



**BAY DE NOC KENNEL CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

February 8, 2018

**Present:** Board: Vice President, Ernie Genaw; Treasurer, Vicki Sowa; Secretary, Wendolyn Tetlow; Director, Linda Lavolette; Director, Katrina Lessard; Director, Chris Nelson

Members: Pat Beauchamp, Pat Bernat, Lori Genaw, Tracee Horn, Coleen Lake, Virginia Lewis, Dick Lyle, Jean Lyle, Colleen Owens, Cathy Peltin, Laura Strom, Jorden and Jodi Tianen

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Judy Akkala.

**Reading of the Minutes:** The club did not meet in January because of inclement weather; therefore, there are no January minutes of a regular meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Board Updates:***

**1. Building Use Fee Increase:** Ernie said he looked at the club's income and expenses over the last four years (excluding capital improvements and equipment purchases). He noted that the club's profit in 2017 was \$17! He recommended that the club find ways to generate additional income.

Ernie asked the membership if they wanted raise the building use fee to cover the cost of heating and maintaining the building. The building use fee has been \$1 per member for each practice, on an honor system. Ernie asked the membership for suggestions about how much to raise the fee and how to track incoming monies. It seems that some members are not signing in when they practice, and they are not contributing to the building use fund.

After some discussion and suggestions about how to raise and track the building use fee, a motion was made and a vote taken to increase the fee. The following was approved by the membership:

- The building use fee is now **\$3 per person** using the facility.
- Members should continue to sign in.
- Katrina will purchase coin envelopes, which will be located near the money box.
- Members using the facility should put their money in the coin envelope and write their name and the date on the envelope and put it in the box.
- Practice groups can use a single envelope with everyone's names and the date on the outside of the envelope and fees included.
- Vicki will continue to track funds from building use.
- A correlation will be made between sign-in sheet and coin envelopes.

- It was suggested that a sign be posted near the money box so members are reminded to sign in and pay the fee.
2. **Toilet:** Ernie reported that the Board approved purchase of a new toilet for the animal shelter building.
  3. **Rummage Sale:** This was cancelled because of insufficient planning time.
  4. **Welcome Letter:** Ernie explained that there will be some edits to the Welcome Letter and other new-member documents (see below under New Business).
  5. **Practice versus Class:** A class has a fee attached to it, and the instructor can earn work hours for teaching. A practice group does not have a fee attached to it, and no one can earn work hours for leading a practice group.
  6. **Committee Updates:** Chris Nelson reported for the Agility Committee and said that new jumps had been made with colored tape decorating the poles. Lori and Ernie donated the PVC for the bars. The new jumps fit on a rack that can be moved around on a hand truck. Chris also said that the committee has defined jobs for volunteers who want to work at an agility trial. The committee still needs a chairperson for the Fall Agility Trial; Katrina is the secretary.

Nosework/Barn Hunt Committee: Jean said that Barb Tardiff, chair of the committee, will return in April. Jean asked where a Barn Hunt course could be set up on the property and how many bales of straw would be needed to construct a course. No decisions were made about where a Barn Hunt course could be set up.

Obedience Committee: Lori reported that the Board approved the committee's minutes and budget. She said that the committee's goal is to create progressive levels of obedience from puppy class to advanced levels of obedience so that the hand-off from one level to the next builds on skills learned in previous classes.

7. **Other:** Dick Lyle commented on how much better the interior of the facility looks now that changes have been made in location of the book shelf, cleaning materials, boards, etc. He also said that he is looking for someone to take over the "Wall of Fame" next year. In 2017, club members submitted information and pictures to be framed for 79 new titles. Bravo, BDNKC members! Thanks to the Lyles for their work on the Wall of Fame all these years.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **February Fun Games:** Colleen Owens reminded everyone that there will be an agility fun game on Saturday, 10 a.m., February 10. Virginia Lewis will be working with Colleen to design the agility courses and run the games. Colleen asked for permission to set up the agility course on Friday night, the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

2. **Donations:** Thanks to Ernie and Lori Genaw for their donations of a refrigerator and microwave to the club. These are up-to-date appliances in very good condition. Thank you!
3. **High Five Agility Club:** Linda Lavolette noted that BDNKC has been invited by the High Five Agility Club to participate in a Cheryl Carter event, May 5.
4. **Reconvening Membership Committee:** Ernie said that the Board will be reconvening the Membership Committee to discuss changes that need to be made to the Welcome Letter and membership requirements. He asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. The following members agreed to serve:

Tracee Horn  
Chris Nelson  
Cathy Peltin  
Lori Genaw  
Pat Bernat

5. **Demolition of small building in agility course area:** The membership voted to approve removal of the small storage building located in the middle of the outdoor agility ring. Ernie said that quotes were sought from bidders, and the BDNKC decided to hire Brunette & Son, Inc., to tear down the structure (bid \$1150, which includes hauling away materials). Brunette will be notified now so that he can fit BDNKC into his schedule. The local construction/demolition crews will all be busy this year with construction on the Escanaba Bridge, so hiring now is important. Ernie said that removal of the building will enlarge the agility space to meet the space requirements to hold CPE and NADAC agility trials. Currently, BDNKC meets the requirements only of the UKC to hold agility trials in the space.

**Other new business:** A member suggested that official Michigan State BDNKC signage be put on the highway so that the public can find the club facilities. It was suggested that when Barb Tardiff returns in April perhaps she can revisit this subject of signage for the club with the State. Apparently, the State had declined past requests for signage on the highway.



## STANDING CLUB ITEMS

### Classes, practices, and tests:

**Puppy Class:** Pat Beauchamp said that there are lots of Christmas puppies at this time of year, so participation in the Puppy class varies from 5-12 in attendance.

**Obedience:** Lori reported that there are two beginner classes because registration was strong. An Advanced class will be scheduled in the future.

**Nosework:** A Beginner's Nosework class will start on March 28.

**Tricks:** A four-week Trick class will begin on Saturday, February 17.

**New Members:** The club voted to approve Cathy Peltin's Gold Membership. Cathy is a former member and has Aussies. Cathy is interested in agility, obedience, and other activities. Welcome back, Cathy. (The December 2017 minutes state that Cathy was approved for membership at that time).

Jorden and Jodi Tianen, who were in attendance at the meeting tonight, will be voted on next month. They have a Husky/smooth coat collie and Shepard/Malinaw. They are interested in agility, nosework, and obedience.

The club accepted the Gold membership application for Sue Strom, who has a lab. Upon attendance at a meeting, Sue Strom's application will be voted on.

## **BRAGS AND BITCHES**



*If you have a brag and would like to add it to the monthly minutes, please email me at [wtetlow@ameritech.net](mailto:wtetlow@ameritech.net)*

The AKC has a new award program: “**Achiever Dog**” certificate. This is a program for handlers/dogs who have received a placement, qualification, or title in three different AKC-qualifying sports. The program awards dogs for their versatility. This is a pilot program and will be surveyed at the end of the year.

The following BDNKC dogs received **Achiever Dog** certificates for their versatility:

**Chica**, Aussie, owned by Pat Bernat

**Lutz** Von Skaer, dachshund, owned by Wendolyn Tetlow

**Liesel** Von Lutz, dachshund, owned by Wendolyn Tetlow

“**Bee,**” German Shorthair, owned by Tracee Horn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Wendolyn Tetlow, Secretary

**Next General Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2018**