

LEAD AND COLLAR



December/January 2021

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BDOC Board Minutes

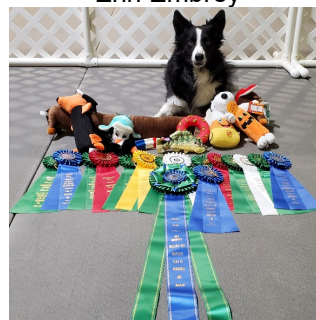
Gerianne Darnell, Acting Secretary

The October 13, 2020, meeting of the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club Board of Directors was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the home of Linda Puckett. All board members were present, including Kris Woodke via phone. The reading of the last board minutes was waived, motion by Bert, seconded by Linda. Report of the treasurer was given, we are significantly in the black for all of our summer/fall events, with a net income of \$3545.50. This includes the CPE Scent Sports Trial, both AKC Herding trials, the AKC Scent Work trial, the AKC obedience trial, and the UKC Nosework trial. These events were held between July 4-5 and September 19-20. A new member application was read, Rhonda Pratt. The board would like to recommend Rhonda for membership and will recommend her to the io list for membership. A discussion was held about the obedience trial on October 24-25, which is for all intents and purposes full. Pam Fusselman is

in charge of stewards, and Bert is in charge of the food. Set up will be Friday night, October 23, at 5:30, a note will be sent to the BDOC io list. Deb and Erin will get vouchers for prizes and workers. Deb will get the Amazon gift certificates for the judges. Linda and Dee will take care of the toys. Scent Work on October 30/31/November 1: Sharon will be there for set up and clean up and will write out instructions. Deb will look in to motel reservations for the judges. We are looking for more "stuff" for the Scent Work trial. If each member could bring 10 to 12 items, especially interior items, it will be much appreciated. Erin will send out a message to the io group. Kim and George will do food. The board then went in to Executive session to discuss the 2021 agility trial. The next board meeting will be Sunday, December 13th, at 12:30 for lunch at Gerianne's. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bert, seconded by Deb. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m., upon which time several people worked on the ribbons and toys for the obedience trial. Thank you Dee, Erin, Linda, and Deb for all of your work.

News from Ringside

Erin Embrey



Ricochet Reign of Fire earned his Graduate Novice title and 3 RAE legs at the BDOC Fall Obedience trial.

In Graduate Novice, we had two first places and a second place. In Rally we had 1 first, 1 second, 1 third, 2 fourths and one "fifth place"! We also earned a Rally High Combined from trial 1 on Saturday.

We had a great weekend with friends and family.

Thank You to everyone that came out to help, we really do have some nice events!

BDOC Fall Obedience/Rally Trial

Erin Embrey and Gerianne Darnell, Trial Chairs

BDOC has held another successful event during the 2020 Covid Pandemic! Our 33rd annual fall AKC Obedience trial was well attended with lots of successful teams.

Chief Ring Steward Pam Fusselman put together a large group of workers. Those club members that helped steward were Sandy Crawford, Gerianne Darnell, Kim Embrey, Randy Frady, Shari Mueller, Mary Palmer, Anita Richmond, Rose Strasser, and Karen Stevens.

A special thank you goes to our awards team of Dee Nelson, Linda Puckett, and Deb Selden for the many hours spent prior, during, and after the trial to get the ribbons and toys sorted. Thanks also to Bert Gray for ordering lunch for us and having it delivered.

Those who helped set up for the weekend were Pam and Doug Fusselman, who moved the agility equipment and got the rings set up earlier in the day on Friday, and then that evening the rest of the setup was done by Gerianne Darnell, Erin Embrey, Rebecca Erickson, Devetta Hill, Norine Nieman, Linda Puckett, and Deb Selden.

Clean up was handled by Gerianne Darnell, Erin Embrey, Randy Frady, Pam and Doug Fusselman, Norine Nieman, Mary Palmer, Linda Puckett, and Deb Selden. Randy, Mary, Linda, Deb, Gerianne, and Erin also got the ribbons counted and put away on Sunday afternoon, and we were on our way home before 3 p.m.

As always, a huge thank you goes to Norine for her usual efficient and wonderful job as trial secretary. The trial was well-organized and ran smoothly. Thanks to everybody for your help!

News from the Sent Work Trial

Pamela J Fusselman



Thanks to all of BDOC for a fun scent work weekend! We all had a great time. Photo is of Alex and Ginger with most of their ribbons

We head to Texas this week, Alex and Ginger will also join us for a few weeks of agility sometime this winter.

Will see you in the spring when we return in time for the birth of our 12th grandchild. Early May :-)

May you all enjoy safe and healthy holidays in the coming months!!

**If You are blessed
to have special Friends around you
Handle them with care
They are very precious
And become increasingly rare
By George Vos**

AKC Scent Work Trial October 2020 By Erin Embrey & Deb Selden, Trial Co-Chairs

The October BDOC AKC Scent Work Trial at the beautiful Sunshine Obedience School was a success. The weather was cool and windy. This event offered Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried elements judged by Johnette Ulch, Candy Henley with Provisional judges Susan Mikel and Gerianne Darnell.

