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August 2018

President's Message...by Jim Doescher

A great big thank you to Colette, Barb and crew for a very well run UKC Obedience and Rally Trials. It was great that so many NOCI teams performed well and had a great time.

I will tell you that looking for a new home for NOCI has slowed down considerably. My hope is some new properties become available this Fall, in close proximity to our present location. Several of you have suggested sites that you have seen and we have checked them all. Please feel free to forward any interesting sites to us.

At the end of August, we will be hosting 3 days of Barn Hunt Trials. A week later, we are hosting 2 days of Nose Work trials in McHenry. Here's hoping that both weekends have comfortable weather for all the competing teams and the many volunteers that make them possible.

Hope to see many of you at the August meeting!

Jim

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General Meeting Minutes 6-15-18

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM. Shari moved to accept the April minutes; Gary N. seconded. Bev moved to accept the May special meeting minutes; Barb F. seconded. All approved both.

President: Jim would like to implement more communication to the membership, and use the Yahoo distribution group as much as possible rather than Mail Chimp. Jim has solicited all members to make sure they are on our Yahoo group. He is also trying to consolidate and clean up the list. He has also updated the Yahoo Log In to streamline the sign-up process which has been cumbersome in the past.

Vice President: None.

Secretary: Amber explained the criteria to the membership, per the By Laws, for *Lifetime Membership*. Jan Mysliwiec was then presented as eligible for *Lifetime Membership*. Shari moved and Joan seconded. All approved.

Amber reminded all to sign the meeting sign-in sheets. A very nice thank you card received from our May 2018 agility judge. The May 2018 agility trial has been closed out and we are all set for 2019.

Sympathy cards sent to: Ken & Yvonne Smith lost their dog Rusty. Nanci Lorenz lost her dog Clyde.

Treasurer: reported financial details. Contact Marianne for additional details or any questions. Wally inquired if all our committees have pre-set budgets for our events and cited an example of what occurred with another club who incurred very high expenditures from one of their judges.

DON: in process of starting a new beginner's class. 6-7 students optimum limit. 9/1 & 9/2 trial (@ McHenry Middle School) in a holding pattern for now.

DOT: Jim advised the membership that Chris has resigned from her role as DOT for personal reasons. In the interim Silvia, Peggy, and Adrienne will form a 'DOT Committee' for now. Ultimately one person will be in charge as DOT with support of a committee. Jim thanked Chris whole heartedly for the work she did. Not an easy job for one person!

DOAT: Absent, no updates.

Training Hall Secretary: None.

New Members:

Wanda Milne – Golden

Daniel Warren – Golden Mix

Lisa Jendrulzek – Lab

Elizabeth Rybicki – Wirehaired Dachshund

Ed moved to accept these new members; Gary N. seconded. All approved. Welcome!

Committee Reports:

Membership: 253 plus 4 this evening, 257. The membership rosters are completed.

Service Credits: up to date and in the box through the last fun match and CGC.

Misc.-Class Pre-Payment: Marianne shared that the recently implemented pre-payment system is going very well for classes. The objective is to secure your spot and maximize our class schedule. Thank you all for your support and cooperation! Discussion ensued as to where is the class waitlist? Please check with Adrienne. For pre-payment process, please complete an envelope with your name, class(s) and payment, and put it into the safe.

Building update: the 160 building would not work out due to the parking restrictions and the roof issues. Our realtor, Leslie, has worked above and beyond to assist us. Leslie contacted the businesses on each side of the 160 building to obtain permission/an agreement for our overflow parking, however both declined. The Village of Cary declined our request for a parking exemption (in re: there is no parking allowed on the street.)

While we were impressed with the potential possibilities of the 160 building the parking restrictions and the roof issues prevented us from moving forward with it. With that, we are here until April 2019 when our lease ends. Discussion ensued. We are in a holding pattern for any 2019 trials held at the training hall.

Our current rent is \$5656 per month. Retail space tends to be very expensive. The potential retail space has lots of posts, but offers lots of parking. Industrial space tends to be cheaper, no posts, but less parking.

\$8 sq ft. is approximately the going rate. Ideally, we'd like to secure 12,000 sq ft. if we can afford it. We may need to do a short-term lease if we don't find a permanent place by April 2019. Discussion ensued.

Have we considered partnering with another club? Discussion ensued. None available close to us and they are all booked on their own.

Jim reviewed the upcoming calendar of events.

UKC Obedience Fun Match: Ray Czubek graciously agreed to facilitate a UKC Obedience Fun Match on Sunday July 22nd, at Noon, free for NOCI members and NOCI students entered in our upcoming trials. Discussed offering this opportunity to non-members who are entered in our UKC trial as well for a nominal fee.

Barn Hunt: 8/24, 8/25, and 8/26. Set up on Thursday 8/23 pm.

Unfinished Business: none.

