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April/May 2017

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BelleVue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska Minutes of General Meeting March 3, 2017

Call to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the last general meeting were approved.

Minutes of the last board meeting were not available.

Report of the president.

Reports of the vice president, secretary: None

Treasurer's report approved.

No new member applications.

Training director report: Several CGC and CGCA test were administered to members and all passed.

Report of the Committees:

AKC Obedience trials March 31 – April 2: Kris Woodke will bring soup Saturday, and Kim Embrey will bring soup on Friday. Leftovers Sunday. Members are asked to bring desserts to share. Erin is chief ring steward. Dinner with judge will be Saturday at Sunshine Obedience.

AKC Agility trials May 5-7 – Erin Embrey chair. We are paying Randy's flyball team to steward the whole weekend. We'll see how this arrangements works.

UKC Obedience/Rally and Nosework trials, June 8-11: On track. For Nosework, we will be offering Vehicles and Exterior. 20 vehicles will be needed for each of the two vehicle trials.

AKC Obedience trials, Aug 4-6: On track

AKC Herding Trials and Farm Dog Certified Test, Sept. 23-24: On track. Gerianne and Sharon will discuss ducks needed. 20 spots will be available for the Farm Dog Certified Test.

AKC Agility Trials Sept 29-30, Oct 1: Bert and Linda are chairs. Need a chief ring steward.

AKC Obedience Trials Oct 27-29: 30th anniversary of BDOC holding trials. On track. We are looking at special gifts to give exhibitors.

Nosework Trial Nov 4-5, 2017: There was a discussion of AKC's new Scent Work program. Our club has just sent in a request to be a licensed Scent Work club. August 1 is the first date applications can be submitted to hold a trial, and trials start on Oct. 1. A motion was made by Rose Strasser and seconded by Linda Puckett to hold an AKC Scent Work trial on this weekend, pending AKC approving our club's license to do so. Passed. Norine Nieman will be secretary and Sharon Dowell chair.

Election of Officers and Board Members – Positions open for election were Vice President, Secretary and two at-large board members. The floor was opened for any nominations from members present. The current VP Erin Embrey, Secretary Kris Woodke and at-large board members agreed to run for their terms again. A motion to accept the slate of officers was made, seconded and approved. Members voted all in favor of the slate. Congratulations to our continuing board members.

Old Business

Website – It has been updated with new text on the homepage. Updates are working seamlessly.

New Business

We have been looking into having a photo session with our dogs, possibly at a club event. Doug Neal, significant other of Teresa Carlisle, has been contacted.

Next Meeting: April 19 at Valentino's.

Adjourned at 8 p.m. to annual awards.

Would You Leave Your Dog in the Car?

(Submitted by Sandy Crawford)

Yesterday, I met a friend in a town about halfway between her house and my house, which are about three hours apart. We both had things to do/people to visit in that midway city, and then she – and her darling, 30-pound mixed breed dog – were going to follow me home and spend a few days visiting. We met outside a Whole Foods store/restaurant, and I proposed we go in and eat lunch before driving the rest of the way to my house. My friend said, "Can we take turns going in and selecting our food? I don't leave my dog in the car."

My mind boggled. If it was hot (or even warm) or freezing out, I would immediately understand, but it was about 50 degrees – a pretty much perfect dog-in-the-car temperature, in my view. So I had to ask, what's up with that? I had a foster dog chew through the front seatbelts in my car once; was it about separation anxiety, or something?

My friend's answer had more to do with concerns about the behavior of others in the San Francisco Bay area. People have become so incredibly sensitized about seeing a dog in a car, she said, that even if the temperature is no threat whatsoever (like right now in northern California), you just can't predict the behavior of people who might be concerned about your dog! And, actually, once she mentioned this, I remembered hearing a horror story from another trainer friend about a dog being stolen out of a car, with a note left behind indicating that the person didn't deserve to have a dog if they were going to leave it in the car!

