

# Napa Valley Dog Training Club Training Committee Meeting

September 9, 2012

Meeting called to order at 11:10pm by Sandy Bonifield (who also provided refreshments – thank you !)

Attending: Marilane Bergfelt, Laura Ecklin, Kelly Finn, Linda Luchsinger, Lynda Rhyno, Teresa Russell, and Jim Spiva.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Website:

Online update of class descriptions for Puppy, Adolescent Dog, Good Manners 1 and Agility. Marilane and Lynda have given written materials to Sandy. Laura will update information for agility classes. Sandy will review and move materials onto Sue for website.

Video of NVDTTC agility and rally classes – several months ago committee discussed and Cheryl Meyer offered to ask her husband to help with this project. There has been no follow up - - Sandy will call / email Cheryl to see if videoing class is still possible.

### Current Classes – Session 6, 2012:

- No CGC class during daytime. Jim asked the option be kept for the following session.
- Other classes seem to have minimal number to be a 'go'. Instructors need to make reminder calls.

### Classes Backing Up on Each Other:

Ongoing concerns and conversations about ways to address the backup between classes. Some nights classes flow and equipment used in similar / same, on other nights it is difficult to set up, clear out and then re-set equipment for different uses in the 50 minutes allotted by the schedule. Current problem is Wednesday night where Puppy and Adolescent Dog are followed by Agility. Options were offered – see New Business below.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Trainer Request for Seminar Funds:

Kelly Finn and Lynda Rhyno want to attend a seminar the first weekend in November. This weekend session include Bob Bailey (Chicken Camp). Kelly requested \$200 to attend both days, Lynda requested \$150 to attend one day (Sunday only). The committee okayed and will take it to the board.

### Online Calendar:

Sue has created an online calendar at the NVDTTC's website that shows building use. This will be helpful when trying to create new classes / workshops. (Thank you Sue.)

### Instructional Assistants:

Sandy provided more names of members interested in becoming assistants –

Sue Osborn: Puppy, Adolescent Dog & Good Manners 1

Vange Leonis: Puppy, Adolescent Dog, Good Manners 1 & 2

Teresa Russell: Agility

Each potential assistant was discussed and voted on. All passed for consideration to the board.

The NVDTTC currently has:

\* 6 approved assistants for Puppy who have assisted under the new format, plus 6 assistants approved for Puppy who have not assisted with the new outline / class activities.

\* 8 approved assistants for Adolescent Dog who have assisted under the new format, plus 4 assistants approved for Adolescent Dog who have not assisted with the new outline / class activities.

\* 14 approved assistants for GM1 plus 2 assistants performing 'provisional': Anne Moya & Laurie Morris.

Anne Moya completed her provisional in GM1 (and therefore Adolescent Dog) in Session 5, 2012. Hoping to complete provisional of Puppy soon.

Laurie Morris had surgery and is hoping to start her provisional assisting soon. Like Anne, Laurie will need to assist with an instructor she has not worked with previously.

### **Non-NVDTC Trainers:**

There has been an interest from clients and members in providing classes that our regular instructors are not able to provide. Marilane contacted two outside trainers to see if there was an interest in teaching at the NVDTC –

- Judy Gamet (Dogs Can Dance) currently has a working relationship with the club and is interested in offering freestyle classes in the evenings. She will be available on Tuesdays in 2013 and possibly Mondays. Several people on the committee would like to see the NVDTC offer freestyle for at least a portion of each calendar year. Because of our current scheduling problems – the committee could not see a way to offer Judy a Tuesday night slot at this time but we hope to discuss it again at the next meeting.
- Linda Chwistek is a trainer with BadRap and is a certified Nose Works instructor. She is able to teach obedience, agility, tracking, trick / circus dog, reactive dog, Canine Good Citizen and more. Marilane emailed her to see if her schedule would allow her to expand into the NVDTC – but to date she has not received a response. Several people on the committee know or know of Linda and would like to see if a working relationship could be created.

### **Relocate Classes:**

Due to ongoing issues with staffing, equipment and client needs - - it was suggested:

- Agility and Rally share the same day-of-the-week. It was proposed that agility move to Thursdays or Fridays but Laura's schedule does not allow for that. Instead, Laura will discuss with Mary the option of moving both types of classes to Tuesday nights. Laura will get back to Sandy asap.
- Friday nights continue to be difficult to staff and fill. There was another discussion but no new options were provided.
- Instructors would like to have better use of the building on Mondays. Again the discussion turned to moving board meetings to the back room. Committee will recommend that the board give Joy a drop-dead-date to remove the remaining stuff out of the clubhouse. The board will find out who owns the shelves throughout the building so that the club can decide what to remove / sell / use / relocate.

### **Saturday Workshops:**

Another discussion about how to use the building on weekends. The One Day Workshop ideas continue to be – 'walk on leash', 'recalls', 'clicker', 'polish performance', 'jumping up', etc. Discussion about length of time (1.5 – 2 hours), what fee to charge (with or without a dog), how to handle sign ups, liability (showing shot records, collar / harness & leash, etc) were also touched on.

After some time it was agreed that Linda and Kelly would offer a Reliable Recall workshop on Sunday, December 2. They will work on all issues and provide information to the committee &/or board before the event.

**Next Training Committee Meeting planned for Monday, October 15 at 6:30pm.** At that time we hope to set the first 6 months of classes.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

*Marilane Bergfelt (Meeting Recorder to the Stars)*

9/28/12—L. Ecklin changed verb from "elevate" to "address" under "classes backing up on each other."