

# NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President, Linda Luchsinger, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM after an enjoyable Christmas potluck dinner.
- B. Board members present: Sandy Bonifield, Carol Coawette, Maria Giaccio, Linda Luchsinger, Stefanie Meinhardt, Sue Osborn, and Joy Wood. Absent: Marilane Bergfelt and Tandi Blonigen.

## II. MINUTES—Sue Osborn

MSC to approve the November 12, 2018 general minutes as published.

## III. TREASURER'S REPORT—Stefanie Meinhardt

- A. Checking: \$41,227.98 as of November 30th.
- B. Money Market: \$22,285.49 as of November 30th.
- C. Paypal: \$988.71 as of November 30th.

## IV. BOARD, COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS

### A. PRESIDENT—Linda Luchsinger

There are only six members on the board for 2019. If there is something extra that needs to be done, volunteers will be needed to help.

### B. VICE-PRESIDENT—Sandy Bonifield

If you know of a speaker or have anything you'd like to see for an upcoming meeting, talk to Sandy.

### C. MEMBERSHIP—Carol Coawette

MSC to approve members Chris Herrera and Andrea Escabar. They will be getting a Rotweiler puppy named "Dorothy."

### D. OFFICE—Sandy Bonifield

Everything going fine. Phone calls are dwindling down. Mary, Sandy and Vange continue to work the office.

### E. TRAINING—Marilane Bergfelt

- 1. Trainers contacts have been sent out.
- 2. Session 1 now online. Sessions 2 and 3 have been sent to Sue and Donna. Name tags have been made.
- 3. Marilane is updating contact list for assistants.
- 4. Marilane will not be the training chair in 2019
- 5. Training meetings have been scheduled for 2019.

### F. PUBLICITY

Most publicity is being done online and on facebook. Vet offices may be due for updates.

### G. BUILDING—Maria Giaccio

- 1. Mirrors that were donated without permission have been removed.
- 2. PSI will not be cleaning the building on the last two Mondays of December.
- 3. Friday cleaning by PSI has been added for February 15, 2019 due to scent work trial.
- 4. Ross recently took care of lights near overhead door.
- 5. Big wet spot near mirrors has been reported.
- 6. When bringing in equipment, make sure it is in good condition and clean.

### H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE—Sue Osborn

- 1. Meeting announcement was sent out November 30th and included info about Christmas potluck, membership renewal application being online, February scent work trial, 2018 year-end & service awards and a note about donations for fire victims.

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2. Deadline for items for January-February newsletter is December 20th.

3. Reminder: Membership Applications for 2019 are now online.

## I. AOCNC—Sue Osborn, Mary Ash, Joy Wood

1. Next AOCNC quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2019 with Napa DTC hosting at NVDTTC clubhouse.

2. Club Appreciation Lunch is set for March 10, 2019 hosted by Vallejo DTC.

3. AOCNC will have an educational table at the Golden Gate Kennel Club January 26 and 27.

4. Winter Workshop will be at Cow Palace on February 10, 2019 –Looking for volunteers from our club.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Awards Dinner, Donna Golemon and Mary Ash

1. Forms for year end awards are not in office, Linda Luchsinger will see to taking care of this. In the meantime, they are online.

2. Linda Wargo is collecting info for plaques. Deadline is January 5, 2019.

3. Place or date for awards dinner not set yet because of waiting on cost approval—expected to be set by next meeting.

4. MSC to approve 1) club paying \$15 toward member's dinner and \$10 toward second person a member brings, 2) a budget of \$250 for incidentals, and 3) club paying tax and tip.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Chairs for Clubhouse

Stefanie recently picked up two sample, stackable, black chairs from IKEA to see if they would work to replace plastic chairs. Board gave approval to purchase eight more.

### B. Donations for Fire Victims

After reviewing Marilane Bergfelt's report on donation options, MSC to donate \$250 to each of the following two organizations: 1) North Valley Animal Disaster Group and 2) California Veterinary Medical Foundation. Thank you to Marilane Bergfelt for her research on donation options. See attached.

### C. Scent Work Trial, February 16-17, 2019.

1. Chairperson is Joy Wood.

2. Still in planning stages, a committee meeting needs to be set.

3. Linda Wargo is in charge of volunteers. A minimum of 14 volunteers are needed per day. If you are not available on the weekend, you can help on Friday. Volunteers will be trained

4. Entries open on December 15, 2018.

5. Direct questions about scent work trial to Joy Wood, Donna Golemon, or Mary Ash.

## VII. BRAGS

Linda Luchsinger's Teddy received his grand championship! De Brilz's Mina received her Intermediate Trick Title! De Brilz has a new German Shorthaired Pointer puppy.

## VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:48 PM. followed by a fun gift exchange/steal!

Respectively submitted by  
Sue Osborn, Secretary

## North Valley Animal Disaster Group

Founded in 2002, this nonprofit group works with emergency services to educate the public about disaster preparedness, and assist in sheltering and evacuation of animals during a disaster. This group at ground zero right now in the recent fires. They continue to foster / shelter animals and are making a huge effort to reunite animals with owners.

Volunteers are utilized who have completed the disaster preparedness training provided by the NVADG. This group seems similar to the volunteer run Napa CART (Community Animal Response Team) - who helped during our fires last year.

Group's website is minimal and does not include list board or staff. Might be volunteer run group? Facebook very active with reports updated daily.

### Quick Research:

- No reports on expenses of recent fires however they are asking for monetary donations.
- No information on corporate donations or support.
- 30 individuals have 'Go Fund Me' sites which have raised over \$68,450
- Per Charity Navigator - Assets \$154,702. Annual income: \$136,065 (dated 12-2017)

## California Veterinary Medical Foundation

The California Veterinary Medical Foundation (CVMF) is a non-profit, charitable, organization that was formed by the California Veterinary Medical Association in 1995. It is devoted to helping the animals in California, especially during disasters. The Foundation is completely funded by donations.

The CVMA's disaster response program, the **California Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps (CAVMRC)** is the largest veterinary medical reserve corps in the country. The CAVMRC provides veterinary professionals with the training and credentialing necessary to deploy under state authorities during declared emergencies. It also provides reimbursement grants to veterinarians for out-of-pocket emergency medical care and expenses for animals injured or displaced by disasters.

### *Report on Butte County Camp Fire efforts (via website):*

*Hundreds of CAVMRC members were deployed, with a rotation of veterinarians, registered veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants working in shifts at animal shelter locations each day. They provided veterinary triage and emergency medical care to over 2,000 sheltered animals. Our members also visited a half dozen human shelters, which included animals, to ensure that animal needs were met in each of them. The worst cases were sent to veterinary hospitals in or outside of the area for urgent medical care or for care that was beyond what the CAVMRC could provide in the field. CAVMRC veterinarians also examined and treated the Cal-OES search and rescue dog team. Many more veterinary professionals were scheduled to continue our volunteer effort through Wednesday, November 21, the end of our assigned mission.*

### Quick Research:

- 4 Staff & 10 Board of Directors listed on Website.
- No reports on expenses of recent fires or past disasters on website. However, recent Facebook posts note industry donations of materials and meds for fire victims.
- Website notes 56 veterinarian offices as donors.
- No Go Fund Me pages for group or disaster efforts.
- Group allows donations to go to specific need – ours would be 'Disaster Aid'
- Per Charity Navigator - Assets \$233,000. Annual income: \$40,695 (dated 12-2017)

## UC Davis Veterinary Medicine

The University of California has dual status for federal income tax purposes. It is both an Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) organization, and an Internal Revenue Code Section 115 organization.

Programs include all types of animal health, research and care. The following most fit the NVDTTC's interests:

- **Canine Community Blood Donor Program** - The Veterinary Blood Bank began screening donor dogs in February 2008 for enrollment into a community-based donation program. The hospital's blood bank collects, processes and stores canine blood needed for transfusions to treat a variety of conditions in dogs. Applications range from surgical complications to kidney failure. In order to be blood donors, dogs must be: 1 to 8 years old, weigh at least 55 pounds and in excellent health. Participants receive free vet check (\$300 value), goodie bag and access to blood products should they need them.
- The **Veterinary Catastrophic Need Fund** provides veterinary medical treatments at the William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital for animals that are injured in wildfires, natural disasters or other accidents.

Quick Research:

- Organization is large and number of staff & Board of Directors is not listed on website.
- No reports on recent fires or past disasters. On November 8 fire victims were sent to UCDavis. Some of these may have been people rather than pets?
- All Go Fund Me pages under listing of Veterinary Catastrophic Need Fund were for individual pets by owners. No pages for fund's general use.
- No listing on Charity Navigator or other internet searches. However, I did find the following:
  - The vet college receives ongoing industry donations.
  - 8-2014 to 7-2015 wild fires, 4 million dollars donated to Center for Companion Animal Health.