

**NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 9, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER - President Sue Osborn called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at the Club. Those in attendance were: (In random order) Anne Stanley, Donna Golemon, Mary Ash, Joe and Neanna Gracia, Chris Mayer, Debbie Hilton, Charlie and Christie Rose, Linda Luchsinger, Sandy Bonifield, Karen Blair, Ben Shelby, Lori and Karen Jackson, Dee Brilz, Marilane Bergfelt, Adrienne Amdahl, Marion signal, Cheryl Meyer, Carol Coawette, and Roxann Gracia. Guests included: Elsa Nutter, Bunny Lincoln, and Jyl Wilkinson.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT - Linda Luchsinger reported as of 7-31-21, the Checking account had \$44,379.47, the PayPal account had \$1478.99 and the Money Market had \$22,345.25 (after interest credited of \$0.23 and service fee of \$6.00)

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT - The minutes of the July 12, 2021 General Meeting were approved as written.

IV. BOARD, COMMITTEE AND CHAIR REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT - Sue Osborn had nothing to report.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT - Sandy Bonifield reported that the Awards Banquet held last month was a big success with 27 people in attendance. Tonight there is demonstration planned by the Sheriff's Department with their canine units. Next month there is the BBQ. More info coming as to the details.

C. MEMBERSHIP/VOUCHERS - Carol Coawette introduced three guests who wish to become members: Trainer Jyl Wilkinson, Bunny Lincoln and Elsa Nutter. Each gave a brief synopsis of their dogs and experiences. All were unanimously approved as members.

Sue also noted that Office Assistants receive \$10 voucher for working an hour each week, up to \$60 per session starting in Session #6.

D. OFFICE - Mary Ash reported that the office is up to date.

E. TRAINING -

Reminders:

1. Starting in Session #6, Club Members get \$10 off each class that they take. Sign-up starts August 23rd.
2. Class Registrations are now open for 3 weeks instead of 2 weeks.
3. Classes are no longer held open once registration closes.
4. Training Assistants are now receiving \$10 vouchers for each class they help with, starting Session #5.

F. PUBLICITY - Marilane reported that the club provided a free class voucher and a flyer about the Club, with Safety information for Dogs and Cats on the flip side, in the gift bags for Napa Humane Society Walk for Animals.

A question was asked about the recent voting in the Napa Valley Register for Napa's Finest Results. The results will be revealed in September.

G. BUILDING - Debbie Hilton reported that a new cleaning service has started. There were 3 workers and 3 supervisors for the first cleaning. It is requested that the trainers help by placing the feet of the baby gates PERPENDICULAR to the

mirrors.

H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE - Sue Osborn reminded everyone that the deadline for submission for the September-October Newsletter is August 20th.

I. AOCNC - No report

J. HOSPITALITY
Big THANK YOU to Anne and Elsa for tonight's generous refreshments!

K. SUNSHINE - Debbie Hilton
Judith Baker has had back surgery - Get well soon!
Linda Wargo has lost Jive - we are so very sorry!

V. OLD BUSINESS

Sandy provided the Awards banquet report. The net expenditure was \$605.68. The Board had approved initially \$250 for appetizers, dessert and tip based on the polled attendance of 15 people. There were actually 27 people who attended. Therefore, the membership was requested to approve the additional \$355.68. A motion was made and unanimously carried to approve.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of banquet expenses - see above.

B. September BBQ - Details coming via email

C. Farm Dog Title Announcement -JMD has been approved by the Board to provide the AKC backing for the new Farm Dog Trial on November 20th in Windsor. The AKC application has been submitted by Mary and Donna. To get a title in the event the dogs must trial twice. This event will have one trial in the AM and one trial in the PM. Members are encouraged to research on the AKC website for the specific test.

D. San Lorenzo Club is putting on a Rally and Obedience Show on October 3rd. Registration closes September 15th.

E. Nominating Committee for 2022 Board - It was noted that only one current Board member can be on the committee. Additional requirements are 2 members at large and 2 alternates. Sue will be contacting people to step up. Without a Board, there can be no Dog Club. Please help!

F. Masks are now, once again required by all members, vaccinated or not, in the Club House, and it was decided to return to the old disinfecting procedures after each class.

VII. BRAGS

Donna Golemon announced that Nickel has been awarded his Third Herding Championship in ACA.

CONGRATULATIONS Donna and Nickel!

Joe and Neanna Gracia have a different Announcement. They are expecting a baby in January!

BEST WISHES Joe and Neanna. (Grandma Roxann expressed extreme delight!)

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM, followed by demonstrations from the 5 Dog teams from the Sheriff's Department. Several attack demonstrations were shown and multiple questions from the audience were answered.

Refreshments were held after the demonstrations and meeting of the dogs and handlers were enjoyed as well.

Minutes Submitted by: Roxann Gracia
Attachments: None