

**NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 12, 2018**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. President, Linda Luchsinger, called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.
- B. Board members present: Marilane Bergfelt, Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Maria Giaccio, Linda Luchsinger, Sue Osborn, and Joy Wood. Absent: Tandi Blonigen.

**II. MINUTES**—Sue Osborn

MSC to approve the October 8, 2018 general minutes as published.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT**—Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. Checking: \$43,660.46 as of Oct 31
- B. Money Market: \$22,282.56 as of Oct 31
- C. Paypal: \$961.24 as of Oct. 31

**IV. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS**

- A. **PRESIDENT**—Linda Luchsinger  
No Report.
- B. **VICE-PRESIDENT**—Sandy Bonifield  
December general meeting will be our annual Christmas potluck.
- C. **MEMBERSHIP**—Carol Coawette
  - 1. Membership renewal applications for 2019 are now online.
  - 2. A couple of people have already signed up for next year.
  - 3. Donna Golemon suggested making an event for membership through DogBizPro wherein members could fill out and pay using the Paypal portal; downside is the signature requirement.
- D. **OFFICE**—Sandy Bonifield.  
Pari Alavi would like to see each online registrant's invoice automatically emailed to them so they can have it on their cell phone to show trainer when reporting for first class of session. Pari and Sue Osborn will work together on this.
- E. **TRAINING**—Marilane Bergfelt
  - 1. Committee had a meeting and set the next four meetings as well as sessions 1, 2 and 3.
  - 2. Trainer contracts are being worked on for signatures.
- F. **PUBLICITY**  
Sue designs posters, Marilane prints them out for posting. Permanent posters for Rally and Freestyle are being designed.
- G. **BUILDING**—Maria Giaccio  
Tall mirrors in office have been hauled away. Thank you to Stefanie Meinhardt and Maria Giaccio for taking care of this!
- H. **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**—Sue Osborn
  - 1. Newsletter was sent out November 1st and included Trick Title photos, Halloween Party photos, Christmas Party announcement, Session 1, 2019 schedule, photos of puppy, ado and GM1 graduates, an article about Neosporin, and brags.
  - 2. Deadline for items for January-February newsletter is December 20th. Deadline for items for December Meeting Announcement is November 20th.
  - 3. As stated under IV-C, membership renewal applications for 2019 are now online.
- I. **AOCNC**—Sue Osborn, Mary Ash
  - 1. NVDTC is hosting the next AOCNC quarterly meeting at the NVDTC clubhouse on January 13, 2019.
  - 2. Club Appreciation Lunch is set for March 10, 2019 and will be hosted by Vallejo DTC.
  - 3. AOCNC will have an educational table at the Golden Gate Kennel Club.
  - 4. Winter workshop is scheduled for early February at the Cow Palace.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. White Ballot Election

1. The following slate for the 2019 Board was presented:  
President: Linda Luchsinger  
Vice-president: Sandy Bonifield  
Treasurer: Stefanie Meinhardt  
Secretary: Sue Osborn  
At Large Board Members: Carol Coawette, De Brilz, and Maria Gracia.  
MSC to accept white ballot as presented.
2. If anyone is interested in being on the board, there are still two at-large board member positions open.

### B. Christmas Potluck

Potluck will be at December meeting. There will be a gift exchange/steal with a \$15 limit on gifts.

### C. Scent Work Trial – February 16 and 17, 2019

1. Scent Work Trail will be held at the NVDTTC clubhouse and surrounding areas.
2. Everything is set up with AKC. Entries will be available December 15th. Closing is January 18, 2019.
3. Linda Wargo is spearheading what the club needs to have done regarding volunteers, ribbons, parking, etc.
4. Linda Luchsinger will take care of hospitality.
5. Building needs to be cleaned by PSI on the Friday before the trial.
6. Joy Wood has a punch list she will share with Linda Wargo and Linda Luchsinger.
7. Type of jobs for volunteers include helping with parking, checking in teams, distributing information packets, assuring liability forms are signed, being a number manager, gate stewarding, score runner, judges steward, and timer.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Awards Banquet

1. Linda Wargo will be taking care of the year-end awards.
2. Donna Golemon, and Mary Ash will work together to organize the banquet.
3. Choice of banquet dates, February 9th or February 23rd, as suggested by Board, will depend on selected restaurant.

### B. Fire Victims

Marilane is willing to be the liaison to find out what can be done for fire victims in Northern California. Once determined, suggested follow-up is to email students and members to ask for participation.

### C. Workshops/Seminars for 2019 – see attached for more details.

1. Susie Yokomizo is interested in doing seminars with NVDTTC.
2. Family Paws Education Speaker—an event that can be advertised to parents, grandparents, students & members. Marilane will follow through on setting this up—possibly in March or April.

### D. AOCNC Representative

Joy Wood has volunteered to be NVDTTC's third AOCNC representative.

### E. Sunshine

Sandy is our sunshine person. Be sure to let her know when there are condolences to be sent out or happy announcements amongst our members.

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**F. Brags**

1. Sue Osborn's Brooklyn received her second major at the Pleasanton show three weeks ago with one point left to finish. On November 9, Brooklyn received the one point needed to become a champion. As a new champion, she went Select Bitch and BOBOH on November 10th and Best of Breed and BOBOH on November 12th.
2. On October 27th and 28th, Donna Golemon's Nickel competed in her first ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) for her Started title and completed her Started title on Cattle, Ducks and Sheep, with 8 first places, 2 second places and 2 third places. Nickel also was awarded the most promising started dog and received a belt buckle. Several times, one of the judges offered to buy her.
3. Marilane's son did all the artwork at the magazine where he works.
4. Two of Donna Golemon's dog photos were selected in a jewelry company's photo contest.

**VII. MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:22 PM.

Respectively submitted by  
Sue Osborn, Secretary

Attachment:  
Workshops/Seminars in 2019

## **Workshops / Seminars in 2019 - in progress**

*(prepared by Marilane for NVDTC General Meeting 11-12-18)*

### Continued partnership with Canine Academics and Suzie Yokomizo.

Canine Academics handles speaker, registrations and food. Dog Club provides insurance and clean / prepped location for event. If event makes money it is split but if event loses money, Canine Academics takes the loss. This relationship allows the two organizations to provide quality events at a very low cost.

Speaker: **Tressa Fessebdeb-McKenzie**, Karen Pryor Academy certified trainer and licensed Family Paws Parent Educator. Tressa works via her company Path & Paw and offers classes via the Humane Society of Sonoma County.

Topic: **Baby, Toddler and the Family Dog** (working title only).

Tressa would share information from **Family Paws® Parent Education (FPPE)**. This parent organization of two international licensed programs: Dogs & Storks® and Dogs & Toddlers™.

*FPPE's goal is to increase safety and reduce stress in homes with young children and family dogs. We seek to decrease the number of dogs surrendered to shelters due to preventable behavioral problems and common conflicts. Family Paws Parent Educators believes creating Dog Aware™ generations is essential in all communities and the human-canine bond.*

Market Population: Expecting new parents, families with babies moving into toddler-hood, grandparents, babysitters, shelter and animal rescue staff/volunteers, plus dog trainers and instructors.

Potential Date: Saturday in April - OR - Sunday in March or April.