



The Barker

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New Classes Appeal to All Dogs

Currently, GLOC is offering an Introduction to Nosework class. Nosework is a new type of competition that allows dogs to earn titles by finding containers of particular scents in various locations. Tins containing swabs soaked in scents like Sweet Birch, Aniseed and Clovebud are hidden in boxes, suitcases, on tables, in drawers, etc. and the dog/handler teams search for them. The skills can have practical applications. For example, dogs taught nosework skills can be used for drug searches, bedbug and termite checks, and even to check for cancer. This class will be offered again, especially if there are requests for it. Currently, we have dogs as young as just 2 years and as old as 13 years. Every breed is welcome though scent hounds like Beagles and Bloodhounds might have a little edge.

Coming soon, we'll be offering an Introduction to Treibball class. Treibball (pronounced "try-ball") has been called "urban herding." Instead of using sheep, ducks or cows (not convenient to keep in town), Treibball uses exercise or stability balls of various sizes. The balls are arranged in a pyramid shape on an open space and each dog/handler team is given 10 minutes for their dog to go out to the balls and bring them back to the handler waiting in a soccer goal-size box. The handler is allowed to issue commands, whistle and assist the dog once the ball is within reach of the goal but cannot go out onto the field itself to help the dog. Recommended for this class is that handlers have an exercise or stability ball for practice in class and at home.

Any other classes you'd like to see offered? Or you would like to teach? Contact Alicia at

a_graybill@yahoo.com or Jayne at
glocsportsdirector@gmail.com.

Volunteer Puppportunities

Need to get those volunteer hours in? Try one of these opportunities. Contact information is included with each job or contact Robin Bonge at glocvolunteer@gmail.com.

Instructors and Assistants needed for all classes.

Interested in helping teach classes? Want to enjoy the power of making up to 10 people and their dogs do what you say? Love the idea of working with people and dogs? Want to help promote dog sports? Contact Alicia Graybill at a_graybill@yahoo.com to help with obedience classes or Jayne Sebby at glocsportsdirector@gmail.com to help with agility classes.

Have a demo, event, class or other volunteer pupportunity for members? Send it to Robin Bonge at glocvolunteer@gmail.com and copy glocthebarker@gmail.com.



GLOC Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2016

In attendance: Kat Potthoff, Judy Vitamvas, Jessica Bruns, Teresa Lee, Susan Melcher, Alicia Graybill, Martha Anderson, Jayne Seby, Julee Vincent

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Judy Vitamvas

Minutes: There is a correction to the February minutes. The Agility trial is AKC, not CPE. With no other corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Jayne and seconded by Martha. Motion carried.

Treasures report: Susan reported income for the month of February of \$3,599 and expenses of \$6,251 for a net loss of \$2,652. There were some large utility bills for heating this past month. Current balances in checking and savings are \$40,441 and \$17,441 respectively. Susan also reported that she had met with the auditors and was not sure when they would be making a reporting back to GLOC. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kat and seconded by Alicia. Motion carried.

Correspondence: No report

Committee reports:

Sports Director: Jayne reported all four of the Trial Secretary positions have been filled and she is working on the CPE trail application which is due soon. Jayne has the listing of possible judges for the next few years and we are in need of a new judge. This situation may be different if the trial was moved to the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. The agility class schedule has been posted along with the open agility listing. There have been some changes to course offerings to include a master's course and an advanced handling option.

Obedience Director: Alicia reported having enough instructors for Obedience II. She expressed some concerns about the low turnout for the mini seminars on Thursday evenings. Some potential issues with low attendance maybe due to scheduling and overlap with agility. Alicia also discussed continuing education for instructors making note of the notes that were added to the Barker on the subject.

Building: No report

Membership: No report

Old Business:

Martha reported that the March trial is on track and all registrations are in. There was a question about RV parking as the materials sent to participants noted that these arrangements were to be made with the trail chair. It was confirmed that RV parking is okay for Sporting Village and others noted that participants could also be referred to the Campaway campground. Due to an event in the facility on Friday night, GLOC would not be able to begin set up until after 11 pm. It was decided that the best option would be to ask for the building to be open at 6 am on Saturday, and set up at that time. Members would have receipts and the treasurer would need to be present Sunday afternoon to pay expenses. Susan expressed concerns about the current banking situation. She has made inquiries into establishing a new account at Union Bank. It was decided that debit cards should be issued to the Treasurer and the President. A motion to approve the move was made by Jayne and seconded by Kat. Motion carried.

Susan then inquired about the current key and key agreements. The treasurer tracks the agreements and the trainers track instructor keys. After reviewing the list, there appear to be quite a few keys which have unidentified owners. Susan investigated the costs of replacing the current locks and keys. The most cost prohibitive part is replacing all of the keys. Suggestions were made regarding a security camera and a potential consultant. At this time the board would like a volunteer to act as a key master, as the current keys are pre-numbered. Since this is a new position, the by-laws would need to be amended to add this. For now the duty will fall to the Vice President.

The board moved into closed session.

Jayne motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jessica seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.

Membership Meeting Minutes March 3, 2016

Members present: Susan Melcher, Gisele Olney, Kat Potthoff, Julee Vincent, Jack Higgins, Jessica Bruns, Martha Anderson, Jeannene Douglass, Mimi Harvey, Robin Bonge, Shelby Forbes, Jennifer Brown, Linda Miller, Megan Zawacki, Denise Want, Robin James, Chris Carr, Danielle Green, Alicia Graybill, Kerri Paulsen, Jeannine Beer, Carrie Sigrist, Jayne Sebby, Lee Marshall, Judy Vitamvas, Teresa Lee

Guests present: Josie Foley, Anna Fuller

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Judy Vitamvas.

