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October Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Gerianne Darnell, Acting Secretary

The October 1, 2019, BDOC Board meeting was called to order at 7:58 p.m. at the Village Inn in Council Bluffs. Those in attendance were Linda Puckett, Erin Embrey, Alberta Gray, Gerianne Darnell, and Dee Nelson. Absent was Kris Woodke, Devetta Hill, and Deb Seldon. Due to the absence of the Secretary, there were no minutes available for the last board or general meetings. The President and the Vice President had no report. Although the Treasurer was not present, we did receive detailed breakdowns of the herding and agility trials. Committee reports: Kris reported via email that she and Anita were having difficulty making contact with the judges for the October obedience trial. Kris has plans for food. We anticipate a healthy entry for the Obedience

Veterans Parade. We will be setting up at 5:30 on Friday, October 25, and we also plan on offering a

match that night. Dee will do the ribbon stickers. Karen and Sandy have a "fabulous finds" fundraiser planned. Erin and Deb are on top of the Scent Work trial in November. We will need help unloading the sand. Deb has a detailed plan of what is needed for the weekend. Gerianne is doing food, and Sue is the chief ring steward. All of our other events for 2020 are on track. Gerianne has all of the obedience judges hired through 2022. A discussion was held regarding holding SPOT (CGC) with our UKC trials again in June. There was interest in offering it again.

Old Business: A lengthy discussion was held regarding whether we will continue to offer the fall agility trial. Bert suggested that we continue to hold the trials from a monetary standpoint. Linda said it was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. Erin said it is fun, but is it worth it for all that we go through to put it on, given what a small group we are. Linda stated that she hates to let it go as we were the first to hold agility trials in the area. Many exhibitors wrote e-mails and posted on Facebook how much they enjoy our trials. The board then voted to continue to offer one agility trial weekend a year on the September date in 2020. Erin is going to ask Lisa Black to be secretary.

New Business: The Christmas party will be held at the Dowell's on Saturday, December 14th. We will make ribbon Christmas trees before the party! and then enjoy dinner, a short meeting, and gift opening. Our next general meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, at Fox Run Assisted Living. We will share our dogs with the residents at 6 p.m., have a short program at 6:30, followed by our club meeting. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd, at Village Inn in Council Bluffs at 6:30. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

BDOC Fall Herding Trial Report

Gerianne Darnell and Sharon Dowell, Co-chairs

It has taken me this long to come up for air to write a report about our BDOC fall herding trial, held on Saturday and Sunday, September 21-22. This is an event that I think I spend more time on than any other as far as planning and plotting with Sharon Dowell, my co-chair! From hiring judges, to figuring out sheep and ducks requirements, to arena and field setups, it is a labor intensive event!

Jim and Gerianne set up the Course B duck course a couple months before the event, and they were joined by Sharon to set up the Course A duck course a few weeks later. Sharon and I always have rulebooks in hand when we do this, as it all has to be measured according to "the book"! Scott then constructed a setout corral for the Instinct Testing to be held by both the Samoyed and Pumi National clubs at the same time, thank you, Scott! Scott, Sharon, GA, and Jim were joined by Erin, Bert, and Jamie Evans to tarp the arenas and hold pens on the Thursday night before the big event. DeAnn Nelson provided crates for duck setout, which were most appreciated.

Club members who assisted with timing/scribing/sheet running and livestock wrangling were Scott, Sharon, Darrell, Gerianne, Erin, Sue V., Devetta, Bert, and Deb. Deb also provided us with a tasty lunch each day. Doing a very nice job of setout with her dog "Huck" was Jamie Evans. Helping to clean up were Scott, Sharon, GA, Erin, Bert, Jim, and Deb. And of course we would be up the proverbial creek without our wonderful trial secretary, Norine Nieman, who was joined by her papillons for the weekend!

This year we had some pretty darn good rains/wind, with some damaging winds on Saturday night. But, we were lucky that the weather wasn't too bad for the actual event.

Club members did very well, I know Sharon Dowell finished Course B Started Ducks and Course B Started sheep titles on Clare, and she also had at least one High in Trial and Reserve High in Trial. Scott Dowell and Sam did very well in Advanced A and B sheep, had at least one of the big awards, and they picked up their first Herding Championship points! I was very proud of Rayna, who Q'd 8 out of 8 duck runs, with 8 first places, all four High Combined Duck awards, a High in Trial and two Reserve High in Trials, and finished her Intermediate B duck and Started A duck titles.

