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Agenda

General Meeting, August 3, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

- *Greeting/Introductions
- *Minutes from June
- *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.



Judy Foreman 2014

DOG SPLASH !!

August 20 @

Star City Shores

GLOC Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 6, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Kat Potthoff requested the meeting minutes that were missing from previous meeting (Barker). A. Graybill said they should be available by the August meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. 1st Jeannine Beer, 2nd Chris Sumner. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for the month of June:

Income is \$20,876.88

Expenses are \$14,024.74

Positive income of \$6,854.14

Still have a check for \$4080 uncashed for the facility rental for the June agility trial.

Also still have a \$100 check to Saunders County to reserve space for the CPE agility trial in Wahoo. (Kat Potthoff will call to check on this.)

Account on hand is \$56,068.38.

Insurance company was contacted by Jeannine regarding the damage to the building by the U-Haul truck after the June agility trial. There was no damage to the truck but the damage to the building was not brought up when the truck was returned.

Motion to just pay for the damage to be repaired: 1st Jessica Bruns, 2nd Alicia Graybill, motion passed.

Obedience report: Alicia Graybill
Danielle Green, registrar, has the schedule roughed out. Final meeting to approve classes is 7/7/17, 6:30 p.m., at the HyVee at 52nd and O Street.

Judy Vitamvas will be evaluator for Tricks testing on July 26th.

Corresponding Secretary report: Alicia Graybill

Cards to Pat Guticz, Kerri Paulsen, and Sherry Drbal.

Sports Director: Kat Potthoff.

Scheduling going well for classes; final meeting tomorrow as noted in Obedience Report.

Getting classes planned for the whole year done. Need to recruit instructors for classes once scheduling is done. Any volunteers or suggestions, contact Kat.

Working on Barn Hunt and offering more Barn Hunt 'n' Gos. Hay is fine to take, recommended donation to Pam Eckstein to replace with new hay, will need to replace periodically.

Submitted by Chris Sumner.

GLOC Membership Meeting Thursday, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

Membership meeting was held, no minutes were submitted.

GLOC Board Meeting Minutes, Thursday, May 4, 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Teresa Barney, Chris Sumner, Alicia Graybill, Jeannine Beer, Danielle Green, Julee Vincent, Jessica Bruns, Kat Potthoff, Judy Vitamvas, Teresa Lee, Terese Pirl, Robin Bonge, Pam Eckstein, Whitney Fritzing

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Teresa Barney

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

Treasures report: Jeannine B reported income for the April of \$1,292.01 and expenses totaled \$10,254.85 for a net loss of (\$8,962.84). Our current balance is \$54,297.23 in the checking account. The expenses include back sales taxes

of \$4,185.30 and first Quarter 2017 sales taxes of \$1,250.54. It was noted during the review by the Nebraska Department of Revenue that we have to pay sales taxes on online purchases and class registrations from SCC. After October 2, SCC will report and pay the sales taxes and we will receive the net amount. We are also required to pay sales tax on the activity passes as this is considered purchasing classes. We need to determine if we will increase the costs next year to cover the sales tax (so the net amount is \$300) or leave the amount the same and we would keep about \$279 after taxes. We cannot change this year as the materials need to say "including sales tax". We will bring these options to the membership for decision prior to the October meeting so that they are in place for 2018. A motion to accept the treasures report was made by Alicia G and seconded by Jessica B. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Correspondence: Alicia G reported that she had no correspondence for March. It was then noted that Vince lost Flipper. Alicia will send a card.

Agility/Sports: Kat reported that she is looking for feedback from the membership on judges so that we have information prior to contracting. Other clubs are contracting with the same judges and we need a rotation. The 2018 judges are not confirmed as Pat G had some computer issues. Judy V reported she had sent an email to the judge from last weekend for a 3 day trial in 2018. This judge is from the east coast. Kat reported that all of the AKC facilities are contracted. The April CPE contract is verbal. Trial secretaries are Rose S for both CPE trials and Amy S for the June AKC and Lisa B for the October AKC. We need members to consider working into the position (shadowing) for future trials. The October trial will open July 19. Another planning meeting for this trial is needed. After the June trial an email was received about some of the equipment deemed

"slick" last weekend in Omaha. We will have to look at the surfaces on the contacts. Kat then reported that she still has openings for instructors and that other clubs are already hiring judges for 2020.

