



## NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2021

- I. Call to order: 6:34 pm
  - A. 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. There are no additions or changes to the agenda.
- III. Treasury Report as of September 30, 2021
  - A. Savings at \$ 22,339.48
  - B. Checking at \$45,531.54
  - C. PayPal at \$2,060.80
- IV: Corrections to October 11, 2021 minutes. Under 'Hospitality' names should be noted as: Debbie Hilton, Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Taylor Renshaw and Ben Shebly. Minutes approved with changes.

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

A. PRESIDENT - Sue Osborn

No report.

B. VICE PRESIDENT – Sandy Bonifield

- Annual Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchanged (Gift Steal) planned for Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at the clubhouse. Gifts should be limited to a \$20 value.
- Volunteers to help set up for the event include: Debbie Hilton, Ben Shebly, Marilane Bergfelt, Linda Luchsinger and Cheryl George. Debbie will coordinate.

C. MEMBERSHIP - Carol Coawette

Welcome to our new members Chris and Jessica Troianello and their sweet Dobie, Hope.

D. OFFICE - Mary Ash

Cheryl George will be starting in the office soon. Sad to lose Donna Albini for the current time and thank her for all her extra time.

E. TRAINING – reported by Sue Osborn

1. Session 1, 2022 is set and will be open for registrations on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Staffing: Donna Albini and Bunny Lincoln have been approved as assistants for Puppy, Adolescent Dog and Good Manners 1.
3. Dogs Can Dance classes will continue but with registrations and payment going directly to Judy Gamet / DCD. This arrangement will allow Judy more flexibility and possibly added income to the Club.

F. PUBLICITY - Marilane Bergfelt

- 'Let's Make a Dog's Day' was a success with over 80 items donated that filled 3 large boxes. Items were delivered to the shelter on October 22, 2021. Thank you to everyone who helped !!

- Fliers for upcoming session and special classes will be copied and provided to training classes, plus shared on Facebook.
- Facebook posts that continue to get the most response is ‘fun stuff’. Photos of families and their pets in training classes are appreciated.

G. BUILDING - Debbie Hilton

Building Clean Up is planned prior to Session 1 next year. Members should look for an email blast with date and time.

H. WEBSITE and NEWSLETTER – Sue Osborn

Sue announced that the deadline for Email Blast will be November 20<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for next club newsletter is December 20<sup>th</sup>.

I. HOSPITATITY

Thank you to Linda Luchsinger and the Taylor / Shebly Family for our treats and drinks. Yummm.

J. SUNSHINE – Debbie Hilton

- Our condolences to Linda Wargo for the loss of her father. A donation was made to Middleburg Volunteer Ambulance Corp in his memory.
- Please let Debbie know of member updates.

**VI: OLD BUSINESS**

1. Registration Process Committee met to review and discuss class registration options. They presented their information to the Board on November 1<sup>st</sup> and the Board approved to return to in-person / traditional registration process.

Newer process directly links owners with the clubhouse office, and pre-registrations for current students will be reinstated. Online registrations and payments will be phased out in 2022. Questions from the floor were answered by the subcommittee and Jessica (our new member) offered to help facilitate those changes.

2. 2022 Current Member Membership Applications (renewal forms) are available online. Please print out and mail / hand in to the clubhouse.

**VII: NEW BUSINESS**

1. Credit Vouchers will remain transferrable to club members only. This can be reviewed again in 2022.
2. 2021 Gerry Glantz Memorial Service Award is chaired by Debbie Hilton. Nomination forms are available via the newsletter and at the clubhouse. Completed forms must be received by January 15, 2022.
3. Year End Awards, for titles received in 2021, can be recognized by the Club. Members to complete and return them no later than January 6, 2022 to Linda Wargo. Forms were included in the newsletter and can be found on our website. (Early submittals are greatly appreciated.)
4. Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS) was granted use of the clubhouse for therapy dog classes on Saturdays starting on January 22 thru February 26, 2022, with team testing on Sunday, March 6, 2022.

5. Election for the 2022 Board of Directors was a White Ballot. Open positions can be filled at any time.

Officer: Treasurer, Lori Jackson

Board Members at Large: Past President, Sue Osborn  
Training Chair, David Le Count  
Office, Mary Ash  
Building Manager, Debbie Hilton

OPEN Positions: President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Publicity

A discussion followed with members offering to take on portions of work traditionally done by board members. This work included: helping keep membership roster current, write agendas and minutes, running meetings and issuing vouchers. Please let Sue Osborn know of your interests and talents as we move into 2022.

### **VIII: BRAGS**

- Mary Ash's Kit (aka Vaquero's Kitten Kaboodle) got her Advanced Buried Title, and her 2<sup>nd</sup> Legs in Excellent Interior, Excellent Exterior and Excellent Container.
- Linda Wargo's Happy finished his Performance Dog Championship at the Hawte Dawgs USDAA Agility Trial.
- Sandy Bonifield has new puppies.
- Donna Golemon and Carol Coawette also shared their dog's successes in Scent Work. We hope to see that info in an upcoming newsletter.

### **VI: MEETING ADJOURNAMENT**

Motion was approved to adjourn at 7:20 PM

*Submitted by Marilane Bergfelt*