

NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. After everyone enjoyed pizza, salad, and dessert for NVDTTC's annual pizza party, President Linda Luchsinger called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Marilane Bergfelt, Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Maria Giaccio, Linda Luchsinger, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sue Osborn, and Joy Wood. Absent: Tandi Blonigen

II. SECRETARY, Sue Osborn

- A. Minutes: M/S/C to accept minutes from the May 14, 2018 general meeting as published online with one change: Under item III, remove note stating Stefanie Meinhardt was absent.
- B. The club received a thank you card from Michelle Antonia about the novice trick title event. Michelle included a \$10 donation to the club. Copy of her card is posted on bulletin board.

III. TREASURER, Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. Checking: \$35,164.65 as of 5/31/18.
- B. Money Market: \$22,264.60 as of 5/31/18
- C. Paypal: \$433.84 (non-transferred funds for accommodating refunds) as of 5/31/18.
- D. An itemized financial report was passed around to general membership.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Linda Luchsinger

No Report

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Sandy Bonifield

- A. Tonight's meeting event was a pizza party.
- B. Mary Ash and Joy Wood volunteered for hospitality for July general meeting.

VI. MEMBERSHIP, Carol Coawette/Sandy Bonifield

- A. MSC to accept Jackie McGrath as a new member. Jackie has a new puppy, an Irish Terrier, named Tierney.
- B. MSC to accept Deassa Binstock as a member who is unable to attend a meeting because of her very busy schedule. Deassa has been a member for many years and has already filled out an application and paid dues.

VII. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

- A. **OFFICE, Sandy Bonifield**
 - 1. While Sandy was on vacation, Mary Ash, Donna Golemon and Marilane Bergfelt covered office.
 - 2. Office is now covered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. More help could be used for other days.
- B. **TRAINING, Marilane Bergfelt**
 - 1. Classes are full.
 - 2. There is a shortage of assistants, typical at this time of year.
 - 3. Until some items are worked out with online registration & Dog Biz Pro rosters, Marilane is recommending using the office printed rosters.
- C. **PUBLICITY, Tandi Blonigen - Absent**
 - 1. Tandi is working with Napa Valley Register on a bid for a regular ad.
 - 2. She is also working on facebook links for sharing our information.
- D. **BUILDING, Maria Giaccio**
 - 1. AT&T is in process of fixing a non-working office phone line.
 - 2. Maria thanked mural artists Sue Osborn, Sue de Mille, and De Brilz for all their work on the mural and gave each artist an orchid as a thank-you gift. Sue de Mille will received hers later as she was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

- E. **WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER**, Sue Osborn
 - 1. The July-August newsletter will be published at the end of June. Submittal deadline is June 20, 2018.
 - 2. Class descriptions are now more accessible on the website.
- F. **VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING (VST) TEST**, Linda Wargo
 - 1. A committee has been formed and judges have been selected.
 - 2. A chairperson has not yet been appointed.
 - 3. The 2018 tracking test is scheduled for second week in March hopefully at the Yountville Veteran's Home.
- G. **ASSOCIATED OBEDIENCE CLUBS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AOCNC)**, Sue Osborn, Mary Ash
 - 1. Next AOCNC quarterly meeting is July 8th, hosted by Vallejo Dog Training Club in Benicia.
 - 2. The AOCNC July Summer workshop is July 29th. Sandy Bonifield volunteered to help. More volunteers are still needed.
 - 3. AOCNC's nose work seminar is September 23, 2018 at Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Online Registration:**
 - 1. Because of late registrations, some classes did not show all students on Dog Biz Pro rosters. Students were told to come to class without signing up online thus classes were overpopulated.
 - 2. There is now a mailbox outside the clubhouse (#7) set up just for checks for online registrations.
 - 3. Donna Golemon thanked everyone for working with the new online system and going online to register.
 - 4. Current students who did not register online will be entered into the Dog Biz Pro system by Donna and given a password, which they can change once they sign into their account.
 - 5. Donna will set up a meeting between those involved with online registration to review process.
 - 6. Carol reported a number of people said the online registration system is awesome.
- B. **AKC Nose Work Trial:**
 - 1. Meeting was held and tentative dates for trial will now be sent to AKC for approval; February or March of 2019 are possible months for this trial.
 - 2. For trial to be a success and run smoothly, a lot of volunteers will be needed.
 - 3. Once dates are confirmed, Linda Luchsinger will send out a signup sheet along with a save-the-date flyer plus have it published in the club newsletter.
 - 4. Donna announced people are welcome to come to Tuesday evening scent work class to watch what nose work is like.
- C. **Snake Aversion Clinic, Fred Presson:**
 - 1. Marilane has been communicating with Fred Presson and reported he prefers to do a clinic outdoors.
 - 2. If clinic cannot be held in our building we would need to rent an outdoor place to host a clinic. Marilane, instead, is looking at the possibility of our club helping Fred by promoting the clinics he has going in our community.
- D. **Group Building Use, Policy Additions:**
 - 1. Date for use must be booked 14 days prior to holding event.
 - 2. If event is cancelled within seven calendar days of date scheduled, there will a charge of 25% of the rental fee.
 - 3. Sue Osborn will include the above additions in the group building use packet.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Walk for Animals:

1. Board agreed to be part of Napa Humane's Walk for Animals August 5, 2018 event.
2. Maria Giaccio, Linda Luchsinger, and possibly Vange Leonis, will be involved. More volunteers appreciated.

B. Napa Valley Antique and Vintage Show:

1. Benefit for Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS).
2. June 29-30 and July 1, 2018 — includes a silent auction on Saturday, June 30th.

X. BRAGS

- A. Linda Wargo: 1) **Mike**: Earned two SDS advanced nose work legs at the JMD trial—Mike 15 years and 9 months old; 2) **Jive** earned his first Novice Rally Q at the Mount Diablo DTC trial; 3) **Bill** finished his AKC Premier Agility Dog title at the Two Rivers Agility Club trial AND 4) **Doc's You Had Me At Hello (Happy)**, sable cocker spaniel puppy, joined the family.
- B. Sue Osborn: On May 19 & 20th at Coyote Hills Kennel Club show, **Brooklyn** took Best of Winners and Best of Breed Owner Handled first day. On second day she was Best of Winners, Best of Breed, and Best of Breed Owner Handled for a 4-point major, her first major. At Woofstock Show on June 9th, Brooklyn went reserve to a five point major. Brooklyn now has 10 points.
- C. Carol Coawette: **Jacques** received his Novice Trick Title.
- D. Mary Ash: **Kitt**: 1) AKC Nose work Trial Friday, May 25th - Title Novice Interiors, 1st leg Advanced Containers. 2) ASCA Obedience Saturday, May 26th - 1st leg Beginning Novice with a 1st place and 2nd leg Beginning Novice with a 3rd place. 3) ASCA Rally Sunday, May 27th - 1st leg Rally Novice with a 1st place and 2nd leg Rally Novice with a 3rd place. 4) AKC Rally Intermediate 1st leg with a 3rd place at MDDTC Trial on June 10th.
- E. Donna Golemon: 1) **Nickel**: First leg AKC novice interior, May 26; First Leg AKC novice exterior, May 26; AKC Novice Trial Title; and 2) **U-be**: 2nd Leg AKC novice for interior, exterior and buried, May 19; Title AKC Novice Interior; 1st Leg AKC Advanced Interior, May 26; 1st and 2nd Leg AKC Advanced containers, May 25/26.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:43 p.m.

Respectively submitted by
Sue Osborn, Secretary