Obedience: Whitney reported that the building was hot last week. Andy replaced the batteries in the thermostats and that solved the issue. Whitney then reported that she will be stepping down as Obedience Director due to a conflict of interest agreement with Paws for Fun. She will be the training director that that facility beginning in June.

New Business: Teresa B reported that she spoke with the landlord and the monthly rents will be \$4,480 per month. We could still have a committee meet with them but her option was that it would not result in a better deal. In her conversation she was informed that the increase was due to increases in property insurance and the rents were still 20% below market value. In reviewing the lease it was noted that the landlord was to provide lawn care. Teresa inquired as to what the savings would be if we removed that. This would only change the rents by \$30 per month. They noted they had sprayed in the past. There was a question about whether to have Kelly continue to mow if this was the landlord's responsibility. The consensus was that we would keep Kelly on "standby" just in case. Teresa then reported that we could give up the 7,500 square feet lot next to the building which would save \$250 per month. The landlords reported that he would then build on that lot and give us first choice to lease. The question was asked if this additional finished space would allow us to host an AKC trial. Judy V reported that it would not quite be large enough with the expansion. Competitors would not like it and would not attend. We currently spend about \$18,000 to rent facilities each year. We need to let them know soon as the lease expires May 31. The lease is for 3 years and there are standard provision for getting out (30

day written notice and negotiate terms). Consensus was that we keep the green space and renew the lease. Other properties in the area are leasing for \$6-7 per square foot which is higher than this lease. Kat suggested NDAC virtual trials to possibly increase the use of the green space.

Old Business: Alicia reported that she found 36" industrial fans with wheels on sale for \$229 each. Judy V said she had the credit card and would work with Alicia to get them ordered and paid for. Teresa then reported that she had received very little feedback from membership regarding volunteer hours. Some members reported that they were not receiving emails. This was due to their providers blocking them and we will communicate to these members that they need to address on their end. It was also noted that some of the members feel they do not "fit in". It was suggested that we consider an open house type of event. It was also suggested that we could have members come and speak at puppy manners or obedience one to encourage students to become members. It was noted that when the club hosts parties (summer picnic and Christmas) they are well attended so maybe we could have them more often. Teresa suggested we try and have something once a month for new members to come, bring their dogs and meet other members. Chris recommended we pick a time and put it on the schedule. We could rotate through the suggestions (Dog Birthday or Gotcha Day, Open House, Meet and Greet, Dog Breed Group). It was decided that 3 pm on Sunday will be the first "Open House" and Teresa B will host. We will discuss this at the membership meeting. Teresa B then reported that we did get Tricks in the September SCC catalog.

Marketing: Pam reported that Omaha will be hosting a Dog Days of Summer event on August 20. We could do a booth or possibly demonstrations. It was noted that this was the same date as Dog Splash and so we would not

be participating as a club. Questions were asked about Bark in the Park as someone had called asking for our interest. Pay reported that she had called and declined but maybe she had not spoken to the correct person.

Chris S suggested that we have a sign in for the building so we can see usage patterns (what it is being used for and when).

Registrations: Danielle reported that we kept CGC but not Agility I. We only have 2 registrations from SCC for Focus & Agility and we need a minimum of 3. There is more interest in obedience now and not as much for agility. Fall schedules have to be sent to SCC Monday and we have to shorten the descriptions due to space limitations. We also need to add 1 more lower level class due to demand. It was suggested that we do back to back classes on Saturday. There has been a change in the registration and now members are able to register for three classes. Danielle will announce tonight that if you are not planning on attending all of the classes on your registration, please let her know (email) so that she can remove you from the class roster.

Alicia G motioned to adjourn the meeting and Whitney F seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.

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

Members present: Jeannine Beer, Jennifer Brown, Chris Sumner, Danielle Green, JuLee Vincent, Jessica Bruns, Sherry Tomes, Robin Bonge, Pam Eckstein, Judy Vitamvas, Rosalie Claussen, Robin James; Joan Olander; Kim Kempkes, Whitney Fritzing, Abby Henes, Eric Ransone, Tatiana Height, Katie Schwartz, Nancy Bowen, Kat Potthoff, Kelly, Teresa Lee

Guests present: Christy

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 pm by Chris Summner.