Minutes from the February meeting as they appear in the Barker were reviewed. It was noted that CPE needs to be changed to AKC in the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Jayne and seconded by Alicia. Motion carried.

Susan reported revenues of \$3,599 and expenses of \$6,251 for net loss of \$2,652 in February. Current balances in checking and savings are \$40,441 and \$17,441 respectively. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Gisele and seconded by Alicia. Motion carried.

Reports:

Correspondence: No report

Sports Director: Jayne reported that she had purchased a new table for \$310. She was not sure if it would arrive in time for the upcoming trial. She also reported that all four trial chairs had been filled. Agility classes for this next session have been rearranged and new options added. The open agility list is up and curriculum revisions will be complete in a month or so.

Obedience Director: Alicia reported that she has filled all of the obedience II instructor spots. She will be sending out a Survey Monkey about the seminars seeking input into the possibility of changing the day and time. Alicia also noted the new instructor notes in the Barker. She will continue to include links, tips and other continuing educational materials.

Building: No report

Membership: No report

Time was taken for visitor and member introductions.

Old Business

Lee reported she made some great connections with folks at the Pet Expo and we should all be proud of our club. Judy expressed her appreciation to Robin, Denise and all the others that did seminars and volunteered at the Pet Expo booth. It was a good weekend. There was an obedience fun match this past weekend with a good turnout. Thanks to those who helped and \$210 was raised. Future fun matches are on the GLOC calendar. Kathy Z is renting a truck to move equipment for the agility trial. Due to a late event, set up will be Saturday morning. There will only be one ring. Robin will send messages for volunteers regarding jobs. Volunteers, especially ring crew, are always needed.

New Business

The board asked the membership to review the by-laws and job descriptions for sports and obedience directors and make suggestions for any revisions. The need for a new position to track and monitor key and key agreements (Key Master) was reported. This would require a by-law change. Any suggestions should be submitted to the recording secretary. Kat volunteered to set up a Google form to collect the suggestions.

Announcements

The meeting concluded with brags and introductions. Jayne motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jessica seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.



Gallery of Brags

Judge Lynn Morgan praised GLOC for another well run trial. She finds us efficient and fun to work with. She complimented Amy Sabatka on her developing trial secretarial skills and was impressed that Amy made only one error and picked up speed as the runs progressed. Way to go Amy!! Thank you all GLOC and friends volunteers. -- Judy Vitamvas

Hello wonderful People :) I wanted to Thank everyone who helped in someway at the March Agility. I will be working on a volunteer form to put in your volunteer hours with in the next 2 weeks. We had a great trial because we had wonderful volunteers.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO. The Trial was a success because of you. – Robin Bonge

Thank you all for your hard work to make the agility trial a success. Thanks especially to Kathy Zupancic for getting the truck and taking care of the food, Jayne Sebby for going with me to meet Dr. Lane at Speedway Sporting Village the first time and for your work as chief course builder, Robin Bonge for coordinating the list of all of the volunteers, Jessica Bruns for being the volunteer coordinator at the trial, Amy Sabatka for your work as trial secretary, Kerri Paulsen for taking charge of loading the truck and reminding me about some things that I hadn't thought about and Judy Vitamvas for taking good care of the judge. Everyone's hard work made my job of being the trial chairperson less scary. The trial went smoothly and I didn't hear of any complaints. I got a note from the judge thanking us for all of our hard work to put on a marvelous trial. – Martha Anderson

I would like to thank Martha for all her hard work as Trial Chair - she did a wonderful job and the Trial ran smoothly. Thank you also to all our wonderful volunteers - we couldn't put on a Trial without all your help. – Robin Bonge

The accompanying pictures from the GLOC March 12-13, 2016, AKC Agility Trial were borrowed from Judy Foreman's Facebook pages.



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Kerri Paulsen's Keo



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Catherine Fletcher's Zeke



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Kenny Hartshorn's Cali.

MEETING AGENDA

General Meeting April 7, 2016 7:30 pm

Greetings/Introductions

Minutes March

Treasurer's Report]

Correspondence

Committee Reports

Sports Director - Jayne

Obedience Director - Alicia

Building

Membership - new member applications

Old Business

March agility

New Business

Need coordinator for Humane Society Pet Walk Demos

May 21, Fallbrook Town Center, 11:00 am

Add to calendars: Dog Splash Aug. 21

Personal Crates

Other?

Announcements

Braggs

Submissions of braggs, articles, pictures, jokes, cartoons, etc. for publication in the Barker are welcome. Send to glocthebarker@gmail.com by 5 p.m. on the 20th of the month.

Pupcoming Events

Recall Repair Seminar – Thursday, April 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
(Members only.)

Barker Deadline - Wednesday, April 20 @ 5:00 p.m.

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

Go Outs and Directions Seminar – Thursday, May 12 @
7:00 p.m.

Capital Humane Society Pet Walk, May 21, Fallbrook
Town Center, 11:00 a.m.

The date has been set for August 21st for **Dog
Splash!** Please share the date so everyone can get it on
calendars! Thank you. – Janet Ball

Instructor's Notes

Like humans, dogs have different learning styles. Some dogs need multiple repetitions of a behavior to be able to connect the command with the action. Some dogs need only one or two repetitions then get bored if you don't move on. As an instructor, you need to understand the dogs in your classes as well as or better than the human students do. You also need to understand human learning styles. More on that next month.