Sharon and I already have plans for next year. In

order to help with expenses, we have cut back on our rosettes, offering flat ribbons for the regular placements and Q's, and we are planning on offering the Herding Instinct test to hopefully pad our entry. We are also exploring ways to better utilize our judges to cut back on expense, and hopefully one or both judges could stay with a club member to also cut back on expenses as we strive towards breaking even. We also have a couple more club members who are planning on entering their dogs in the spring.

It was a fun and exhausting event, and I am looking forward to the next one.

October General Meeting Minutes

Gerianne Darnell, acting secretary

The October meeting of the Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska was called to order on October 15, 2019, at 7:12 p.m. at the Fox Run Assisted Living Facility in Council Bluffs. We shared our dogs with the residents prior to the meeting. Those in attendance were Linda Puckett, Erin Embrey, Alicia Robinson, Gerianne Darnell, and Alberta Gray. Due to the lack of a quorum, an official meeting was not held. The minutes of the last board meeting were published on the BDOC list, and there was no treasurers report. A brief discussion was held about the upcoming AKC obedience trial at Companion. Erin reported on the November Scent Work trial, and she talked about the various "themes" for searches. Erin and Deb are looking for donations of "stuff" to use. We then briefly discussed the 2020 events. Several events still need chairs. Under new business, Bert agreed to chair the nominating committee for 2020 and Alicia will be the member at large. Terms that are expiring are President, Treasurer, and two board members at large. Old business that was discussed was the club continuing to have an AKC agility trial in September of 2020 and the switching of the club discussion group to io from Yahoo. A discussion was held about when and how to make the mini OTCH bars for the Obedience Veterans parade at the October obedience trial. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, at the Village Inn in Council Bluffs. The next club meeting will be the annual Christmas party on Saturday night, December 14, at the home of Scott and Sharon Dowell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

2019 Fall AKC Agility Trial

Erin Embrey and Gerianne Darnell Co- Chairs

This year marked 25 years of AKC Agility Trials for BDOC. In the spring we brought out some cute coolers for every person entered. We continued

that for the fall trial. We were also celebrating the retirement of our long time Trial Secretary, Karen Nenow. She was a bit surprised at the lovely "MACH BAR" that Linda Puckett made, the super cake ordered by Alberta Gray and the emotional speech given on Saturday at the briefing. Karen was a bit surprised and even shed some tears too.

We will miss her and everyone got to sign their well wishes on her "Retirement Bar"!

We started the weekend off by loading the truck at Go Dogs. Thank You Dee and Darrell for your time and energy renting the truck, loading and unloading the truck! You can rent our trucks anytime!

Those that were there to help load the truck were; Erin, Gerianne, Alberta, John, Rose, Dee, Darrell, Mary and Randy. We also had a couple of Go Dogs members help, Lindsay Dvorak and her brother. We also were able to unload the truck that night! So we added Kim and George Embrey, Lisa Daughtry and Renee White to our list of unloaders. We were so lucky to be able to do this, so thank you for your time. Please make sure that we thank ALL the non-club members for taking the time to help all weekend with the trial. Randy, Rose, Erin and Lisa Daughtry took on the course building with TONS of help from other exhibitors. Since we had all the equipment unloaded it made Friday morning set up a little bit easier. We still had a lot of non-member support. We had people learning how to course build with the wheel and set up maps.

Those club members that stepped in to drop bars and move things around were Gerianne, Linda and Alberta. A huge thank you to Caroline Rice for getting us water and snacks for the weekend!! Everyone appreciates the snacks and hydration. I would also like to say thank you to everyone that cleaned up the facility: Rose, Mary, Randy, Alberta, Linda, Gerianne, Erin, Pam and Doug Fusselman, and George and Kim Embrey. There were lots of local people that helped push all the equipment to the side of the building for the next trial. We definitely had lots of hands moving stuff over and it went quite smoothly. It's not easy to put on a trial, lots of work goes into them, but when people tell you they want you to continue having trials, well, you listen. I had multiple people tell me they were sad we were not having our May trial and hoped that we would have the fall trial. I saw many postings to Facebook about the trial and how they enjoy coming and want us back. So, we are listening to them. We are already in 2020 mode and getting everything all set up for the next trial. So, if you are ready to take on a task let one of the Board members know and we can get you a task for the Fall 2020 AKC Agility Trial! Thanks for everyone's

help!

