

Napa Valley Dog Training Club
General Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025

Board Members in attendance: **Officers** – Liinda Luchsinger, President, Adrienne Amdahl – Vice President. **Members at Large** – Sandy Bonifield, Debbie Hilton, Vange Leonis, **Past President** – Linda Wargo. A list of the 11 General Members in attendance is available in the club office.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the August 11, 2025 General Membership meeting with the following correction: Correct the spelling of Karl Luchsinger's first name. The motion was seconded. Aye 16, No 0, Ab 1. Motion passed

President's Report – Linda Luchsinger

Linda read Sue Osborn's letter indicating that at the end of the year she would not be renewing her club membership and would not continue on with her volunteer positions handling the club's website, newsletter, graphics, eblasts, outside club rentals, etc. Her resignation is effective on 12/31/25 and she will work to transition those jobs to other volunteers through the remainder of this year. Linda requested volunteers from the general membership to take on these jobs. Debbie Hilton will go through our membership binder to see what members noted interest in any of these subjects.

Treasurer's Report – Vange Leonis

Checking \$20,811.93 @ 8/31/25
Savings **
CD **

P&L for July net loss of \$2,785.38. YTD profit of \$8,832.17

**Umpqua Bank has been acquired and is now Columbia Bank. Vange was unable to get current information from the bank today as their system wasn't available today.

Vice President – Adrienne Amdahl

We currently have 55 members in the club.

Office – Sandy Bonifield

Class registration of session 6 is slow. We have cancelled the 11 am puppy class, Wed GM1 @ 9am, Fri GM1 @ 6pm, Tue GM2 @ 10am and, Fri GM2 @ 7 pm. Linda Wargo and Sandy are working to move students in classes with low enrollment to other available class times.

Training – Linda Luchsinger

Session seven classes are set. The next training meeting in Friday 9/9/25 at 12:30 pm at the club. Sessions 1 & 2 for 2026 will be set at this meeting.

Publicity – Vange Leonis

Tonight's guest speaker will be Laticia Sahs the Director of Marketing and Communication from

Napa Humane.

At the November General Membership meeting we will welcome Joanne Osborn as a guest speaker. Joanne is a veterinary stem cell tech and will be speaking on regenerative medicine.

Building – Debbie Hilton

Debbie met with Ross Mini (property manager). The closure of the north entrance into the complex will probably continue for 10 – 12 days.

Two pipes under our building need to be replaced. This repair is set to take place in December but not definite dates are available at this time. The building management will clear our building and move our items and our floor mats into a storage unit. We are hoping to start our January classes as scheduled, but we won't know until we get a timeline for the repairs.

Debbie got a bid for having large ceiling fans installed in the building – the details will be discussed at the next board meeting and then brought to the general membership in October. Debbie and Vange are going to go see similar fans in action that are installed at Planet Fitness.

Debbie has completed the purging of old documents. All but two years of the remaining documents have been boxed and put on the shelves in the office.

Old Business

A revision to our refund policy is going to the board for approval this month. The results will be presented at the next General Membership meeting.

New Business

Anne Stanley asked for approval for a two-day NACSW trial at the college the weekend after Memorial Day in 2026. A motion for the club to approve our application to NACSW for an event the weekend after Memorial Day 2026 was made and seconded. Aye 17, No 0, Ab 0. Motion passed

At the August Board Meeting the board approved LAPS building use on November 1st. the Board also approved building use on September 14th for the Cairn Terrier Club of Northern California.

Sandy Bonifield will be chairing this year's nominating committee and will be joined by Dena Parrish. We need one more volunteer for the nominating committee

Awards Ceremony costs – At the August Board Meeting the board voted to pass a portion of the cost of awards on to the recipients. The Club will continue to pay the full cost of the small tags and each plaque recipient will pay \$35 of the total cost of the plaque (this year each plaque cost approximately \$75).

Club Dog Walk – all members are encouraged to gather for a group dog walk downtown on October 4, 2025 at 10 am. Starting location TBD.

Brag

Linda Luchsinger got a new cocker spaniel puppy name Charleigh.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Adrienne Amdahl