

Napa Valley Dog Training Club
Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2025

Attendees: **Officers** – Linda Luchsinger, President, Adrienne Amdahl, Vice President. **Members at Large** – Sandy Bonifield, Debbie Hilton, Vange Leonis. **Past President** – Linda Wargo

Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm

Linda Wargo motioned to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2025 board meeting as presented. Sandy seconded. Aye 6, No 0, Ab 0. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Vange Leonis

Checking \$15,007.90 @ 9/30/25 and \$15,248.07 @ 10/28/25
Savings \$27,271.09 @ 9/30/25
CD \$21,586.80 @ 9/30/25
P&L for September – net loss of \$2,539.29 YTD profit of \$4,508.04

Vice President – Adrienne Amdahl

We currently have 56 members. Shari Newhart presented her 2026 application at the past General Membership meeting.

Office – Sandy Bonifield

Sign-ups are looking good except we've had to cancel all three GM2 classes for lack of sign-ups. This is the 2nd or 3rd session in a row we've had to do this. We should look at a replacement for that class.

6 pm Rally was cancelled for low sign-ups and the 5 pm and 6 pm rally classes were merged into one class at 5:30 pm

Puppy classes on Wednesday at 11 am has 3 students and the 5 pm class has 8 students. Ado classes on Wednesday at 10 am has 6 students and 6 pm has 5 students. GM1 on Wednesday at 9 am has 4 students and at 7 pm has 8 students. GM1 on Friday at 6 pm has 6 students.

Publicity – Vange Leonis

Joann Osburn will be a guest speaker at November's General Membership Meeting. Vange is borrowing a projector from the library for her presentation.

We need to consider future advertising opportunities. Perhaps getting into the Christmas Parade, 4th of July Parade or having a presence at First Thursdays at the Oxbow. We Should try to get pictures in the Napa Valley Registers Faces & Places. Vange will look into getting pictures into the Register.

Vange will work on getting rack and business cards to all the veterinary offices.

Building – Debbie Hilton

We still have no timing on when the pipe replacement at the building will commence. Management will let us know as soon as they know.

Newsletter/Website – Sue Osborn

Get any info for the newsletter to Sue by the 22nd.

Miranda Clark will be helping Marilane Bergfelt with Facebook and Instagram

Training – Linda Luchsinger

Debbie presented a request from Dena and Mary to change the pre-requisite for Rally class. Currently any new rally students need to have completed GM1. Mary and Dena are asking for the pre-requisite to be the completion of GM2 (or equivalent class) *and* instructor approval.

Discussion noted that this could seem exclusionary. However, the proposal does make some sense based on the fact the we do not currently offer an introduction to rally class for students new to rally. We should look into offering an introduction to rally class on a different day than our current rally classes next year. Linda Luchsinger and Vange have expressed interest in teaching this introductory class.

Linda Wargo made a motion to approve the rally prerequisites to read: Successful completion of GM2 or an equivalent class and instructor approval with the caveat that in 2026 we offer an introduction to rally class. Adrienne seconded. Aye 6, No 0, Ab 0. Motion passed.

Dave Else has put in an application to be a trainer. He has been Carol's assistant for 4 sessions of puppy, ado, GM1 and Linda L's assistant for CGC class. This application has to go to the training committee. The next training meeting will be in January or February. In the mean time Linda L will respond to Dave about the need for this to go through the training committee before coming to the board. She will also suggest that he assists other instructors until then. Linda will ask him to assist her Friday night GM1 class.

Class reviews for Carol's classes for session 6 were not completed as requested. Linda Luchsinger will follow up and make sure Carol has the forms to have her students complete.

Moving Forward Toward Independence has not been contacted yet about having their client observe in Linda Wargo's scent work class. Linda Wargo will reach out to Barbara at Moving Forward.

Dena has reached out to the board about a personal issue that will preclude her from teaching her Friday classes in session 1 & 2 in 2026. Linda Luchsinger will reach out to Mary Ash about teaching Dena's classes.

Old Business

Vange passed out a folder to each member with items we've brought up in the past that Haven't been completed. Please review and let Vange know where each of us can help.

An email was received from Lori Jackson about the updated refund/class credit policy. Linda Luchsinger will respond to Lori.

Emails were received from Donna Golemon, Mary Ash, Lori Jackson and Roxann Gracia About the adoption of cost sharing for award plaques. They all felt that this change should take effect for the 2026 award season rather than the 2025 award season. The board discussed and agreed. Adrienne made a motion to change the commencement of the cost sharing for award plaques from the 2025 award season to the 2026 award season (awards being presented in 2027). Linda Wargo seconded. Aye 6, No 0, Ab 0. Motion passed.

Sandy Bonifield is chairing the nominating committee with Dena Parrish. The slate as of Today is as follows: President – Linda Luchsinger, Vice President – open, Secretary – open, Treasurer – Vange Leonis, Building – Debbie Hilton, Publicity – Vange Leonis, Office – Sandy Bonifield, Training Chair – Linda Luchsinger (if no one else will take the job), Members at Large – two position available. Sandy has some people in mind for the open position and will continue to contact. The slate will be sent out in the upcoming newsletter.

Gerry Glantz award committee is comprised of the last 3 recipients, the President of the board and 1 person from the general membership. We will ask for a member from the general membership to join the committee at the next board meeting. Information about nomination for the award will go out in the upcoming newsletter. Nomination forms will be available at the November general meeting.

The end of the year award form needs updated. Debbie will get the updated information to Sue.

New Business

Sunshine - Debbie Hilton

Toni Belt passed away. The club will be sending a \$150 donation to a rescue group in the East Bay in her memory.

Margie Volk's daughter passed away. Debbie will send a condolence card from the club.

Bobbie Honsvick's dog, Buddy, passed away. Debbie will send a condolence card from the club.

Fundraising

Pauline Seago mentioned to Debbie that she runs casino night fundraisers and could possibly be a fundraiser for the club. Debbie will get details from Pauline and perhaps We could do this in late January or early February.

Linda Wargo brought up the possibility of holding an AKC scent work trial at the college On the same weekend in May as we held this year's trial. She noted perhaps DeeDee

Anderson or Laurie Isaacson would be our trial secretary.

Miranda Clark sent a proposal about holding a holiday vendor fair. Debbie will reach out to Miranda.

We need to ask the general members to be on a committee to head up fundraising.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday November 25th at 12:15 pm at the PSI Board room.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Amdahl