New Business: Class price increase: no matter what we do, we will be paying more rent. The proposed \$10 increase will be across the board for all classes; members and non-members. This averages \$1.43 per class. Jim reviewed that the last price increase was in 2012, and that in 2015 we changed from 8-week to 7-week sessions.

It was asked *why is agility more than obedience?* It was explained there are less students per agility class compared to obedience. Agility offered at other clubs is historically more expensive than obedience.

Discussed scheduling the \$10 increase effective in January 2019 instead? Perhaps we will have a better idea where we are moving to at that time. Discussion ensued.

Discussed researching other opportunities to add classes for additional revenue, or offer drop-in training - for example conformation? Discussion ensued.

The board moved to implement a \$10 increase in the price of all classes; for members and non-members, effective in Session 5; Joan seconded. Six (6) opposed. Motion passes.

No change to Doggie Dollars, Service Credits, nor the Rescue Dog discount.

Inquiry - where is the sign-up books? There is a volunteer sign-up book on the table in the obedience building and posted on our website, and published in our premiums. We also send email requests via our NOCI group Yahoo list to solicit volunteers.

Brag: were shared by all.

Cathy G. thanked the board for all their hard work and dedication.

Jim thanked Karen Haberkorn for all her hard work on our fun matches and making them quite successful.

Gary N. moved to adjourn the meeting; Ed seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Perri, Secretary

UKC Trial July 2018

NOCI held our annual two-day UKC Trial on July 28 and July 29. The theme throughout the event was celebrating 120 years of the UKC. Colette Ritter and Karen Haberkorn spearheaded all aspects of the trial, along with the help of the trial committee and volunteers this event went very smooth both days.

This was the first year that we filled all spots in both obedience trials and came close to filling the rally trials! This accomplishment was a group effort, with Colette and Karen promoting the event via the website, facebook page & UKC event page, instructors talking up the fun of competing and by including UKC elements during classes.

On the days of the trials, we had a strong team of volunteers who fulfilled their duties with expertise, professionalism and true love of helping make this event fun for all who attended. Events like this can not be done without the time that our volunteers donate, so a big Thank You to all our wonderful volunteers!

Lastly, we were lucky to have Ray Czubek as the obedience judge and Patti McKnight for the rally judge, they represented the UKC nicely.

Remember to mark your calendars for our event next year!



Brag:

Sedona finally earned her ELITE nose work title in Michigan on June 30th, and was only 2 tenths of a second from being in first place overall. She ended up with second place overall and third place in interiors! submitted by Dianna Dietrich)

Georgie with her ribbons (submitted by Silvia Simmons)



Shakespeare Goes to the Dogs

SHAKESPEARE GOES TO THE DOGS!

Submitted by Chris Wagner. Photographs courtesy of Dan Norman.

Etta is a pittie mix that came to NOCI for obedience classes when she was a young dog. Eileen Moeller, her owner, told me she never really wanted to compete in an obedience ring but did want a well-trained, socialized dog. Little did she know that in just a couple of years, her girl was going to steal everyone's heart in a big way! Etta trained in my novice class at NOCI for about 2 years. She started out shy, but quickly gained her confidence. When Eileen told me she was moving out of state, I was sad to see them go, however, Eileen's mom, Christine, and her dog "Rooster" still continue in my class today and every once in a while, I would get updates on how they were doing. Then, Eileen contacted me a few months ago and asked if I could write a Letter of Recommendation for Etta to participate in a play called 'Shakespeare in Love', being held at the Great River Shakespeare Festival where they currently live. Etta would play the part of "Spot". Shakespeare in Love is an onstage play that depicts an imaginary love affair involving playwright William Shakespeare and Viola de Lesseps while Shakespeare was writing Romeo and Juliet. "Spot" is the mascot to Lord Chamberlain's men. In the play, Spot (played by Etta), has two specific tasks. Spot is asked to perform tricks in front of Queen Elizabeth I while wearing a very fancy ruffled Elizabethan collar (not the plastic kind from the vet!). Eileen states: "There is a joke about how well-trained Spot, the dog, is as the actor asks her to 'jump' and she sits instead. She has done this pretty consistently but they also encouraged her to 'disobey' by going downstage to sniff at the audience members, which everyone has really enjoyed! In this scene, they put a huge Elizabethan ruff on her, which doesn't seem to bother her at all."

And later on in the play, Spot will burst onto the stage to 'attack' the Earl of Wessex who is plotting against Shakespeare. "In her next entrance, she has to burst through the curtain and hit two targets, which, once we were in the show for a few days, she started to do so well! She used to not really want to go on stage, but I worked on "find it" with her and once she realized there was an actor waiting for her with a treat, she hit her entrance every time! Everyone in the cast has enjoyed working with her and as soon as we get to the theater, she knows what is going to happen and runs all the way down the hallway." said Eileen.

