

Napa Valley Dog Training Club
General Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm

Board Members in attendance: **Officers** – Linda Luchsinger, President, Adrienne Amdahl – Vice President. **Members at Large** – Sandy Bonifield, Debbie Hilton, Vange Leonis
Past President – Linda Wargo. A list of General Members in attendance is available in the Club office.

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 2024 General Membership Meeting. Motion seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved

Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$13,263.92

Savings: \$22,369.14

CD: \$21,578.73 (renewed in Dec 2024 for a 6-month term at .05%)

December P & L: Currently unavailable

President's Report - Linda Luchsinger

Vange Leonis (Publicity) has agreed to take on the treasurer's responsibilities of paying the bills and collecting the mail.

Sandy (Office) will be collecting the mail and making bank deposits

Vange and Adrienne (Vice President) – will be signers on the bank account. Sue Osborn, Vange and Adrienne need to go to Umpqua Bank to switch signers on the bank account.

Adrienne is taking on the role of Secretary for the time being.

We are looking for interested members to take on the roles of Treasurer and Secretary. Please contact Linda Luchsinger if you are interested.

Vice President's Report – Adrienne Amdahl

We currently have 29 members who have renewed their memberships
Julissa Ilizaliturri and Peter Keenan came to the meeting and completed an application for membership. A silent vote of the membership was taken and their membership was approved. Julissa and Peter have two 5-year-old Havanese and a 5-month-old Sheepadoodle.

Secretary's Report – Adrienne Amdahl

Nothing to add

Treasurer's Report – Vange Leonis

Vange (interim Treasurer) is familiarizing herself with the books

Office – Sandy Bonifield

Things in the office are going smoothly. Vange is assisting with the phones. All the session 1 classes are full except for one space in a puppy class. The answering machine outgoing message has been updated.

Hospitality & Decorations – Linda Luchsinger, Sandy Bonifield and Debbie Hilton

Thank you to Linda and Sandy for tonight's snacks and to Debbie for the festive New Year décor. Marilane Bergfelt and Dena Parrish have volunteered to do hospitality for next month's meeting.

Training Report – Linda Luchsinger reporting for Donna Golemon

Donna has requested that uniform flyers be made for each class and that those are used to advertise via Facebook. And as members of the club, we ask that you actively like and share our Facebook posts.

The employment agreement for our trainers and assistants now has a box that allows one to forego being paid and to work on a volunteer basis. If an employee who is getting paid to train occasionally takes on a job (like assisting a class) as a volunteer (without pay) that employee needs to note on their time card that they are working as a volunteer for a particular class or classes.

Linda Wargo noted that we need assistants. If you are interested, please reach out to Donna Golemon. Sandy noted that trainers can also look to people they know as possible assistant (Marilane noted that our assistants and instructors must be club members).

Dena Parrish was approved to be a GM2 and Advanced Obedience trainer at the January board meeting.

Publicity – Vange Leonis

Linda Wargo notes that our rack cards need to be distributed to veterinarian offices, groomers, etc. If you're interested in distributing cards reach out to Vange.

Adrienne will research doing t-shirt sales as a fundraiser through Bonfire. Linda Luchsinger would like to see downtown walks/get togethers of members in NVDTTC logo wear to bring attention and advertising for the club.

Building – Debbie Hilton

Debbie has contacted Ross about lights that are out in the building. She is searching for new pet mess cleaners that work better than what we currently have.

Debbie has added Kay Hall's photo to the "in recognition" wall. Marilane did note that there are other members who have passed that aren't on the wall. Perhaps we can consider a memory wall.

Napa Valley Support Services cleans every other Friday from 9am – 11am (building is closed until 1pm after cleaning). Their fee for cleaning has increased from \$80 to \$84.

Pest control comes 3 times per year. The next time is at the end of February.

Sunshine – Debbie Hilton

Judy Miron is having surgery, a card has been sent.

Barbara and Don Nieman lost the dog Rapha. Don brought down all of Rapha's scent work equipment and donated it to the club.

