



## NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2021

- I. Call to order: 6:33 pm
  - A. The Board received a letter of resignation from Roxann Gracia. Marilane Bergfelt is taking tonight's minutes.
  - B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Marilane Bergfelt, Carol Coawette, Debbie Hilton, Linda Luchsinger and Sue Osborn.
- II. Treasury Report as of September 30, 2021
  - A. Savings at \$ 22,345.25
  - B. Checking at \$43,332.60
  - C. PayPal at \$2,620.34
- III: Corrections to September 13, 2021 minutes. Under 'Sunshine' names should be noted as: Judith Judson Baker and De Brilz. Minutes approved with changes.

#### IV: **BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS**

##### A. PRESIDENT - Sue Osborn

1. So happy to see our members and pets participating in tonight's Halloween Costume Contest. Thank you, Debbie Hilton, for organizing !!
2. Celebrating winning the 2021 Napa Valley's Finest, Local Nonprofit Category with a specially decorated cake.
3. The Board approved the following voucher increases:
  - Donna Golemon and Anne Stanley will receive voucher amounts of \$60.00 per session, effective immediately. This matches office helpers and training assistants.
  - Board members will receive \$150 in vouchers / year, starting next year, January 2022.

##### B. VICE PRESIDENT – Sandy Bonifield

Have a good time at the party tonight and please attend the November, Annual Meeting.

##### C. MEMBERSHIP - Carol Coawette

Welcome to our new member Ron Sundred and his Chesapeake Bay Retriever.

##### D. OFFICE - Mary Ash

The current helpers are doing great, and the office is running well.

##### E. TRAINING – reported by Sue Osborn

1. Session 7, 2021 and Sessions 1 and 2 for 2022 have been set.
2. Staffing:
  - Donna Albin and Bunny Lincoln are currently participating in Wednesday morning classes as provisional assistants.
  - Application from Jyl Wilkinson was received. She is interested in teaching starting in 2022. Jyl has been asked to observe classes and give feedback to the Training Committee.
3. Refund and Class Credit Voucher Requests:

The Board approved the return allowing instructors the discretion of handling credit vouchers and refunds for the first 3-weeks of each session. Requests made after that time will go to the Board.

4. Stand Alone Classes

This is a new option, for a stand-alone, one-time class. Board approved an instructor could reserve Club with Building Use Coordinator, collect registration paperwork and collect \$25 fee in cash or check (no discounts or vouchers accepted). Minimum of 4 dogs needed for the class and instructors could charge their current fee.

F. PUBLICITY - Marilane Bergfelt

1. Fliers for the upcoming session and special classes were made and shared with staff for current classes.
2. Facebook is kept current with this same information and 'fun stuff'.
3. Thank You to everyone who has brought items for 'Lets Make a Dog's Day'. Additional donations welcome. Last day to bring items in October 21st. Delivery to shelter will be October 22nd.

G. BUILDING - Debbie Hilton

Wheels on the rolling stairs have been fixed.

H. WEBSITE and NEWSLETTER – Sue Osborn

Report tabled to make more time for party.

I. HOSPITATITY

Thank you to Debbie Hilton, Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Taylor Renshaw and Ben Shebly for our treats and drinks. Linda Luchsinger and the Taylor /Shebly Family will do hospitality for November.

J. SUNSHINE – Debbie Hilton

A donation was made to Ripple Effect on behalf of De Brilz's family.

V: OLD BUSINESS

- a. Farm Dog Title event has been cancelled.
- b. Joy Wood Memorial – the club has provided \$200 for a tree planting in Joy's honor.

VI: NEW BUSINESS

1. A subcommittee was created to review current class registration process and make recommendations. The committee is: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Judith Baker and Linda Luchsinger.
2. The 2022 Membership Applications have been updated and copies available at the clubhouse.
3. Building Use –
  - a. The rental rates for the clubhouse have been Board approved as: Nonprofit is \$40 for half day and \$75 for full day. All other groups are now \$150 a day.
  - b. Irish Terrier Club will be renting the building on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.
4. 2022 Board of Directors Nominations.

No new nominations from the floor. Sue reminded members that they can send their nominations to her at any time. Voting will take place at the November General meeting. Current nominations are:

Officers:

President, *Open*  
Vice President, *Open*  
Secretary, *Open*  
Treasurer, Lori Jackson

Board Members at Large:

Past President, Sue Osborn  
Training Chair, David Le Count  
Office, Mary Ash  
Building Manager, Debbie Hilton  
Publicity, *Open*

VII: BRAGS

- Mary Ash's Kit and Donna Golemon's Nickle did well at a recent scent work trials.
- Sue Osborn's Brooklyn received the official AKC paperwork noting her as a Grand Champion.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 – followed by Halloween & Costume Party

*Submitted by Marilane Bergfelt*