

APPROVED
**NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING JULY 12, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER - President Sue Osborn called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The meeting was held at the Club. Those in attendance were: (In random order) Donna Albin, Adrienne Amdahl, Mary Ash, Marilane Bergfelt, Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Donna Golemon, Joe Gracia, Roxann Gracia, Debbie Hilton, Bobbie Honsvick, Karen Jackson, Lori Jackson, Linda Luchsinger, Ben Shelby, Charlie and Christy Rose, Marion Sigel, Anne Stanley, Linda Wargo. Guests included: Chris Sims, Linda Glass, Sadhana Brent, Judith Judson-Baker, ML Pierrette Baker.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT - Linda Luchsinger reported as of 6-31-21, the Money Market Fund had \$22,343.78, \$22.00 in Regular Savings, \$42,300.95 in Checking and \$1526.15 in PayPal. All the bills have been paid to date.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT - The minutes from June 14, 2021 were approved by the members as written and submitted.

IV. BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND CHAIR REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT - Sue reported that all of her items are to be covered later in the agenda.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT - Sandy Bonifield reported that she is working on trying to get the Sheriff's department to give a canine unit demonstration for the August General meeting. Anne Stanley has contact information and volunteered to help make arrangements. Sandy and Mary are planning the annual BBQ for September General meeting. More details will be coming.

C. MEMBERSHIP/VOUCHERS - Carol Coawette introduced four guests who are interested in joining the club: Linda Glass, Sadhana Brent, Judith Judson-Baker, ML Pierrette Baker. Each gave a short introduction. Motion was made and carried to welcome them as new members. **WELCOME!**

Debbie Hilton had put together Membership Packets for 2021. They were made available at the meeting. Be sure to pick one up. There are business cards in each packet for members to pass out.

Sue announced that the Board had voted in to give a \$10 voucher to training assistants for each class that they assist a trainer. This is a change and an increase in pay. For example, for a 6 week class, assistants will now receive \$60 in vouchers if they assist in every class. Absences would not be paid. Substituting in any class will be awarded a \$10 voucher as well. There was discussion regarding the inclusion of the office staff as well and details will be confirmed by the Board next week. This will result in their pay increased to \$10 per night worked as well.

D. OFFICE - Mary Ash reported that the two office workers, Donna Albin and Karen Blair, are doing a great job and much appreciated! It was noted that Referral sheets were updated and placed back in the office. Thank You Marilane!

E. TRAINING

1. Session 5 Registration opened July 5th and closes on July 26th.
2. The Training Committee and the Board have been quite busy.

Proposals and decisions regarding minimum class size remain at 4 dogs, below which the class is cancelled. There will be no 1/2 hour sessions offered. The maximum class size was agreed to be 8 dogs per class through the end of the year. The Student

Rollover to the next class would be allowed under special circumstances. Starting in Session #6, Club Members will get a \$10 discount on every class that they sign up for. There remains no Senior or Multiple Discounts at this time. When class registration opens, it will now remain open for 3 weeks, and once the class closes, it is closed.

3. For additional information, members are directed to the Training Committee notes as attachments to the Board Meeting Minutes found online.

F. PUBLICITY - Marilane Bergfelt reported that the Dog Club has been nominated and is now in the final voting as a non-profit in the Napa Valley Register "Napa's Finest" contest. Everyone can vote each day from now until August 1st. Go on line and vote for your favorites in each category everyday!

Marilane noted that she is providing 1/2 sheet flyers about classes for trainers to pass out to students. They are placed on the clipboards. Please make use of these.

It was noted that a large article and pictures were in the Sunday Napa Register covering the recent Club's AKC sanctioned Nose Work Trial held in April. Thanks to Roxann for submitting to the paper and following through until published! Article was posted at the meeting.

Marilane asked for input from the members, where there might be good places to put Dog Club Posters in the community as a way of getting our name out there.

Napa Humane is doing a virtual walk. Please support them if you can this year. Prior to Covid it was an in person walk and quite successful. Flyers were available.

G. BUILDING - Debbie Hilton is working on finding a new cleaning service for the building as PSI appears to no longer be able to support this service. Thanks to a tip from Joe Gracia, Debbie has asked to Napa Personnel Services and they are working on a contract.

H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE - Sue Osborn announced that the deadline for the next communication which comes as an email, is July 20th. Let her know if you have something you want included. Special Thanks was given to Anne Stanley for her article in the recent newsletter!

I. AOCNC - Sue Osborn and Mary Ash are the representatives. There has not been anything planned due to COVID. They will keep us posted.

J. HOSPITALITY - BIG THANKS to Sandy Bonifield for tonight's refreshments! Anne Stanley volunteered to provide refreshments for the next meeting.

K. SUNSHINE - Debbie Hilton presented Linda Luchsinger with a plant as a Get Well gift for her shoulder surgery. Glad to see you are better!

V. OLD BUSINESS

The awards, annual banquet has finally been set. It is usually held in February, but was delayed this year due to COVID. It's a luncheon to be held next Saturday, July 17th, at LaStrada. The sign up deadline is tonight and there are flyers available. Please give your order and checks to Sandy.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Marilane Bergfelt was nominated to fill the vacant Publicity Board Position. Motion was carried and Marilane accepted the new position. Welcome to the Board! The August Board meeting has been moved up to July 19th at 6:30pm, due to vacation scheduling conflicts. See you there Marilane!

B. COVID-19 changes approved by the Board, includes the new signage. **IF YOU ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED MASKS ARE REQUIRED.** Cleaning procedures are modified to cleaning of “commonly touched items such as door knobs, equipment, phones, headset and bathroom surfaces” once daily after the last class of the day. Hand sanitizers will continue to be provided. (These are CALOSHA guidelines.)

C. CGC (Canine Good Citizen) materials need to be updated. There is a cost for the forms. Current forms can be used and the cost changed to \$25. Mary Ash volunteered to update, order the new 3 fold brochures from the AKC and noted that at one time we used to get the patches. She will also order Evaluators Guides.

D. LAPS (Loving Animals Providing Smiles) - had requested the use of the building on 5 Saturdays. August 7th and 14th 9am to 1 pm, and Sept. 11th, 18th, 25th from 9am to 2 pm. The use was approved by the general membership.

E. Membership Brochure - it was requested that a brochure describing membership benefits, be developed. This will go to the Board for development and cost analysis.

VII. BRAGS - We've been busy!

Sandy Bonifield reported that her dog, K-2, attended a 5 day show in Oregon. She got 5 Best of Breeds. Group 1, Group 2, and 3 Group 3.

Linda Wargo attended the Mensona Scent Work Trial. Happy got 2 titles, Heff finished overall Advanced Title and Bill got his Exterior Title.

Carol Coawette announced Jaques finished his Excellent overall title...On to Masters now! Pierre got 2 out of 3 entries, Advanced Exterior and Containers.

Sue Osborn went to a 5 day show in Lodi. Morgan took Best of Winners, Best of Opposite, Best of Breed Owner Handled for her first major on Day 1. Brooklyn received a 5 point Grand Champion major and Best o Breed Owner Handled on Day 4. On Day 5 Morgan received reserve to a 4 point major. Over the fire days Brooklyn went select twice and received Best of Breed Owner Handled three times.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

VII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - Motion was made and carried to adjourn at 7:10pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Roxann Gracia
No attachments