BDOC Fall Obedience & Rally Trial

Kris Woodke

Another fabulous BDOC Obedience and Rally Trial weekend in the books! We had a great time again this year, and all three of our trials were full or very close to full. So many people to thank because, as you all know, it takes a village!

Our judges, Cynthia and Phillip Rustad, from Minneapolis were great. We really appreciate them coming down to judge for us -- so glad the snow waited until yesterday so they could get back home easily.

BIG THANKS to the following people who helped out, jumped in when needed and made the trials go off without a hitch:

- Ring Stewards: Members Gerianne Darnell, Erin Embrey, Devetta Hill, Anita Richmond, Randy Frady, Mary Palmer, and Shari Mueller; non-members Marci Lundhigh (Rally course steward extraordinaire), Darla Hook, Gary Platt, Gale Osborne, Jen Howell, Shannon and Jennifer Kaschke
- Set-up/match crew: Gerianne, Linda, Bert, Deb Selden, Erin
- Tear-down crew: Linda, Bert, Deb S., Erin, Gerianne, Anita
- Lunch lady: Non-member Barb Moran
- Great Finds Boutique: Sandy Crawford and Karen Stevens -- this was an awesome event and so much fun -- I think I took home more than I donated to the sale which defeated my original purpose of trying to get rid of some stuff! Great job, ladies!
- Veterans' Parade -- Bert Gray. Another awesome event! Great to see these veterans back in the ring. Judge Phil Rustad even joined in on the fun with his veteran dog. And the mini-OTCH bars were fabulous.
- Ribbons/prizes -- Linda, Deb Selden, Dee Nelson, Bert

Thank you also to my co-chair, Anita Richmond! If I left anyone out, I sincerely apologize. And if you see any of the non-members listed above, please thank them in person for pitching in!

AKC Scent Work Trial November 1-3, 2019

By Erin Embrey and Deb Selden, Trial Co-Chairs

The November BDOC AKC Scent Work Trial at the beautiful Sunshine Obedience School was a huge success with a monetary profit for the club. The temperatures were normal for November, we had rain one day, but the weather was pretty good! This event offered Handler Discrimination, Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried elements judged by Chris Eblen from central Iowa and Christine Kozanda from Indiana. This was our first trial using the water and sand combination for the buried searches.

A special Thank You to Sharon Dowell, who was instrumental in the success of the Trial and does an endless number of tasks! Sue Volkmer did an awesome job as Volunteer Coordinator. 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 D, Gerianne, Erin, Deb, Alberta, Linda P and Norine.

Clean-up: Sharon D, Gerianne, Erin, Sue, Shelly Rehmeier, Deb, Alberta, Linda P and Norine. Jim Hogsett did a great job of keeping the facility in tip-top shape during the weekend, plus helping us move the External search items!

Stewards, included Club Members Sue Volkmer, Karen Stevens, Sharon Dowell, Teresa Carlile, Bert Gray, Linda Puckett, Kris Woodke, Erin, Deb and many more folks who pitched in when they saw a need. Non-club members such as Lynn Pettengill, Shelly Rehmeier, Brenda Bruce, Pam Eckstein, Ellen Plouzak (John Wilson's daughter) and others also stepped in and helped a lot throughout the weekend.

Gerianne had plenty of delicious food for lunch each day! Bert and Linda stepped in to help with setup and cleanup in the kitchen. Thank you to those who brought extras!

There were others who stepped in to help during the weekend that are not listed here, but greatly appreciated!

This is our club's third 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 some positive changes to the BDOC Scentwork Trials beginning in February 2020!!!

Veteran Parade Recognition

This is the first year BDOC has honored the Veteran Dog in Obedience and Rally. We have done this for a number of years for the Agility Dog.

There were 20 Veteran Dogs entered, including 11 BDOC club dogs.

Gerianne Darnell with Rick and Robert
Linda Puckett with Icy
Erin Embrey with Ellie and Kasey
Sandy Williams with Snowy
Sandy Crawford with Saylor
Alberta Gray with Grayson & a memorial for Darby
Norine Nieman with Chanel and Bindi
Kris Woodke with Echo
Deb Sheldon with Diva

When Obedience Judge, Phil Rustad, learned of the Parade, he asked if he could enter his dog, Boo.