In Etta's final scene, she is walked onto the stage and she sits with some actors to be petted. Eileen says, "I'm sure this is her favorite thing! She has consistently upstaged the actual star of the show by rolling over and looking very cute/sad when one character says, 'I paid 3 sovereigns for this cruel-hearted cur!'. It's been a lot of fun, and the cast have asked if she can come back during rehearsals next summer to serve as a stress reliever."

Etta is certainly stealing the show as you can see in the pictures. Congratulations to Eileen and Etta on their success!

You can visit the Festival's website at: www.grsf.org





2018 Obedience Class Schedule

MONDAY

Pre-Novice 9:00 am—9:50 am
Beginner 10:00 am—10:50 am
Novice 11:00 am—11:50 am
Novice 12:00 pm—12:50 pm
Pre-Utility 1:00 pm—1:50 pm
Utility 2:00 pm— 2:50 pm

Pre-Novice 6:00 pm—6:50 pm
Beginner 7:00 pm—7:50 pm
Beginner 8:00 pm—8:50 pm
Novice 9:00 pm—9:50 pm

TUESDAY

Novice 5:00 pm—5:50 pm
Novice 6:00 pm—6:50 pm
Open 7:00 pm—7:50 pm

WEDNESDAY

Beginner 7:00 pm—7:50 pm
Novice 8:00 pm—8:50 pm
Pre-Open 9:00 pm—9:50 pm

THURSDAY

Beginner 9:00 am—9:50 am
Novice 10:00 am—10:50 am
Open 11:00 am—11:50 am

Puppy 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Pre-Novice 8:00 pm—8:50 pm

FRIDAY

Drop-In Training 10:00am - 12:00pm Sits & Downs at 11:00am

Non-Members \$10.00 - Unlimited number of dogs
Members \$5.00 - Unlimited number of dogs

Free fun match certificates earned at NOCI Agility Trials will be honored:
Non-Members 1 Certificate = 1 Friday training session
Members 1 Certificate = 2 Friday sessions

Obedience/Nosework Class Fees:

Non-Members:\$120.00 Members: \$60.00 with 2 Service Credits: \$35.00

New Class Session (#4) Starts week of 6/25/18 and ends week of 8/13/18

This session runs from the week of June 25th thru the week of August 13th, 2018. (7 weeks). All classes are 50 minutes long. This will help to allow safe entry and exiting the training facility with your dog.

Note: No Classes week of July 2, 2018 (Fourth of July)

2018 Nosework Class Schedule

MONDAY

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Intro To Nosework	Jim Doescher
7:00—8:00 p.m.	Int/Advanced Nosework	Jim Doescher and Adrienne Ostrowski
8:00—9:00 p.m.	Int/Advanced Nosework	Jim Doescher and the Burris'
9:00—10:00 p.m.	Intermediate	Jim Doescher and the Burris'

TUESDAY

8:00—9:00 p.m.	Int/Adv Nosework	Jim Doescher
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WEDNESDAY

10:30—11:30 a.m.	Advanced Nosework	Cheryle Homuth
12:00—1:00 p.m.	Advanced Nosework	Cheryle Homuth

Please note: All nose work classes are full and there is a waiting list.
Please contact Jim Doescher to be added to the wait list.

Nose Work Brags

Tyson:

AKC Scent Work Interior Advanced Title and Scent Work Exterior Advanced Title

Tony:

AKC Scent Work Interior Novice Title, Scent Work Buried Novice Title, Scent Work Exterior Novice Title and Total Scent work Novice Title

UKC Exterior Superior Title and total Superior Title

Johnny:

AKC Scent Work Container Advanced Title

UKC Superior Container Title

NACSW Element Level 1 Container Title

Kermit and Dick Sanderson earned their NW1 title in NACSW

Dagger and Jessica Mueller earned their second NW3 title with a HIT and Pronounced in NACSW

Brody and Sandy Fuller earned their L2E with a HIT and Elite 2 in NACSW

Brody and Sandy Fuller also earned their Elite Interior with 2 HIT, Elite Exterior and Elite Nose Work in UKC

Johnny and Laurel Graham earned their NW2 title, 1st place overall

2018 Agility Class Schedule

TUESDAY

Beginning	9:00 AM-9:50 AM
Foundation	7:00 PM-7:50 PM
Foundation	8:00 PM-850 PM
Advanced	10:45 AM-10:35 AM
Advanced	12:15 PM-12:55 PM

WEDNESDAY

Advanced	8:00 PM-8:50 PM
Excellent	7:00 PM-7:50 PM

THURSDAY

Beginning	6:00 PM-6:50 PM
Intermediate	7:00 PM- 7:50 PM
Foundation	8:00 PM-8:50 PM

