

Napa Valley Dog Training Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

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 correction was made to the minutes from the January General meeting to change wording about employees who periodically choose to work as volunteer indicating that they will note *on their time cards* that they are working as a volunteer *for a particular class or classes*. Marilane Bergfelt made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; Debbie Hilton seconded. All present voted Aye. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report – Vange Leonis**

Checking: \$18,389.53  
Savings: \$22,369.14  
CD: \$21,578.73  
December P&L: Net loss of \$3,509.36

New signers have both signed the bank signature cards and Vange is working on getting a new debit card and online access.

**President's Report – Linda Luchsinger**

We are still looking for any members interested in taking on the roll of Secretary. Please contact Linda Luchsinger if interested.

**Vice President's Report – Adrienne Amdahl**

We currently have 36 members. Marilane Bergfelt noted that our member numbers are low Our due date for members to renew was Feb. 1. Can we extend that date and send an email blast renewal reminder? David LeCount motioned to extend membership renewal to March 1<sup>st</sup>; Conrad Everheardt seconded. All present vote aye, motion passed. Adrienne will contact Sue about an upcoming email blast.

The NVDTTC t-shirts available thru Bonfire.com was presented to the membership. T-shirts are available with the logo in various positions. The club will profit between \$7 - \$9 per shirt. Printed info on how to order was made available. Info will go into the next newsletter.

Tonight's membership coupons will be issued by Linda Wargo.

**Office – Sandy Bonifield**

Sandy noted that no puppies are signed up for any session 2 daytime classes at this time.

Our GM1 nighttime classes are filling up. Carol Coawette noted that if her GM2 on Tuesday nights doesn't fill we could do a combined GM1/GM2 class if needed.

### **Training – Donna Golemon**

Donna is not in attendance. The training chair highlights from the January Board Meeting were read as follows:

Sessions 3, 4 and 5 are all mapped out.

People cannot just walk into classes, please wait until you are recognized and asked to enter.

The board voted to approved Linda Wargo as a scent work instructor so she can substitute ' when needed. She will work as a volunteer.

There was a discussion about possibly bringing back PayPal as a payment option – tabled to a later date.

We should look at and tighten up our refund policy.

Donna and Sue did a recent online survey of students in puppy, ado, GM1 and Mighty Might's from sessions 6 & 7 last year asking what they liked and disliked. 61 surveys went out and only 2 responses. Linda Luchsinger noted that it would probably be more efficient to reinstate reviews at the end of classes.

### **Publicity – Vange Leonis**

Vange noted we are going to have updated business cards printed. If anyone would like some to pass on, please let her know.

Debbie, Vange and Marilane are looking at the class was with flyers to rearrange it to better advertise our classes.

We are looking more into our Facebook and how it works. Marilane presented an outline to the board via email on how our FB has performed and who it reaches and what needs to happen to maximize our reach and interactions with our content.

### **Building – Debbie Hilton**

Ross got all of our bad lights repaired

Pest control will be spraying the last Friday of this month

### **Hospitality – Debbie Hilton**

Debbie passed around a meeting calendar asking the General Membership to sign up to bring refreshments. Each month is themed. Thank you to Dena Parrish and Marilane

Bergfelt for tonight's refreshments. Debbie and Adrienne will bring refreshments for the March meeting.

### **Sunshine – Debbie Hilton**

Judy Gamet's (long time teacher of Dogs Can Dance at NVDCT) mother passed away last week. Our bereavement policy notes that if a member's family member passes we send a card and make a \$50 donation to the charity of the family's choice. Judy is not currently a member, but has been in the past and has a long relationship teaching at the club. A majority of the board responded via a previous email to make an exception to the rule of being a club member and to have Debbie contact Judy and make a donation to the charity of her choice in her mother's name. A card has been sent.

### **Old Business**

PAWS for Healing has requested to use the club on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and to use the baby gates at no additional charge. Linda Wargo motioned; Sandy seconded. All present voted aye, motion approved

LAPS has requested use of the building on March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> (with access on April 11<sup>th</sup> to clean) and use of the baby gates as no additional charge. Linda Wargo motioned; Sandy seconded. All present voted aye, motion approved.

NACSW Trial – presented by Anne Stanley

We have been assigned a trial coordinator by the NACSW

The draw period for the trial has been set for Monday, April 14 and entries will close Wednesday, April 16

This week we are executing agreements for our Certifying Official, Score Room Lead and Judges.

Our trial premium has received tentative approval from the NACSW. We have created an online form for volunteers to sign up. When both those items are finalized, we will publish them online. We will also have printed signup sheets.

We will need many volunteers in a variety of jobs. We will also need vehicles for vehicle searches. The vehicles do not have to remain onsite overnight.

Budget – We have a draft budget per NACSW and will continue to refine. We have some fixed costs identified including payments to judges and score room lead (both determined by the NACSW). We don't have revenue estimates as we are waiting for approval from the NACSW on the number of teams we can accept and the amounts the teams will pay to enter.

We are seeking donations of some supplies and hospitality items.

We will use the Agility Gate app which provides online check-in, running order and maps.

Banquet – date has been pushed to April 5<sup>th</sup> (tentatively)

## **New Business**

Deadline to submit items to Sue Osborn for the March/April Tattletales Newsletter is February 22

Per State of California – we must carry over sick leave hours for each employee up to 40 hours. Sick leave carry over will show in the next payroll.

Carol has a person who is signed up for one of her session 2 classes that has no contact info or paperwork. If that person's paperwork is not received by the close of registration, Carol has been given the go ahead to fill that space if needed.

## **Braggs**

David LaCount has done 5 agility trials with his 3 dogs and has earned 8 titles.

Anne Stanley decorated her Christmas tree with her dog's ribbons

Linda Wargo - At the Bay Team USDAA agility trial Ziji won Master Gamblers, placed second in Steeplechase and third in Jumpers. Happy won Steeplechase and Master Jumpers.

At the the Golden State Greater Swiss Mountain Dog AKC Scent Work Trial, Sonny finished his Novice Buried title and his overall Scent Work Novice title. He also earned legs in Advanced Interior and Exterior.

At the Sacramento Beagle Club AKC Scent Work trial Ziji earned legs in Excellent Interior, Exterior and Containers. Sonny earned a Novice B Interior leg and an Advanced Buried leg.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Amdahl