My friend also said, "People are just so bizarre. You also hear about dogs being teased and worked up into a frenzy. I just don't want to leave my dog in such a vulnerable place, even just for a few minutes."

So, I get it – even if I can't imagine being unable to run into a place to pick up take-out food, or some other quick errand. When the weather does not permit, the dogs stay home – that's all there is to that. But at this time of year, if I'm running errands, I often take my adolescent dog, Woody, into the types of places where dogs are welcome: Home

Depot, Tractor Supply, and so on. It's a great opportunity to continue his good manners training. If I have to run into Staples, or want to join someone for lunch, he stays in the car, no problem. But in my small, rural town, neither the issue of self-appointed dog police or people who tease dogs in a car have appeared to be a problem.

As it was, my friend and I were together, so we took turns going in and ordering our burritos, and then we ate outdoors, with the little mop-dog cleaning up our last bites.

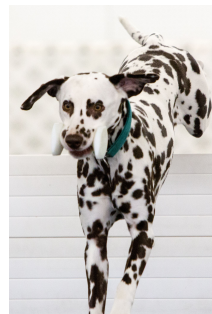
How do you feel about leaving your dog in the car, weather permitting, of course? Do you actively avoid it? If so, what are your reasons?

News from Agility Rings

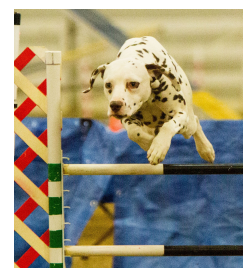
John Wilson

With 2016 just ending and 2017 starting, **Axel** (Snowwood Paisley Bad Axe Spirit) and Indie (Snowwood Spirited Double IPA) both have brags. In 2016, Axel earned 11 AKC Agility Titles including his MX, MXJ, and XF and 10 CPE Agility titles including Levels 2 and 3. In the Dalmatian Club of America rankings, Axel earned "Top Spot" rankings ranging from 1st to 7th for NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, AX, and AXJ. Not bad for a 2-year old.

Indie's 2016 included earning his MACH4, qualifying for and competing at the AKC Agility National Championships, the CPE National Championships (and finishing 2nd in 24-inch standard), and the AKC Agility Invitational. In January 2017, Indie earned his MACH5 and MJS2. In the Dalmatian Club of America "Top Spot" rankings, Indie was 6th in Masters Standard and 8th in all Standard classes. In Obedience, Indie was the #1 "Top Spot" in Open Competition and Utility Competition and #2 "Top Spot" overall. Great partners.



Indie



Axel

President's Message

2016 BDOC Annual Meeting, March 3, 2017

2016 was a pivotal year for the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club, as we made some important

decisions as a group with regards to the future of our club.

In 2016 BDOC held two successful and profitable AKC agility trials at the Omaha Sports Complex, one in May and one in October. As our group ages, we continue to seek out solutions for the loading and hauling of the agility equipment and finding volunteers for these volunteer-intensive events. We are hopeful that in 2017 we will see some of these solutions implemented.

Our club held three three-day AKC obedience trial events, two at Sunshine Obedience School in March and August, and one at the Companion Dog Club in October. All three of our AKC obedience trial weekends were well received and well attended, with many titles earned.

We once again held our very popular combined CPE/UKC weekend in June. Because of the difficulty of moving the agility equipment and other issues with the holding of this event, the decision was made in August by the majority of the club members to stop holding CPE agility events at this time. This decision can always be re-visited in the future.

In 2016 many of our club members enjoyed learning about a new canine event called nosework. Our sister club "Friends of BDOC" held a UKC nosework match in conjunction with our CPE/UKC weekend in June, which was very successful. Our club then made the decision to begin holding UKC nosework trials in 2017. We will also hold another AKC herding trial in 2017, as many of our members actively herd with their dogs and there is no longer any other local option for AKC herding in the area.