Our trials are a little different this year due to the Covid19 Pandemic. We saw an abundance of facemasks and hand sanitizer. Social distancing prohibited spectators at the Interior classes. We are very lucky to continue these competitions.

Sue Volkmer did an awesome job as Volunteer Coordinator! We had many people step up to help as central gate steward, timer and run doors. Thank you to those who helped.

Our trial Secretary, Norine Nieman, along with her assistant, Lori Tranmer, kept the entries, cancellations and move-ups in order, as well as recording all of the results.

Set-up and clean-up crews:

Set-up: Sharon, Gerianne, Sue, Linda, Erin and Deb.

Clean-up: Sharon, Gerianne, Erin, Sue, Linda, Bert and Deb

Jim Hogsett did a great job of keeping the facility in tip-top shape during the weekend!

Stewards, included Club Members Gerianne, Bert Gray, Linda Puckett, Erin Embrey, Deb Selden and many more folks who pitched in when they saw a need. Non-club members such as Lori Tranmer, Sandy McDonald, Lynn Pettengill, Brenda and Jessie Bruce, Sharee Newman, Ron Weeks and others also stepped in and helped throughout the weekend.

Because of the Pandemic, lunches were not served as usual. Volunteer lunches were picked up daily by Kim Embrey . Thank You!

This is our club's fourth year of hosting this new and fast-growing canine sport, and we expect many more years of continued success, camaraderie, and team-building among participants and club members. Stay tuned for the 2021 events!

A Message from the BDOC President

Gerianne Darnell

As we approach the holidays, I wanted to wish each of you a SAFE and happy holiday season. It has been a challenging year, yet there has been a silver lining in 2021 if we look hard enough: more time spent with your furry family along with human family members as well, more time for home training, more time to binge on Netflix!, and most importantly, more time to slow down and contemplate what is really important in life. With a vaccine on the horizon, I am so hopeful that in another six months we will be approaching a more "back to normal" way of life.

You can find the annual Awards form in this newsletter. I would anticipate that we will have our annual Awards Banquet sometime in May, and hopefully we can return to a regular club meeting schedule at that time. Don't wait to send in your awards info, as I'd like to work on the awards program this winter when I have a little more free time. Just let me know if you have any questions.

BDOC had many successful (and safe!) events this year, and we are planning on "Full Steam Ahead" for 2021! Thanks to each and every one of you for being a valued member of our club.

New AKC Virtual Home Manners Titles

Sherry Rife



November 2nd AKC began recording the new VHM titles. Levi and Heidi both earned their VHMA.

The Privilege

By Jinnie Strickland

Every time I pick up the lead it is my Privilege. It is my Privilege that this wonderful creature has agreed to be my partner.

Regardless of the outcome of the interaction, my dog tries hard to understand a sometimes complex, confusing, and sometimes unnatural set of instructions. It is my Privilege that my dog is willing to try.

Regardless of the outcome, any errors rest on my shoulders. I wasn't able to make my requests clear for my partner. It is my Privilege that my partner is willing to forgive.

Regardless of the outcome of subjective judging, the dog I took into the ring is the same dog I have the Privilege of taking home.

It is my Privilege from the beginning to end. Always!

Barn Hunt Brags

Sandy Crawford



We participated in the Companion Dog Club Barn Hunt this past weekend and here are my Westie Shimmy brags.

"Shimmy" passed the Instinct test and earned her first Barn Hunt title RATI

"Shimmy" found the rat and earned her first leg in Novice A and First Place (small dog). Three legs are needed to title.

Success in 2020

Gerianne Darnell



The Darnell dogs had a stellar 2020, especially considering it was a pandemic year! Between the three dogs, they earned 35 titles and counting, as we still have one nosework weekend left in December. Rayna was the big winner with 17 titles, including several high in trials in obedience, nosework, and herding. Rayna had a severe case of leptospirosis this summer, and I am so fortunate that she had a complete recovery. Rick and Robert each earned 9 titles. I am thrilled to still be training and competing with Rick in nosework at the age of 16! He actually had the fastest time of any dog at both the AKC trial in March and the UKC trial in August. Rick earned his UKC Grand Novice Championship and his AKC overall Elite Novice title in 2020. Robert finished his overall AKC Master title and his UKC Nosework Championship, and both Robert and Rick had High in Trials in nosework in 2020. I so enjoyed training and showing my three dogs in 2020, and they kept me sane through a challenging year!

TIDBIT

From the November/December 2020 AAA magazine that may be helpful to dog owners. AAA makes it easy to find a pet-friendly place to stop or stay when traveling. Search for hotels, restaurants, attractions and campgrounds by checking out AAA.com/PetTravel.

