

NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Linda Luchsinger called meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Marilane Bergfelt, Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Linda Luchsinger, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sue Osborn, and Joy Wood. Absent: Tandi Blonigen and Maria Giaccio.

II. SECRETARY, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the June 11, 2018 general meeting as published in the newsletter.

III. TREASURER, Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. Checking: \$38,250.08 as of 6/30/18.
- B. Money Market: \$22,270.46 as of 6/30/18
- C. Paypal: \$482.71 as of 6/30/18.
- 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. The August 13th general meeting will be a "Bring Your Dog to Meeting Night." There will be games with ribbons and prizes. A meeting will be held to organize. Dogs attending are to be well behaved. No dogs in season.
- B. The September 10th meeting will be NVDTC's annual potluck night.

VI. MEMBERSHIP, Carol Coawette/Sandy Bonifield

MSC to vote in the following new members:

- A. Katie Garvey who has a Bichon Frise named Bella.
- B. Tracy Zerba who has two Miniature Schnauzers, Fausto and Stracci.
- C. Pari Alavi who has two Border Collies, Tara and Paco.

VII. HOSPITALITY

- A. Mary Ash and Joy Wood provided hospitality for tonight's meeting.
- B. Sandy Bonifield and Jackie McGrath will provide hospitality for the August 13th meeting.

VIII. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

- A. **OFFICE**, Sandy Bonifield
The same members as last session are working the office this session on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Weekends are also being covered.
- B. **TRAINING**, Marilane Bergfelt
 - 1. With a change to session 5, Marilane will make sure new copies are posted at clubhouse.
 - 2. Training meeting is scheduled in a couple of weeks: the rest of sessions for this year and the first one for next year will be set.
- C. **PUBLICITY**, Tandi Blonigen – Absent
Open House PR: Information has been shared on community websites, online community calendars, facebook and Next Door. Flyers for open house have been distributed in the Napa and Solano areas to vets and pet stores. Local radio is making on-air announcements.
- D. **BUILDING**, Maria Giaccio - Absent

1. Banner has been re-hung; thank you to Ben Bergfelt and Robert Osborn.
 2. Second phone line still not working – Maria has set up a second service call date with AT&T.
 3. Property Manager Ross Mini will be spraying wasp nests.
 4. Ross Mini has been asked to clean the courtyard in readiness for open house.
 5. A new, large clock has been hung in the training area.
- E. **WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER**, Sue Osborn
1. The July-August newsletter was published June 29th. Submittal deadline is July 20th, for meeting announcement for the August 13th meeting.
 2. Session 5 is on the website with online registration underway.
- F. **VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING (VST) TEST**, Linda Wargo
1. There is a committee in place however a chairperson is still needed. Members are welcome to join the committee.
 2. Judges have been selected and test location to be verified.
- G. **ASSOCIATED OBEDIENCE CLUBS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (AOCNC)**, Sue Osborn, Mary Ash
1. AOCNC's quarterly meeting hosted by Vallejo Dog Training Club in Benicia was held July 8th.
 2. The AOCNC July Summer workshop is July 29th. Sandy Bonifield has already volunteered to help. Linda Luchsinger stepped up to volunteer as well. One more volunteer is needed.
 3. AOCNC's nose work seminar is September 23, 2018 at Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Online Registration:**
1. Online registration meeting was held June 26th and attended by Mary Ash, Donna Golemon, Vange Leonis, and Sue Osborn.
 2. Logistics for online registrations, such as closing several days before classes start, were reviewed.
- B. **AKC Nose Work Trial:**
1. Dates have been set for February 16 and 17, 2019.
 2. Donna Golemon and Mary Ash are in process of securing judges.
 3. Mary is recommending ribbons from past trials be repurposed for the nose work trial.
 4. Judges charge \$150 each plus \$1 per dog.
 5. Trials will be held rain or shine.
 6. Linda Luchsinger will be sending a volunteer sign-up sheet around when dates get closer—*lots* of volunteers are needed!
- C. **Open House:**
1. Date for open house is July 14th from 1 to 4 PM.
 2. PR is well underway.
 3. Over a dozen members have stepped up to donate snacks for guests and items for gift basket raffle (enough for two baskets). Thank you to Joy wood, Lixit is donating a third gift basket. There is also a free class raffle.
 4. Raffle is not open to NVDTTC members.
- D. **Napa Humane's Walk for Animals:**
1. Date is August 5th, 2018
 2. A \$15 coupon with an expiration date of 6 months will be provided for goodie bags being handed out by Napa Humane to participants.

3. A Leash and a certificate for a free class from NVDTTC are being donated to Napa Humane's raffle.
4. NVDTTC will set up a booth at this event staffed by Linda Luchsinger, Maria Giaccio, Vange Leonis, and Sandy Bonifield. Leis to be handed out to visitors to NVDTTC's booth.

X. NEW BUSINESS – Nominating Committee

- A. Committee is comprised of three members, one of them a board member. Board member Linda Luchsinger volunteered to be chairperson. Sue will send out a request, along with job descriptions, for additional volunteers.
- B. Linda will poll current board members to see who will continue to serve on the board.
- C. Nominations need to be published in September. Nominations from the floor are taken in October and voting is done in November.

X. BRAGS

Linda Wargo, Linda Luchsinger and Gwen Redfield all had brags tonight

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:17 p.m.

Respectively submitted by
Sue Osborn, Secretary