BDOC members came together to do other things in 2016 besides put on events. Our club members enjoyed the 2015 Annual Meeting in February of 2016 where we enjoyed celebrating each other's accomplishments. We also had fun at the club's Summer picnic in July with our dogs in attendance, dinner out at Valentinos in April and August, sharing our dogs in costume with the residents of the Fox Run Retirement community in October, and a Christmas party at Caroline Rice's lovely home in December, where the stealing of gifts was the highlight of the evening.

BDOC also held several successful CGC/CGCA/CGCU tests in 2016, and we look forward to adding the AKC Farm Dog test in 2017 in conjunction with our herding trial. Our club offered a series of puppy and beginner obedience classes at the training room at Five Elements Veterinary Clinic this year. Due to the lack of

teachers, we have decided to suspend offering obedience classes at this time.

As our club looks to the future, we continue to enjoy each other's company and our shared love of our dogs while we put on the best dog events in the area.

Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska

Club Member of the Year - 2016

Norine Nieman

This year's outstanding club member of the year is always quietly and efficiently working in the background at our club's events. She has successfully trained her own dogs in obedience, rally, agility, barn hunt, tracking, conformation, and nosework. Most weekends you will find her at a match, show, or trial, or just training or hanging out enjoying the company of her dogs. She also enjoys going to many other types of events, like figure skating, swimming, equestrian events, concerts, bull riding, and the symphony, as she has many other interests along with the dogs. She also enjoys geocaching and is a voracious reader. This person is thoroughly enjoying her retirement!

This club member has been the chief ring steward for the Friends of BDOC obedience/rally trials multiple times, along with stewarding at our other events. She has also helped out by picking up food for the agility trials and delivering it to the trial site. We are glad that she always brings her famous cherry pie to our events! This person has recently expanded her talents to include being secretary of our UKC nosework and AKC herding trials, spending many, many hours doing work for the club at these events.

Last year we were all thrilled when this club member finished a long-fought-for UD on her Papillon, Bindi, at our August obedience trial. I am pleased to present the 2016 Club Member of the Year Award to Norine Nieman.



BDOC's First Nosework Trial

By Sharon Dowell

Our club held a very successful UKC Nosework trial on Feb. 18-19, 2017. With a crazy-good participant passing rate of 94% and unseasonably beautiful 70-degree weather, you couldn't ask for a better first trial. Our judge, Tracy Patton, flew in from Houston and said she was impressed with our

pass rate, the work of the handler-dog teams and in our club's organization of the trial. She noted that it was unheard of in her part of the country for handlers to trust their dogs so much and find hides so quickly.

Our club is proud to be the first to bring this hot new canine sport to greater Omaha. Our next trial is scheduled for June 8-11, and will be held in conjunction with the club's annual UKC Obedience and Rally trial at Sunshine Obedience School.

Speaking of firsts, we are in the process of seeking to continue our foray into canine nosework and be one of the first clubs in the nation to hold an AKC Scent Work trial, a brand new program AKC is currently rolling out. The first trials will start on Oct. 1, 2017. We are aiming to hold a trial Nov. 4-5.

Our first Nosework trial could not have happened, of course, without the dedication of the trial committee and volunteers. A special thank you goes to Gerianne Darnell for her leadership, Norine Nieman as trial secretary, Deb Landon for food, Sue Volkmer as the ultimate "hot" steward, Kim and Erin Embrey, Laura Uran, and Devetta Hill. Our trial chair Scott Dowell was quarantined at home with pneumonia, and our club members stepped up to fill in for him at the last minute.

With 120 entries, we had a monetary loss of just over \$400. We expect entries to increase in future trials. Participants came from as far away as Lincoln, Des Moines and South Dakota. The club offered Pre-Trial, Interior and Container trials in the levels of Novice through Superior. In June, we will offer Exterior and Vehicle trials, so folks will be able to earn the Novice Nosework title.

