

**NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM at NVDTC Clubhouse**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 PM**

**II. Call for additions or changes to agenda - NONE**

**III. APPROVAL of MAY 13, 2024 MINUTES—Linda Wargo**

- A. As Donna Golemon was not in attendance at the May General meeting, she requested her name be removed for reporting on topics.
- B. Minutes approved with corrections

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT—Lori Jackson**

- A. Business Checking Account: \$18,031.97
- B. Business Savings Account: \$22,368.02
- C. Certificate of Deposit: \$21,052.94
- D. April Profit & Loss Statements:
  - April: \$1,427.42
  - YTD: (\$1,078.03)

**V. BOARD, COMMITTEE, & CHAIR REPORTS**

**A. PRESIDENT—Linda Wargo - Nothing to report**

**B. VICE PRESIDENT—Carol Coawette**

- Welcome to new member Roxann Wolf
- We currently have 57 members

**C. MEMBERSHIP/COUPONS—Carol Coawette/Lori Jackson**

- Lori Jackson reported she had new coupons printed.

**D. OFFICE—Linda Wargo – nothing to report**

- Debbie Hilton asked if any classes had to be cancelled. Donna Golemon replied that:
  - Tuesday am GM1 and GM2 were combined
  - Wednesday 11:00 Puppy class had to be cancelled
  - Donna noted lack of students is a trend all the area training clubs are experiencing.

**E TRAINING—Donna Golemon**

- New classes started last week.
- Two new Scent Work classes have started with thirteen new Scent Work students
- Training Committee planned out Sessions 5, 6, and 7.
- Donna Golemon and Linda Luchsinger are working on a class focused on problems the students want help with. Available for the next session.
- Going to try taking classes that are ready out to a local park during the fifth week of class.
- Dena Parrish was voted in as a new trainer.
- Introducing platform training into the classes.
- Rattlesnake aversion training will definitely be put off until next year.

Looking for a location, and asked members to contact her with any possibilities.

## **F. PUBLICITY**

- Debbie Hilton reported that she entered the Napa Valley Dog Training Club in the Napa's Finest Nominations. We are located under services and best local nonprofit. Voting runs from July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, and individuals can vote once per day. Winners will be announced on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Let's get out the vote; you can vote every day.
- Linda Wargo is going to finish the list of local businesses to post our rack cards and our schedules for next general meeting.
- Linda Wargo noted that there are events in Napa we should probably have a presence at and perhaps we need to keep a calendar of those type of events. Dena Parrish mentioned we should perhaps put events that we want to attend in the newsletter.

## **G. BUILDING –**

1. Lori Jackson noted the switch to Rescue for building cleaning will start this Friday.
2. Linda Wargo went over how to use Poof to clean up a dog accident

## **H. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**

1. Deadline for July -August newsletter submissions is June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Donna Golemon suggested we include a local dog events section in our newsletter.

## **I. HOSPITALITY**

1. Tonight: Chris Mayer and Roxann Gracia
  - The ice cream bar was delicious – Thank You
2. July 8, 2024: Dena Parrish and Marilane Bergfelt

## **J. SUNSHINE—Debbie Hilton**

1. Kaye Hall, a lifetime member of the club passed away recently. For many years Kaye volunteered her time to teach tracking classes, serve as a member of our tracking test committee, and judge our tracking tests. Members shared their memories of Kaye.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Updates to Guidelines and Procedures
  - Status of subcommittee to revamp Section XXX-F - Instructor Pay Raises. (Mary Ash, Marilane Bergfelt, Roxann Gracia) Mary Ash absent so tabled until next meeting.
2. Musical freestyle “bring your dog” meeting with Judy Gamet tentatively planned for August – Linda Wargo
  - Linda Wargo asked members what they would like to see for this event. Suggestions ranged from beginning moves, to square dancing, to establishing good teamwork with your dog.
  - Music suggestions included country, inspiring songs, dance music, but nixed heavy metal and opera
3. November meeting “Bring Your Dog” for Holiday pictures. – Donna Golemon & Linda Wargo – nothing new to report

4. RD Winery Event Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> – Marilane Bergfelt
  - Right now, just planning on an info table.
5. Caring Canines Support –
  - Event will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Donna Golemon reported that NVDTC folks will be available to sign up individuals for classes for the upcoming session that are still open.
6. Gerry Glantz Memorial Service Award Update – Roxann Gracia and Dena Parrish
  - Roxann Gracia and Dena Parrish reviewed the final improvements to the award process and answered members questions.
7. Dog Item Garage Sale discussion – Linda Wargo
  - Linda Wargo presented Roxann Gracia’s suggestion to the board to hold a Dog Item Garage Sale. Debbie Hilton has volunteered to help work on this.
  - We discussed possible dates such as Artists Open Studios, the Napa City-wide garage sale date, or in conjunction with an open house. Debbie will research.
  - Also had a short discussion on whether we would rent tables to individuals or if we would take donations to sell as a club. No decision was made.
  - Another thought was to combine it with an open house. It was decided this would be too complicated and Donna Golemon proposed that we just do an information table and a looping video of what we offer.
8. September BBQ or Picnic discussion – Linda Wargo
  - Linda Wargo asked members if they wanted to continue the tradition of a September BBQ or a pot luck picnic. Membership thought a picnic would be nice. Perhaps at one of the local parks.
  - Asked the membership for someone to step up and lead the charge on getting this going.
9. Halloween meeting will be a bring your dog costume contest. Linda Wargo looking into a reasonably priced backdrop for picture taking.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Survey for potential participation in events and new ideas for classes – Donna Golemon
  - Donna Golemon reported on the results of the survey sent to member and folks in our database
  - Several people mentioned they would be interested in classes on general dog grooming. Looking for someone to conduct the training, and how best to present the class. Please contact Donna with ideas for this. Roxann Gracia mentioned it would be good to learn about available tools.
  - We also discussed the possibility of someday offering cooperative care classes.
  - Marilane Bergfelt mentioned having the survey comments available to members. Donna Golemon replied that she will make the binder available to anyone who asks.

## **VIII. BRAGS**

1. Dena Parrish reported that she and Tzoezy completed their rally excellent title.
2. Sandy Bonifield reported that at Woofstock, she entered her 6 month old miniature schnauzer, Maggie in her first show. After learning the ropes for a couple of days she went

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Reserve Winners Bitch.

3. Roxann Gracia reported that Tanner qualified in his scent work excellent interior search
4. Carol Coawette reported that at a May 19<sup>th</sup> scent work trial, Pierre Qualified in all four Masters odors and took fourth place in the Matsers Interior search.
5. Carol coawette reported that at the same trial, Louie qualified in three out four of his advanced searches.
6. Marilane Bergfelt Reported that her son and his fiancé are now living on the West coast, and that his fiancé has completed her PhD in Family Counseling.
7. Donna Golemon reported that her granddaughter was coming home from Korea
8. Linda Luchsinger reported that her twin granddaughters graduated high school and one is enlisting in the Air force and the other will be attending the University of Merced

**IX. MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:50 pm