

.NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB

BOARD MEETING (minutes approved 12/16/25)

NOVEMBER 25, 2025; PSI office, Napa CA

PRESENT: Linda Luchsinger President; Sara DeCrevel Secretary;

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Sandy Bonifield, Vange Leonis, Debbie Hilton;

ABSENT: Adrienne Amdahl and Linda Wargo

Guest Miranda Clark

Meeting called to order at 12:22 pm

MINUTES: Debbie asked for a change in minutes of October 28, 2025 meeting –

- 1) Under new business on page 4, change “Sandy” will reach out to Miranda to “”Debbie” will reach out to Miranda.**
- 2) typos under Office on page 1, second paragraph...correct ‘on’ class to “one” class and under Old Business page 3, third paragraph...correct “The” all felt to ‘They’ all felt. Debbie will send corrections to Adrienne since she took those minutes.**

Sandy Bonifield motioned to approve the minutes with the change, Vange Leonis seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

TREASURER’R REPORT: Vange Leonis. As of 10/31/25:

Checking: \$13855.43

Savings: \$22371.32

CD \$21587.72

Checking balance November 25th corrected from October is now \$17407.06.

Changes to date on accounts YTD:

Opened the banking account to online

Vange Leonis also reported that she has opened the banking account online , added some of the additional accounts to automatic payment, and has added overdraft protection between the savings and checking accounts. She has started an email account for the Treasurer position on the Board through Dreamhost. This is for vendors that bill and/or send correspondence by email. treasurer@nvdtc.org

Linda Luchsinger said that we have a loss for October so far of \$441.85. And our year to date net profit is \$4066.19.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: It is understood that we still have 56 members. Debbie Hilton reported that someone had contacted her about membership and plans to come to the December meeting to join.

OFFICE: Sandy Bonifield reported that two people have already signed up for the January classes.

PUBLICITY: Vange Leonis said she is working on summiting pictures to the Faces and Places column in the Napa Registe. There are possible plans to do a sequential Instagram segment as dogs join in the Napa Art Walk downtown Napa this winter. Miranda Clark and Marilane Bergfelt are working on that. More information to follow. Miranda Clark suggested that she do a video of a class for Instagram or facebook. This would need participant and instructor approval but after discussion it was decided it was okay to proceed with this proposal. Further discussion suggested that she could start with a puppy class, and proceed to adolescent, and then GM1 , progressing up the scale to the other classes.

BUILDING: Debbie Hilton reported that Diane Parness requested to use the building June 14, 2026 for a Collie Club event. Sandy Bonified moved to approve this rental; Debbie seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

No definite date for the drainage repairs for the building yet. It is supposed to be done while we are closed and they are supposed to provide a rental adjustment if our unit is not open when we have classes scheduled. The January cleaning date is scheduled for January 10 and the new classes are scheduled to begin week of January 19, 2026.

NEWSLETTER: We are still seeking volunteers to take on Sue's jobs.

TRAINING: Linda Luchsinger said a temporary date for the new session will be January 7th at 1215, possibly here at PSI if available. Dave Else has requested to be a trainer and his application will be issued to the training committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The Gerry Glantz award committee members are Linda Luchsinger, Lea Ronald, Cheryl Meyer, Joe Gracia, and Dena Parrish. They will meet after the award nominees come in.
- 2) December club meeting is December 8th. It is a potluck for members to bring a dish to share and a \$20 suggested price limit for the gift for the gift exchange.
- 3) Sue Osborn jobs:

Debbie Hilton will handle building rentals and will meet with Sue for transition details..

Marilane Bergfelt wil help with flyers, pictures.

Miranda Clark will help with facebook and maybe initiate an Instagram account.

Debbie Hilton and Dena Parrish will organize the awards banquet and Linda Wargo will take care of the award plaques. She will order the plaques in January. Debbie and Dena will coordinate with Linda on that project—date will be determined after Linda Wargo lets them know when the awards will be ready . On that item it has been proposed to have the banquet as a potluck at the facility. Proposal made that the club could order the main dish and everyone else bring appetizer, side dishes, dessert. This would save considerable amount of money. This proposal will be emailed to the awards recipients for their opinion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) There is a possibility of a 2026 AKC scent work trial but we have no details on that yet.**
- 2) A Christmas Santa picture display has been set up at the club for use by anyone to take pictures.**
- 3) Miranda Clark has helped with craft fairs in the past and would like to have a small craft fair in the club probably in the spring. We would charge rental of space about \$30 each and could get several crafters to participate, making a nice amount of money. Publicity, date, and details need to be worked out but the discussion was positive to proceed with this idea. Sara DeCrelvel has helped with a larger craft fair and so could help out and another club member, Pauline Seago, was active in the other craft fair and could also help.**
- 4) Miranda Clark has accepted the invitation to join the board as a Member at large. She will be nominated and voted on at the December meeting.**

5) Debbie Hilton proposed that unapproved board minutes should be online. Linda Luchsinger will check with Sue to continue this. In discussion Vange Leonis wanted it noted that she objects to this because of potential errors until the minutes are approved. It will be taken to the general meeting to see if members want it sent.

6) Membership list needs to be updated regularly. Adrienne Amdahl has been doing this and will be asked to continue.

7) Debbie Hilton recommended that training meeting minutes are necessary.

8) Regarding the January session 1 classes:

Session 1 classes have been published and changes will be made as necessary. Sandy Bonifield noted there are 4 GM1 Classes scheduled but after discussion this was probably in anticipation of new dogs gifts at Christmas time.

Dena Parrish will cover Linda Luchsinger's Friday evening classes during tax season.

Publicity for the classes should be at the shelter and a continuation of the 'voucher for one session' (puppy, ado,GM1 class) with adoption needs to be publicized.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY DECEMBER 16, 1215 AT THE PSI OFFICE

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:32PM

Respectfully submitted by Sara DeCrevel