Titles and Awards Reported 05/29/18-08/04/18

Carla Baker Piper Labrador Retriever
5/27/2018 Race Agility CPE CL1-F
5/27/2018 Race Agility CPE CL1-R
AKC Achiever Dog
5/27/2018 CPE CL1S

Sally Banka Mac Golden Retriever
6/23/2018 Flying Paws WCRL RL1

Donas Bradford Boston Boston Terrier
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC Novice Trick

Donas Bradford Indy Boston Terrier
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC TKN
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC CGC

Donas Bradford Nola Boston Terrier
4/28/2018 Rand Park AKC RN
4/1/2018 AKC Achiever Dog
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC TKN
6/23/2018 NOCI WCRL RLI

Shelley Colbert Noah Rott
6/23/2018 Flying Paws WCRL RL1

Czubek Ray Annie Mix
UKC MN

Czubek Ray Logan Flat Coated Retriever
UKC NN; NACSW NW1;

Aline Denges Jack All American
6/10/2018 petco-vernon hills AKC CGC
6/23/2018 Flying Paws WCRL RL1
6/10/2018 AKC ACHIEVER DOG

Dianna Dietrich Sedona Doberman
6/30/2018 NACSW NW3-I
6/30/2018 NACSW NW3 Elite

Richard Dufern Blue Moon German Shepherd
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC TKN

Tiffany Dyson Sawyer All American
7/8/2018 Race CPE Agility CL2-H
7/8/2018 Race CPE Agility CL2-S

Sandy Fuller Luna Border Collie
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC TKN
6/10/2018 Magic's Legacy HIC
7/13/2018 Julia Lane DMWYD NTD

Sandy Fuller Lily Shetland Sheepdog
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC TKN
7/13/2018 Julia Lane DMWYD NTD

Sandy Fuller Brody Shetland Sheepdog
7/7/2018 For Your K9 UKC EE
7/7/2018 For Your K9 UKC EN
7/15/2018 For Your K9 NACSW ELT2

Karen Haberkorn Summer Borzoi
6/9/2018 Milwaukee Dog Training Club AKC RI

Shari Hoffman-Preucil Baby Rott
6/10/2018 Vom Cama Wabak Kennels AKC TKN

Shari Hoffman-Preucil Spiritt St. Bernard
6/9/2018 WAGS CPE Agility CSL2-S

Kristine Kuta Cyrus Ambor
12/21/2017 NOCI AKC Star puppy

Birgit Mantilla Rex Boston Terrier
AKC Achiever Dog
6/24/2018 NADD DJ

Birgit Mantilla Noah GSD
AKC Achiever Dog
6/24/18 Three Hounds Training Grounds NADD DJ

Amber Perri Ciro German Shepherd
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC CGC
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC TKN
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC TKI

Stephanie Pietrzak Blackhawk Standard Poodle
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC TKN
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC TKI
6/23/2018 Flying Paws WCRL RL1

Colette Ritter Tucker Ambor
6/2/2018 Centegra Health System Pet Partners
Therapy Dog
6/3/2018 NOCI AKC TKN

Larry Schuldt/Nadine Greiner Aiden Collie (Rough)
6/16/2018 Iliana Collie Fanciers AKC NA

Carolyn Shere Kami (Portuguese Water Dog)
3/24/2018 NACSW NW1
6/22/2018 Cudahy AKC NAP

Silvia Simmons Delilah Am Staff
6/23/2018 NOCI WCRL RL2

Silvia Simmons Georgie Am Staff
6/23/2018 NOCI WCRL RL2

Yvonne Smith Ken Riley Cairn Terrier
6/23/2018 Flying Paws WCRL RL3X
6/23/2018 Flying Paws WCRL ARCHX

Yvonne Smith Ken Tess All American
6/23/2018 Flying Paws WCRL ARCH
7/8/2018 RACE CPE Agility ChST

Jan Sund Aero Border Collie
6/17/2018 North Shore AKC RN

Jan Sund Valor Border Collie
6/23/2018 Flying Paws WCRL RL-1

Jan Sund Coury Miniature American Shepherd
6/23/2018 Flying Paws WCRL RL-1

Kim Young Soren Dalmatain
7/23/2018 A plus AKC GCG
7/23/2018 Achiever Dog

Other teams reporting Qualifying Scores

Donas Bradford and Indy (Boston Terrier)
Shawn Hacker and Scout (American Staffordshire Terrier)
Birgit Mantilla and Rex (Boston Terrier)
Colette Ritter and Tucker (Ambor)
Silvia and Mike Simmons and Delilah (American Staffordshire Terrier)
Silvia and Mike Simmons and Georgie (American Staffordshire Terrier)
Silvia and Mike Simmons and Sampson (American Staffordshire Terrier)
Silvia and Mike Simmons and Haley (American Staffordshire Terrier)

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**Next General
Meeting
August 17, 2018
7:30 p.m.**



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