Members and visitors introduced themselves.

Minutes from the April meeting as they appear in the Barker were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted. A motion to approve the minutes as was made by Robin B and seconded by Joan O. Motion carried.

Chris reported that our rents will be increasing due to increased property insurance rates and there is not option to get the amount reduced. We will keep the green space and may need to come up with some additional funding sources. For any members having communication issues, they should contact Teres P at the membership email address. As a reminder we will be having the monthly building cleaning this Saturday from 8-10 am. Chris then thanked all the helpers who came out in April to help fix the flooring in the agility ring. If members see any other problem areas, please mark them with chalk.

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Agility/Sports: Kat reported we have the judges, facility and committee for the June AKC trial. Judy V is the chair. She is working on the October trial. We have judges, facility and secretary. Chris and Danielle are chairs and anyone interested in serving on the committee should let her know. This is a good introductory exposure to the event. We are looking for judges through 2020. Judy V reported that she needs volunteers for three days to load equipment, unload, course set up, tear down and move the equipment back on Sunday. Jessica B is the volunteer organizer and reported that this is a good way to watch the event, it is fun, most jobs are easy to learn and you get fed. Kat P then reported that Robin B is the chair for the November trial and we have no news yet. She then noted that we do not have Flyball classes but the group does practice monthly. She then reported that we are currently not holding any tracking classes but some of the members are still getting together and using a Facebook group as a contact point. Anyone interested in joining that Facebook group should send her an email to get added. There will be a scheduling meeting for 2018 classes and she will get the notification out for anyone interested can provide feedback. We will be adding a tricks class. Kat then asked for appropriate feedback on judges.

Obedience: Whitney reported she will be stepping down as Obedience Director due to a conflict of interest agreement with Paws for Fun. She will be the training director at that facility beginning in June. Anyone interested in stepping into the position should talk to Whitney.

Correspondence: No Report.

Marketing: Pam reported members could attend Bark in the Park but the club would not be sponsoring. We will have information in the Barker about the dates for members. There will be an event in Elkhorn on the same date as Dog

Splash. The club will not be participating as we need available volunteers to assist with Dog Splash. Tails and Trails is June 3 and emails will go out for volunteers for the booth and demonstrations. This is the same date as a CPE trial. Pam then reported she is working on changes on the flyer for the fall classes.

Membership: Teresa L reported that we have new membership applications from Abby Henes, Eric Ransone and Tatiana Height.

Registration: Danielle G reported that we need Focus & Obedience for Agility participants so that we do not have to cancel the class. She also reported that we need to shorten the class descriptions in the SCC catalog. Danielle asked that when members register and receive the email list of classes, if they are not going to attend all of the listed classes to email her before the registration ends. It was then noted that the calendar on the web page shows all of the registration dates.

Old Business: Chris S reminded members that Teresa B is still interested in their feedback on volunteer hours and opportunities. Please email her with your input. Next month is the annual picnic. Jessica B, Pam, Kim and JuLee are on the planning committee. They will be coming up with games and suggestions are welcome. We will have a short membership meeting prior to the picnic.

New Business: Chris S reported that the board discussed opportunities to get to know members and have decided to hold a "Welcome Event". This will take place on the last Sunday of the month here at the building from 3-5 pm. The first one will be May 21 and be "hosted" by Teresa B. If anyone is interested in "hosting" future dates, let the board know. As a reminder, there are no classes in the building if the heat index reaches 95. Watch channel 10/11 for heat index levels. Notifications will be posted on

Facebook if classes are canceled due to heat. It was asked if there were any plans to do a barn hunt event or class. Pam E reported that she now has 4 rats and will do an event on Sunday (not a class). Chris S announced a reminder for members to pick up after their dogs and dispose of outside the building.

Braggs and announcements

Jessica B motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jennifer B seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.



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.

No brags? How sad.