There were tears, laughter and joy watching the Veterans in the ring again.

If there is enough interest, we would consider doing the parade in the future.



Outburst Darby

Darby competed in his final trial February 2019, earning a title and enjoying dog in white for superior and elite runs. He was spot on!

Little did I know Darby would unexpectedly leave for the bridge only a week later. Darby did everything with gusto, be it Obedience, Rally, Agility, Scentwork, herding.

Darby was a nanny to all the puppies and let them know he didn't approve of their antics

Darby still lives in my heart and the hearts of those he loved.

Bejul'D Heir to the Fortune, Grayson

Grayson has titles in multiple venues in agility, obedience, rally and Scentwork, he has traveled the country with me from Coast to Coast and north to south. He was a good little buddy to Darby and has taken over as leader of his sisters, Mia and Marta.

He loves doing WCRL rally and the rewards in the ring. Sorry AKC.

His favorite sport now is Scentwork, perhaps the awards in the ring have something to do with it.

Rick is Quintuple Champion Skyland Ricochet UDX10 OGM RAE2 PUDX TDU VST TDX and Master Nosework Dog, along with dozens of other titles. Rick is an AKC Champion in conformation, herding, agility, obedience, and tracking. He earned his TDX in January of this year at the age of 14 years, three months, to become a Quintuple Champion and a Versatile Companion Champion. In 2015 Rick finished his UDX10, meaning he qualified in Open B and Utility B on the same day one hundred times. In 2016 Rick placed in the Top 50 at the AKC National Obedience Championship in Tulsa at the age of 11 1/2. Rick recently finished his overall Master Nosework title, becoming the first dog in the area to earn both a UKC Elite Nosework title and an AKC Master Nosework title. To still be training and competing with Rick at the age of 15 is a dream come true. Rick has earned many High in Trials in obedience, nosework, rally, and herding, but most importantly, he is a sweet, wonderful pet. I hope for many more wonderful times with Rick, and I am so fortunate to have shared all of these happy years with him.

Robert is Grand Champion OTCH MACH2 PACH Rally Champion Preferred Obedience Champion TopFiite Ricochet UDX2 PUDX2 RM3 RAE2 TD, plus dozens of other titles. Robert is the only dog in the country to have the AKC Championships that he has. He was High in Trial at both the American and Canadian Papillon Nationals in 2013. Robert has earned 43 Obedience High in Trials, along with many rally and nosework High in Trials as well. Robert placed in the Top 50 at the 2016 AKC National Obedience Championship, and he earned his OTCH in just 3 months. Just this past March, Robert placed eleventh out of 69 dogs in the Championship Division at the Rally National Championship and during the same weekend he made it all the way to the Challengers round at the Agility National Championship, where he ended up in seventh place. Robert is known for his sunny personality, as he's never met a dog or person that he can't charm in to being his friend. I would like to thank Robert's favorite person, my husband George, for allowing me to pry Robert from his lap on the weekends in order to compete.

Snowy is a registered Toy Poodle that has earned his RA title in Rally and his CD in Obedience along with many more titles in different venues. Snowy's favorite things to do are Nosework and finding garter snakes in our rock garden or backyard. Snowy is an awesome companion that has stole my heart since the first day I saw him. We have been very tightly bonded and our love for one another is amazing. He is also my Service Dog which makes life easier for me with hi by my side.

Mardot Hot Lips – "Saylor"
PCDX CDX BN GN FDC RM GO TKA RAE3 CGCU CGCA RATI UD

Saylor has qualified and attained 22 American Kennel Club titles and a Canadian CD.

Saylor arrived in Omaha from Atlanta, GA on April 13, 2006 on Delta airlines flight #4435 to our waiting arms. She was so small and hiding in the back of the kennel, that we thought at first glance the kennel was empty.

We have enjoyed our adventures together with many highlights. Our greatest accomplishment was winning High In Trial at the West Highland White Terrier National Specialty in PA in 2015.

The stars aligned once again on July 28 in Des Moines when Judge Wood handed us the third green ribbon completing the requirements for the AKC Utility Dog title at 13.5 years of age.

Saylor qualified and was invited to the AKC Obedience and Rally National competitions in Orlando, FL 3 years. She also competed at the AKC Rally National in Ohio in 2018.