CHRISTMAS DOG

by Shel Silverstein

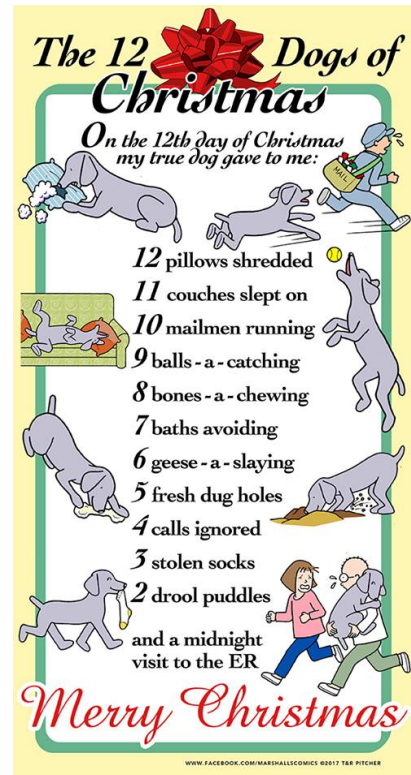
*Tonight's my first night as a watchdog,
And here it is Christmas Eve.
The children are sleepin' all cozy upstairs,
While I'm guardin' the stockin's and tree.*

*What's that now—footsteps on the rooftop?
Could it be a cat or a mouse?
Who's this down the chimney?*

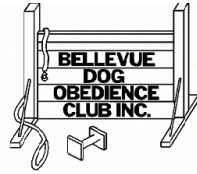
*A thief with a beard—
And a big sack for robbin' the house?*

*I'm barkin' I'm growlin' I'm bittin' his butt.
He howls and jumps back in his sleigh.
I scare his strange horses, they leap in the air.
I've frightened the whole bunch away.*

*Now the house is all peaceful and quiet again,
The stockin's are safe as can be.
Won't the kiddies be glad when they wake up
tomorrow
And see how I've guarded the tree.*



BelleVue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska



2020 Awards

Dear Club Members:

It's time to submit your titles for 2020. In order to receive an award, a member must be "active". You are an active member if you have given six hours of service to the club in 2020, which could include attending the general meetings, participating on a committee, helping with trials, etc. Please indicate on the form what six hours you have contributed to the club. BDOC currently offers a plaque for each dog with a "bar" for each title earned. Each year you will add new title bars to your plaque for your dog. There is also an award for "Competition Dog of The Year" which recognizes the top six scores earned in AKC obedience competition from the regular or preferred classes. We will also be awarding the "Jackie Griffith Memorial Award", given to the Highest Scoring Active Member's dog in the regular or preferred classes at the 2020 BDOC obedience trials in March/April, August, or October, along with the "Beginner Novice" award (previously the pre-novice award) for our BDOC trials in March/April, August, or October. If you showed in Beginner Novice or the regular/preferred classes at any of the 2020 BDOC obedience trials, please submit those scores below. There will also be a bar awarded for Farm Dog, Trick Dog (any level), CGC, CGCA, and CGCU titles earned by club members in 2020. Another special award is the Carol Wilson/Marge Danielson Memorial Award for the highest score earned in Novice A, Open A, or Utility A at any obedience trial (not just BDOC trials) during 2020.

Please return the following information to Gerianne Darnell, 11092 240th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 by January 15, 2021. If you have any questions, call Gerianne (712-526-2252) or Linda Puckett (402-593-0703) or e-mail Gerianne at geriannedarnell@aol.com. Please copy this form if you have earned a title on more than one dog. **Please send the form via U.S. mail rather than an e-mail so I don't have to print out so many pages.** You can send your pictures via e-mail.

I will again be putting your dogs' pictures in the program, so e-mail any pictures you have of your dog to Gerianne. Also, please send any pictures of club events that you have. Please indicate on the form if this is your dog's first title and you need a plaque for your dog. Each dog will have their own page in the Awards program, or you can put all of your dogs on one page if you wish. If you lost your dog in the last year, we'd like to recognize your dog with a page as well. thanks, Gerianne

Please send the following to Gerianne, one form for each dog:

BDOC 2020 AWARDS

Member's name: _____

Dog's breed, registered name including titles, and call name: _____

Does this dog need a plaque?

Telephone Number and e-mail address: _____

Title(s) earned, please separate by venue, attach separate sheet if necessary:

If applicable, list your top six AKC **regular or preferred** class obedience scores (**not** rally, beginner novice, grad novice, or grad open, JUST Novice, Open, or Utility, preferred or regular) for 2020. You can list a fewer number of scores if you don't have six (date, show & score):

What was your highest score and class at any 2020 BDOC obedience trial (March/April, August, and October)? (include beginner novice but not rally, JUST the regular or preferred classes plus beginner novice): _____

Highest Score in Novice A, Open A, or Utility A in 2020 at any AKC obedience trial, (not just BDOC's trials): _____

Indicate what six hours of service you gave to BDOC in 2020: _____
