always keep their dogs on a leash. The play yards and the recycling center are off-leash areas; the dogs must be leashed everywhere else. Before opening their dog's kennel, the handler should already have a leash in hand. Handlers are told that their assigned dog can't be handed off to anyone not currently in the program for any amount of time. Their dog is their responsibility, period.

When it comes to toys, Kim tells the handlers that it's okay to leave out bones and Kongs. All other toys should be picked up; dogs will eat them and then they'll need a trip to the emergency vet. Not even leashes should be left hanging on the kennels, as they can quickly become chew toys and hazards. Ripped blankets are to be discarded.

The bottom line is that it's each handler's responsibility is to feed, exercise, train, and otherwise care for their assigned dog. Participation in Second Chance Pups is a full-time responsibility. She reminds the handlers that others will be watching them. Everyone will be looking to them to see if the program works.

It's hard, at first. It's difficult. I gotta let you go. You make such a connection with these dogs. They tell you these aren't your pets, you're not supposed to fall in love. Kim would say 'these aren't your pets.' I'd say 'it is for nine weeks.' —Geno, SCP Handler

Orientation is intensive, but there's a light-hearted atmosphere, especially among the experienced handlers. When Kim reminds everyone that the dogs aren't their pets, one handler jokes, "They aren't?" Another quips, "They are for nine weeks!" While the latter might be true, Kim advises them to remember this is a volunteer job. The handlers will get attached but, at the end of the rotation, the dogs will go home to others. That's why it's important, Kim stresses, for every handler to follow the SCP guidelines, which have been developed based on SCP experience and will make training smoother and transitions easier.

We've all been in the kennel room for almost two hours. Boomer returns from a potty break with his handler. After being put into his kennel, he suddenly leaps straight up, almost to the top. Maybe he was looking for a way out? His handler teases, "Boomer! What was that?", then enters the kennel to try to settle the high-energy dog.

It's been a long afternoon. The handlers have been given a wealth of information to process, and everyone is starting to get restless. One of the long-time handlers comes inside with his dog and asks, "Did I miss the speech about jobs?"

"Yes."

"Yay!"

It can be tricky in here, to take a grown man that's got issues, and tell him that hey, I wanna help you, but please don't take this the wrong way, because we can be very prideful men sometimes.—Thomas, SCP Handler

Kim wraps up the orientation by asking, "Any questions?" This brings a serious response: "Probably a hundred. But not right now." Some of the experienced handlers begin to offer their own advice, stressing that their intention is to help the new handlers. The old-timers say they know the program and what's expected.



Talk becomes more light-hearted. Chatter turns to past graduates of the program, with handlers asking for updates. They're eager for information and are

pleased to hear they are living happy lives with good families.

Glad for orientation to be over, we all walk around the outside of the building to re-enter the much larger main room of the recycling center. There the handlers finally get to relax with their dogs. Some work on tricks, some play, and others just sit with their dogs. In only two days the intense training will begin. Check back next week for my next article about the Second Chance Pups training sessions.

Author's Note: As of the writing of this post, a match still has yet to be found for Boomer. He's currently receiving further training at the Central Nebraska Humane Society in Grand Island. Laurie Dethloff, Director, reports he's enjoying lots of walks and getting tons attention from their volunteers.

AWARDS NIGHT SLIDE SHOW

Hello,

I'm getting ready to start on the Awards slide show. I get a lot of my photos from Facebook, but if you would like a picture/video of your dog included, please send me a .jpg or a link to the .mp4 I can download.

I'm specifically looking for action shots, pictures of you and your dog demonstrating your relationship, pictures of your dog and their ribbons.

Videos can be of any dog sport you and your dog are doing, i.e. Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Treibball, Dock jumping, etc.

Please send them to mjgraybill2@gmail.com

Thanks,

Marcy



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PUPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly membership meeting – Thursday, January 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

Barker Deadline - Sunday, January 15 @ 5:00 p.m.

Monthly membership meeting – Thursday, February 2, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER PUPPORTUNITIES

Instructors and assistants always needed for obedience and agility classes. Contact Alicia at a.graybill@yahoo.com or Kat at glocsportsdirector@gmail.com.

Treasurer needed. One year term. See GLOC board for details. Also needed, Agility Trial Chair for June, 2017, trial. See Judy Vitamvas for details.

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.

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.

**XXX NEW
DEADLINE XXX**

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