If you have an inkling of interest in nosework, now is the time to get involved. The investment of resources and time is minimal and the reward of watching your dog flourish and succeed is great. You can find courses online and beginner and advanced courses locally at Sunshine Obedience School.

New AKC Trick Dog Title

As another training option for dog owners who want to have fun with tier dogs, AKC has added four new titles to create the AKC Trick Dog Program.

AKC now offers the following titles:

AKC Novice Trick Dog (TKN)
AKC Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI)
AKC Advanced Trick Dog (TKA)

AKC Trick Dog Performer (TKP)

The AKC Trick Dog titles will be 1) administered by CGC Evaluators or 2) AKC will also recognize the equivalent titles from Kyra Sundance's Do More with Your Dog.

Dogs who are registered or listed with AKC may apply to earn the AKC Trick Dog titles which will be listed on the dog's AKC title record. All dogs can earn the titles as long as the dog is AKC registered, listed with Canine Partners, or enrolled in the PAL program.

AKC will begin awarding the Trick titles on May 1, 2017. To apply for a title, see the list of tricks for each title, or learn more about the program by visiting www.akc.org/trick-dog.

Eliminate skunk funk. Forget the tomato sauce. [Clean My Space](#) says showering with Coca-Cola will eliminate the smell of a skunk. Make sure to let the Coca-Cola sink into the hair and skin (or fur!) for a few minutes prior to rinsing.

Note from the Ringside:

Erin Embrey reports [Ellie](#) had a fantastic weekend at the Friends of BDOC first annual UKC Nosework Trial. We earned our Novice Title with placements and started on our Advance Interior Searches. We had a heart attack moment in her last search where she didn't indicate anything. Finally, after 2 minutes and 20 seconds (3 minute search time) she stuck her head in the Kleenex Box and scratched at it...ALERT!! A HUGE sigh of relief and clapping by those in the room. Whew!

We also played the "Dog in White" for the Pre Trials. She didn't miss anything! Finally, a sport for this little girl to play where she can legally use her God given talent!

Thank You to everyone who put on this trial. It was a lot of fun and well run! We are looking forward to the next one.

[Kasey](#) earned his WCRL Rally Veterans title and his ARCH at the Sunshine Obedience School Trial. We did it with very respectable scores and placements! [Ellie](#) worked on her Veteran class and earned another QQ towards her ARCHEX with placements and respectable scores as well. I was working a perfect weekend until the very end when we just ran out of steam! It was a great weekend for us in Rally and everyone had a good time.

[Reign](#), my Border collie pup turned 1! We have been cleared to do whatever he wants to do! We are going to take it slow, coming off a leg injury, by

starting with Obedience and learning how to heel properly and working on our sitting. He has been swimming weekly to build up muscle and strength in his leg and has enjoyed his pool parties! He has been challenging but is a super fun boy and we are looking forward to many years of fun with him.



The plants are torn
The garbage strewn
The wires chewed
The couch and I had a fight...

I went places I should never go
I saw a side of myself I should never see
I saw a side of myself I should never see...

So please don't ever leave again.
Author Unknown

Calming Signals

(Developed by Kelly Misegardis)

Relax your dog by giving him signals to calm down. Give the command "Get it together." Then you must relax to give your dog a visual cue. Drop your shoulders, slow your breathing which mentally relaxes you. Do not make eye contact with your dog, turn away as you yawn with your mouth wide open. If your dog is too wound up, turn your back on him.

You should try these signals in a quiet place with no distractions first to establish the basics before you do them at a show or trial. You could be causing your dog to be stressed if you are worried, tired or unhappy. Your dog will pick up on these negative emotions. Change your demeanor to calm and your dog will pick up on this and relax.



Signs of Spring

Rally Obedience Signs

http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/rally/2017_Rally_Mini_Signs_w_Descriptions_030717.pdf?_ga=1.226163666.955764620.1486592987

November 1, 2017 there will be new rules and some new signs in Rally Obedience. There will be more challenging signs to train to earn your Rally Championship.