

**NAPA VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Sue Osborn, called the meeting to order at 7:08 via Zoom.

II. ATTENDANCE (No particular order)

Sue Osborn, Carol Coawette, Linda Luchsinger, Sandy Bonifelt, Mary Ash, Debbie Hilton, Roxann Gracia

III. PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING:

- A. Decision on holding classes in February.
- B. Decision to Roll Over Enrollment and Classes From February into March.

IV. DECISION ON HOLDING CLASSES IN FEBRUARY.

Much discussion was held regarding the Governor's Stay At Home Order, which is in addition to the Purple Tier Requirements, and the fact we are in the middle of appears to be the worst part of the pandemic. Two instructors had provided notes (Attached) regarding their opinions. Motion was made, seconded and it was unanimously voted to close the club in February.

V. DECISION TO ROLL OVER ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY TO MARCH

Discussion was held as to ages of the dogs will have changed and would normally be placed in different classes after two months of closure and maybe a third month depending on the Stay At Home Orders. One assistant trainer stated that it won't really affect what they teach when it comes to Puppy vs. ADO vs. GM1. Some members felt it would be easier to roll over the checks and PayPal after contacting each student to see if they wanted to continue to be in the classes in March. People who did not want to continue, would receive a check back (and vouchers if indicated) or credit via PayPal if that is how they paid. One member didn't want to lose out on a previous class experience. Motion was made and seconded to Roll over the February Classes into March. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 3 Nays.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Time: 7:40 pm

Minutes Submitted by
Roxann Gracia, Secretary

On Monday, January 11, 2021, 9:39:07 AM PST, Donna Golemon <donnagk9@gmail.com> wrote:

I heard back from all of the trainers. All trainers said yes to questions one and two. And question three all answers were no with Lea adding that she was good for 2 classes only and De not sure about weekend classes.

Regardless of what schedule is used I would see about adding classes during these times:

Tuesday -6:30 and 7:30 pm (our classes not Judy's based on need and income)

Wednesday - 5:00 or 8:00 pm

Same times for Friday

Saturday - 9:00 am and or 2 pm

Would have to find trainers but filling them may not be a problem.

1. If classes are held in February are you comfortable and willing to train?
2. If classes are postponed from February to March, are you willing to train classes? At this time I don't know if the classes will be rolled over or what schedule will be used.
3. Do you have any time restrictions for March?

Donna 

Sent from my iPhone, please forgive any spelling errors

From: BEN BERGFELT bergfelt@comcast.net
Subject: NVDTC - Classes in Feb 2021
Date: January 14, 2021 at 5:24 PM
To: Osborn, Sue sue@osborngraphics.com



Sue -

Looking toward February and seeing little relief from Covid cases, I'm assuming the Board is considering continued shut down. I'd like to support the idea of a soft opening, much like we did in mid-2020.

Allowing the smaller intermediate and performance classes (agility, freestyle, rally and scent work) to restart in February could work safely and successfully. Continued requirement of face masks** and disinfecting would remain in place. Add to it guidelines for distance (more than 6') and people should feel comfortable.

Following current guidelines, each class could have one student on the floor / in the building at a time. Students could wait in their cars with their pets for a turn in the building - thus remaining an extended distance from others. Instructors could give teams specific times / appointments to be in the room, or text/call them on cellphone when the room is ready.

Upside is each owner and dog would get a set amount of time on the floor. Short, solo sessions within the time allotted for each class is do-able. (There are standard 'run times' in most canine sport classes. Instructors could split up their allotted class time so each team would have a good chunk of time on the training floor and meet those expected 'run times'.)

** Recent studies show that PPE items, especially face coverings, have varied results. Recommended face masks and some neck gaiters (2-ply minimum with 3-ply recommended) that cover both mouth and nose are effective. Face shields, scarves and bandanas are much less useful and not recommended.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

The board could choose to reopen the Club to classes with specific precautions, including re-defining face coverings and extend the space needed between people inside and outside the building.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need to connect with me during the meeting, I will be home. Call or text my cellphone: 707 / 812-3694.

ML