

# Napa Valley Dog Training Club Training Committee Meeting

April 6, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:15pm by Sandy Bonifield, who also provided more yummy goodies – thanks.

*Attending: May Ash, Marilane Bergfelt, Laura Ecklin, Kelly Finn, Barrie Gordon, Linda Luchsinger, Lynda Rhyno, Lea Ronald, Teresa Russell, Marlene Soldavini, & Jim Spiva.*

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Approved Instructors and Assistants:**

Sandy provided copies of the Draft Instructor and Assistant Lists – updated since our last meeting. Some members noted additional changes to the listings &/or their personal information. Marilane will make those updates and send to Sandy for review. After that review, instructors will be sent the lists via email and copies will be placed in the NVDTTC office.

### **Good Manners 2 – Outline:**

Teresa and Linda have not been able to work on this yet. Item was tabled for next committee meeting.

### **Club CGC Evaluation:** (Revisited from 2-16-11 meeting)

Jim has requests from a two NVDTTC members who want to participate in the CGC evaluation. Based on the previous discussion, it was agreed that our club should hold a weekend evaluation event for folks currently in CGC class(es) or those who have taken it in the past and not received a passing score. To help make this successful, organizers should consider PR'ing the event to those who have taken our classes in the past but may not be currently participating.

There was a feeling among some committee members that offering solo evaluations made it much easier for the participating handler & dog. To be consistent, club evaluations should be provided in similar formats and under similar conditions.

## Previously Tabled Items

### **Training Equipment:**

After a discussion, the committee voted on having the “Easy Walk Harness” (aka. front clip harness) available for purchase. With one ‘No’ vote, the motion carried. Lynda offered to review sizes and help decide on the number to purchase. Most common sizes will be stocked.

### **Number of Assistants in Beginning Classes:**

Instructors of Puppy, Adolescent Dog and GM1 would like the option of having a lower student to instructor ratio on the training floor. The committee agreed to the following:

1 – 5 Students  
One Assistant

6-10 students  
Two Assistants

11 – above  
Three Assistants

Option will be taken to the Board for consideration.

### **Proposed Class Restructure:** (Revisited from 2-16-11 meeting)

Flow chart was passed out again and discussed. No decision was reached and item was tabled for next meeting.

### **Renaming of Classes:**

Option to return ‘CGC’ class title to ‘Novice 1’ was addressed. Without much discussion it was decided to keep the CGC class titled as it currently appears. No suggestions were offered for instructors teaching a CGC class and incorporating formal obedience to help students develop new, more advanced skills.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Beginning Competition Obedience:**

Requests have been made for a new, beginner's obedience class for clients coming from GM2 and CGC classes. Linda L. has offered to teach a class on Mondays (see below for dates and times). Class would include: attention, heeling, front & finishes, straight line walking and stand for exam. Dogs might need to be evaluated prior to attending – Linda will make that decision.

Dates and times of this class will be: May 2 at 6pm, May 16 at 6pm, May 23 at 5:30pm (dead week), June 20 at 6pm, June 27 at 5:30pm and July 18 at 6pm (Session 5).

Marilane will include this information on the session schedules and Barry will ensure it is included noted on the NVDTTC office desk calendar.

### **Proposed Adolescent Dog & Family Dog (GM1) Format:**

Laura provided copies of proposed updates to 'Adolescent Dog' and 'Family Dog' (Good Manners 1). These pages included Course Description, Course Objectives and Weekly Outlines. She gave an overview and noted that the skills were similar in both classes. Some committee members were confused about changes to class names and how dogs would progress from one class to another. Laura, Kelly, Lea, Sandy, Marilane and Lynda have been, or will be, using the new class outlines. They will give Laura feedback on how it worked for their classes. Other instructors were encouraged to review the course materials and the previously provided "Proposed Class Restructure" flow chart for discussion at the next committee meeting.

### **Session 4 & 5:**

Classes were scheduled for Sessions 4 & 5, 2011. Marilane has provided and posted these materials separately via email.

## **TABLED ITEMS NOT DISCUSSED**

- Saturday Open House for Members - Pat Martin has provided a written proposal for using the building on weekends. No discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Submitted by,  
*Marilane Bergfelt*  
(Meeting Recorder to the Stars)