Saylor loves to sunbathe and her favorite toy is a round pink fluffy piggy. We adore her and she is a joy. Bless you Miss Saylor!

CH Solid Gold Ice Angel CDX BN PCD GN RM2 RAE2 CGCA, CGCU plus many other titles in agility, Scentwork, Farm Dog, Trick Dog and Barn Hunt.

Icy has added endless joy to our household ever since she came into my life as an 8 week old puppy over thirteen years ago! She is such a character and has been great fun to show from the beginning. She strutted around the conformation ring as a young puppy with great confidence earning her championship at 18 months!

When we go into a building she announces her presence to all who will listen. She loves to go anywhere with me and still participates in Rally and Scentwork with such enthusiasm and zest for life. Her eyes sparkle and her tail doesn't stop wagging as she sniffs out an odor in Scentwork or a rat in Barn Hunt!!

She is my little black bug and I'm very proud to call her my girl...Icy's my heart dog for sure!!

Kallista Where The Wind Sings

"Diva" is an 8 year old Pembroke Welsh Corgi. She began her agility and obedience career at age 3 and agility ended at age 4 because of health issues.

Diva lost interest in heeling so we took a break after we tried for a year to get a Graduate Novice title. She has a CD in obedience. When we discovered WCRL Rally where she can have treats in the ring, we started training in rally again and working on ARCHX title. Today we started AKC Rally again and got our first Excellent leg.

Diva's greatest love is Nosework, where she gets lots of treats for sniffing. She is working on her AKC Master level titles.

Ellie & Kasey have had a pretty laid back 2019.

Ellie has been competing in AKC Scent Work where she has finished her Master Exterior, Interior and Containers. We still need Excellent Buried and Master Buried for our overall Master Title. We also entered a UKC Full Master Trial locally and passed ALL 4 Elements in one day. It was a lot for a 12 year old dog, but she was full of joy finding all the things! So now we wait and see what we will do in UKC in 2020 to get our UKC Nosework Championship.

Kasey has been retired from Agility for a year now! He took up tracking and adores it. He seems to know when he is going tracking as he screams and howls and I can barely get his harness on!

Both Ellie and Kasey we entered in the BDOC Veterans Parade at our October trial and got some really cool mini OTCH Bars and Ribbons!

YaYa's Echo Express, "Echo"

Echo started in obedience and Rally as a young pup. Even though he didn't really care much for either, he participated in those sports for me, earning his CD, PCD, BN and RN in AKC events, his UCD and RO1 in UKC and his RL1CH, RL2CH and ARCH in WCRL Rally. He now competes in sports he prefers much better -- Barn Hunt (RATM) and Scentwork/Nosework (SCN/NN). He also excels in the sport of couch-potato'ing.

News from Around the Rings

Ricochet Reign of Fire HT BN PCD RA NF SWN SCNE CGC TKI

Reign and I have had an AMAZING fall. Finishing our Rally Advance Title, Novice FAST Agility title and the Preferred Novice Obedience title.

We stepped into the Obedience ring and had a fabulous time. I learned quite a bit about my dog and what I did and did not do to help him out. We walked out of four trials with 3 Q's and 3 Preferred High in Trials!

Reign has also been doing lots of Nosework. He finished his UKC Superior level title, Elite Vehicles title and did an awesome job in his Elite Exterior searches with one Q.

Looking forward to our next few weekends. We are starting CPE Agility and have more nosework and Rally in December. This boy is so versatile and we are having a lot of fun. **Erin Embrey**



**Bellevue Dog Obedience Club of Nebraska
2019 Awards**

Dear Club Members:

It's time to submit your titles for 2019. 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 2019, 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 2018 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 2019 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 2019. 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 2019.

Please return the following information to Gerianne Darnell, 11092 240th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 by January 15, 2020. 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 that as well. thanks, Gerianne

**Please send the following to Gerianne, one form for each dog:
BDOC 2019 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) for 2019. 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 2019 BDOC obedience trial (March/April, August, and October)? (include beginner novice but not rally, JUST the regular or preferred classes plus beginner novice): _____

Please indicate if your dog earned a FDC, Trick Dog, Achiever Dog, CGC, CGCA, or CGCU in 2019: _____

Highest Score in Novice A, Open A, or Utility A in 2019 at any AKC obedience trial, (not just BDOC's trials): _____

Indicate what six hours of service you gave to BDOC in 2019: _____

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