

NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Linda Luchsinger called meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Marilane Bergfelt, Tandi Blonigen, Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Maria Giaccio, Linda Luchsinger, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sue Osborn, and Joy Wood.

II. MINUTES—M/S/C to accept minutes from the April 9, 2018 general meeting as published.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. Checking: \$32,499.00
- B. Money Market: \$22,264.60
- C. MSC for an itemized expenses and income report to be presented at each meeting.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger

No Report

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Sandy Bonifield

There will be a pizza party at the June 11th meeting. Several members volunteered to bring salads and desserts.

VI. MEMBERSHIP

MSC to accept Diana Mobley as a new member; Diana has two dogs, a Vizsla named Marty and a Lab/Cattle Dog named Lexie.

VII. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

- A. **OFFICE**, Sandy Bonifield
Sandy will be asking current office members if they will continue working in office and, if needed, finding additional members so there is someone working the office every night.
- B. **TRAINING**, Marilane Bergfelt
 - 1. Session 4 is about to start.
 - 2. Session 5 will be held as Board decided to obtain a bid package at a later date for re-matting floors.
- C. **PUBLICITY**, Tandi Blonigen
Tandi will be distributing session 4 information to the community.
- D. **BUILDING**, Maria Giaccio
No concerns with building at this time.
- E. **WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER**, Sue Osborn
 - 1. The May-June newsletter was published May 5th and includes information about online registration, the trick title event, mural photos with note about ongoing mural photos being on our website, information on free screening and educational event for LAPS, an article by Cheryl Meyer about Napa County Animal Shelter, and more. Next submittal deadline for meeting announcement is May 20, 2018. Next submittal deadline for newsletter is June 20, 2018.
 - 2. Website has been converted to online registration.
- F. **VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING (VST) TEST**, Linda Wargo
Organization of the 2019 VST test is in the works.
- G. **ASSOCIATED OBEDIENCE CLUBS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AOCNC)**, Sue Osborn, Mary Ash
 - 1. Next AOCNC quarterly meeting is July 8th.
 - 2. The AOCNC July Summer workshop is July 29th. Workers are still needed.
 - 3. AOCNC will have a nose work seminar in September.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Online Registration:** People are now signing up and paying for classes through the website.
- B. **Novice AKC Trick Title Event:** Tonight several dogs will be working on their titles. A number of dogs took the novice trick title event before tonight's meeting.
- C. **Mural:** The mural is about half completed. When completed, an open house and an article in the Napa Valley Register is being considered.
- D. **AKC Nose Work Trial:** The contract with JMD Dog Sports has now been signed, this after board members met with Joy Wood, Mary Ash and Donna Golemon for clarifications on the contract.
- E. **Guidelines and Procedures:** Marilane Bergfelt and Sue Osborn have updated Guidelines and Procedures.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Snake Aversion Clinics with Fred Presson:

1. Fred inquired about NVDTTC acting as a host and partnering with him to put on snake aversion clinics in our area. Requirements for partnering organization are as follows:
 - a. The partnering organization does the advertising by posting flyers on community bulletin boards, veterinary hospitals, feed stores and even local newspapers etc.
 - b. The host organization sets the appointments (typically about six dogs an hour are trained) and keeps a log of appointments with contact info for each client.
 - c. The host also collects the money. Fred strongly recommends clients pay before the event to insure they will attend. The going rate for the training is \$75 per dog and the money is split 50/50 with the host and Fred Presson's organization.
 - d. To execute the event, a few members of the host organization will need to help during the event. Someone will need to check the clients in, have them sign a liability release while one or two others will need to collar and un-collar the dogs as they come and go. The training is done with e-collars and live rattlesnakes that are muzzled so they cannot bite.
2. Marilane offered to take Fred Presson's information and check it out in more depth and get back to members.

B. Handouts, Bark for Life, Caring Canines:

Marilane announced there are session 4 handouts on the educational table now available for distribution, the Bark for Life event is this Saturday, May 19th, & LAPS is holding their Caring Canines event June 2nd.

X. BRAGS

- A. Novice trick titles were awarded to De Brilz, Carol Coawette, and Sue Osborn's dogs before the meeting. More dogs will be working on their Novice Trick Titles after the meeting.
- B. Brooklyn, Sue Osborn's GSP, took winners at the last dog show in Vallejo receiving one point bringing Brooklyn's total to 5 points.
- C. Mary Ash has new puppies.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:09 p.m.

Respectively submitted by
Sue Osborn, Secretary