Marcy Neller lost her husband.

Deassa Binstock's mother passed away

Roxann Gracia recently had her knee replaced

Newsletter & Website – Sue Osborn

The deadline for the next meeting announcement is January 22nd.

The deadline for the next newsletter is February 22nd

Old Business

The new board has been made aware of our insurance carriers.

Sue Osborn will chair the awards banquet. She would like to have it at La Strada. Sue will send a survey about getting help. She needs to figure out what day to have it, most likely in March.

Linda Luchsinger will update AKC with the new board member's info.

Debbie Hilton, Sue Osborn and Sandy Bonifield volunteered to make up this year's annual audit committee

Donna's request to be allowed to hold her scent work classes from 5pm – 6pm on the same Mondays as general meeting Mondays was approved at the January board meeting. Class members can stay for the general meeting with their dogs if they'd like.

Sick leave hours will not roll over year over year.

NACSW (Nat'l Assoc. of Canine Scent Work) Trial – Anne Stanley co-chair

NACSW has given tentative approval for our trial on May 31st and June 1st of this year.

Napa Valley College has given approval to hold the trial

We have current commitments for the Certified Official and Score Room Lead.

Debbie Hilton has volunteered to be the grounds manager, Linda Wargo has volunteered to be the Container Coordinator and Sharon Leos has volunteered to be the volunteer coordinator.

NACSW will assign a trial coordinator who makes sure everything is in line.

We need 4 – 5 vehicles for searches.

Those who volunteer for the trial can also enter their dogs in the trial on days they are not volunteering.

Marilane asked for the budget numbers to be shared with the membership.

New Business

A gift class was given to Napa Kiwanis for their Crab Feed

Mountain Mikes pizza in Napa can hold dine & donates for the club. Marilane and Vange will coordinate with Mountain Mikes

Building rental by outside groups:

At the last board meeting the board approved the rental of the building on February 9th to the Schnauzer Club

Sue Osborn is requesting building rental on behalf of the following groups:

Diane Parness of the California Collie Fanciers would like to rent the club on either June 14th or 15th or June 22nd. A calendar check notes that June 15th would work with NVDTTC. A motion was made that the Collier Fanciers have the option to rent the building on June 15th or June 22nd. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion approved. second motion was made to allow the Collie Fanciers to use our baby gates at no charge. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Sara deCrevel of Paws for Healing would like to use the building for a half day on May 10th and September 20th starting at 1:30pm. A motion was made that Paws for Healing can rent the building on May 10th and Sept 20th and can use our baby gates At not charge. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Braggs

Karen Jackson noted that the took their lab to a Farm Dog fun match and he did very well

Sue Osborn - Brooklyn, Morgan and I performed a dance routine brace for the most recent Dogs Can Dance® challenge and earned our Music Interpretation-World Traveler title. This dog dancing performance was the last of three performances we needed to pass to be awarded a musical Interpretation (DCD-MI) division title.

Carol – Pierre has two legs to go to get master elite in scent work. Louis almost has his novice elite.

Linda Wargo – At the PWDC AKC scent work trial on 12/15, Ziji qualified in Excellent Interior and Sonny qualified in Novice Interior, Exterior, and Containers.

At the TRACS AKC agility trial 12/28 Happy won his Masters Jumpers Class.

At the NorCal GRC AKC scent work trial 1/4 Happy qualified in Masters Exterior, Interior, and Buried. Sonny qualified in Novice Interior, Exterior, Containers and Buried and finished his Novice scent work Interior, Container and Exterior titles.

At the ECSCNC AKC scent work trial Happy qualified in Master Container and Exterior earning his master exterior title.

At the Bay Team USDAA Agility Trial Ziji took first place in her masters gambler class, second place in Steeplechase and Third place in her masters jumpers class, finishing her P# Silver Jumpers title (25 qualifiers). Happy took first place in Steeplechase and Masters Jumpers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Minutes submitted by Adrienne Amdahl