AKC Reviews Changes to the Obedience Stay Exercises

The AKC convened a task force of five judges, exhibitors and trainers to explore changes that could maximize safety, while still testing the important aspect of the "stay" skill.

Mindful of the concerns and suggestions sent to the AKC from all sectors of the sport, the Task Force members spent three days exploring and formulating changes.

In today's culture of diverse dog training methods and philosophies that variously impact the behavior of dogs coming to trials, the AKC recognizes exhibitor concerns for stronger safety measures to protect all dogs from interference of any kind in the ring during

competition. At the same time, there is also a strong consensus in the sport that the impulse control and obedience demonstrated in group stays must be preserved.

The committee's work resulted in the following recommendations:

The creation of new individual exercises for Novice and Open that will test a stay with distance between dog and handler.

That one group exercise be retained in Novice that will test both sit and down stays in the presence of other dogs, with spacing and leash use to ensure safety, and a formation option that will allow up to ten dogs in the ring.

That open out-of-sight stays be replaced by an individual exercise also testing sit and down skills, and a command discrimination exercise that will demonstrate steadiness and obedience at a distance with skills performed in place. For Open A dogs the exercise creates a stepping stone toward Utility. For the Open B dogs, a randomized order of skills is designed to challenge experienced teams at least as much as the group exercises do now.

The recommended changes will streamline scheduling for judges, reduce conflicts for exhibitors showing multiple dogs, and maintain a level of challenge appropriate to the class. With more confidence in their dogs' safety in the ring, we hope that concerned owners will re-engage in AKC obedience and feel inspired to pursue their goals.

More details will be published when descriptions have been fine-tuned by AKC. It is anticipated this will occur around the beginning of September. Please share this information with your membership.

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton
Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking
- Submitted by Teresa Barney



It's DOG SPLASH Time!!!



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Sunday, August 20th, when the Lincoln public pools close, it's time for the dogs to take over. Admission is \$10 per dog and for that, each canine participant can bring two human friends (sorry, no humans under 8 years of age). Not just any old pool, either, but Star City Shores just south of 33rd and Highway 2. Ticket sales start at 5:30 p.m. Swimming starts at 6:30 p.m. and festivities wrap up about 8:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help sell/take tickets, monitor dog and human behavior, lifeguard, and other jobs as needed. This counts toward your volunteer hours for the year and, if you want, you can bring your dog to join in the fun when you aren't on duty.

This year, proceeds from the Dog Splash will go toward the new public dog parks. If you haven't heard, there will be new dog parks in the northwest, and southwest corners of the city with improvements to Rickman's Run (at Holmes Lake) and a new northeastern dog park at Roper Park.

We're looking for a lot of volunteers to help this event go as smoothly as possible. If you can help, contact Robin Bonge at glocvolunteer@gmail.com.



Judy Foreman 2014

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: 4H AT THE SUPERFAIR

We are seeking GLOC Members to help volunteer with the Lancaster County 4-H Agility Show - Saturday August 5th. Kathy Zupancic is the Judge again this year.

Here is a little more information

Aug 5 – Show Schedule- showmanship and obedience begins at 9 am. If anyone would like to help they are welcome to. The agility course will be set up approximately 12 noon, no guarantee. Once obedience and showmanship are done, then agility can begin.

Location - Exhibit Hall, Lancaster Event Center – 84th & Havelock Ave. Parking passes will be sent to Kathy Potthoff. With the green pass, entry and parking is free. Once you arrive, come to the exhibit hall (south east end of grounds). There will be meal vouchers available from the superintendent.

We will also need some Volunteers to help Friday August 4th - to help load the agility equipment going to the Lancaster Event Center.

The Lancaster County Superfair is held at the Lancaster Event Center. This is a fun event to volunteer with - and will count for Volunteer Hours.

PUPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly membership meeting – Thursday, August 3, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.

Lancaster County Superfair: 4H Dog Agility – Saturday, August 5, @ noon.

Barker deadline Tuesday, August 15 @ 5:00 p.m.

Dog Splash, Sunday, August 20 @ 5:30 p.m.

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



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VOLUNTEER PUPPORTUNITIES

Instructors and assistants always needed for obedience and agility classes. Contact Alicia at glothebarker@gmail.com or Kat 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.

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.