



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

February 9, 2017

Present: Board: President, Pat Beauchamp; Treasurer, Vicki Sowa; Secretary, Wendolyn Tetlow; Director, Dani Beauchamp; Director, Virginia Lewis.

Members: Cheryl Church (visitor), Barbara Doutree, Dick Lyle, Jean Lyle, Colleen Owens, Cherryl Reynolds, Kristin Tardiff

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pat Beauchamp.

Reading of the Minutes: Wendolyn summarized the January 2017 minutes which was accepted as summarized.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Rummage Sale, Saturday, February 11, 2017: Chris Nelson is organizing the Rummage Sale. The sale will begin February 11, at 8 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. The sale items have been brought into the kennel facility. Workers will set up for the sale on Friday, the 10th.

2. Facility Issues: The outside light has finally been replaced, thanks to the Lyles who made many phone calls to try to get someone to replace the bulb. Finally, Dick noticed by happenstance a utility truck that services the area and was able to get the light replaced.

Ken repaired the leak in the roof. So far so good!

3. Fencing: Pat Beauchamp reported that Tracee Horn obtained a quote from the Marquette fencing company in the amount of \$9,000+ to fence the BDNKC area. The club already received a \$7,000+ quote from Delta Fence. The Lyles presented a multi-page report itemizing all the materials needed from Menards for a 6' chain link fence. The cost, not including cement, is \$1,583.68. Ken said that the labor involved in fencing the area would be about \$1,500. The club voted to approve approximately \$3,500 (extra "just in case") to fence the BDNKC and former animal shelter properties. Wendolyn will contact the Foundation about the process for releasing grants monies to pay for the Menards fencing materials.

4. Fall Agility Trial: Barb Tardiff has submitted the paperwork to UKC. The trial date is September 16-17, 2017.

5. Spring Agility Trail: Vicki Sowa has received the signed paperwork from UKC, and we are just waiting for the trial dates, May 20-21, 2017.

- 6. February Agility Games:** February 18, 10 a.m. Chris and Pat will organize these games.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Worksheets:** Pat Beauchamp announced that the master copy of the Worksheet used to fill in work hours has disappeared. We are temporarily using ruled paper to sign up for work hours until the master copy can be located. In the future, do not use the last copy of the worksheet in the notebook for documenting work hours—or photocopy it before you do.
- 2. Note to agility practice groups:** Per Pat Beauchamp, please put the agility equipment back in the equipment room in such a way that the equipment does not block the sink or the cleaning implements. Apparently, puppy class people were not able to pull out cleaning items because agility equipment was blocking the sink and cleaning tools.
- 3. Nosework Match:** The Bay de Noc Kennel Club will hold a UKC Nosework match (two of them) on Saturday, June 24. This is a first for the club and is preliminary to offering a trial, if approved by UKC. A group of BDNKC Nosework handlers organized by Jean Lyle are preparing for the event.
- 4. Non-member observation of practice groups and classes:** BDNKC members agreed that non-members of the club can observe a practice group or class, provided the observer does not participate in handling a dog in the activity. Members agreed that non-members observing is a good way to attract new members and to help familiarize the general public with BDNKC activities.
- 5. S.T.A.R.R. Puppy Class.** Members discussed the need for better prepared puppies and adult dogs entering the Beginner Obedience class. The current BDNKC Puppy Class is basically puppy socialization. The S.T.A.R.R. class will introduce handlers and puppies to basic obedience behaviors and prepare them for the Beginner Obedience class, which is a competitive class. Lori and Ernie are qualified to teach the S.T.A.R.R. class and evaluate dogs upon completion. Jean Lyle said she will make sure a separate S.T.A.R.R. tab for the class is available on the BDNKC website for registrations.
- 6. Therapy Dogs:** Cheryl Church (non-member), attended the meeting again to let club members know that she would not be able to participate in BDNKC Therapy Dog (TD) group after all, because as a certified TDI member, she cannot participate with handlers who are not TDI certified (insurance reasons). She invited the BDNKC TD members to review the TDI rules to see if the members would like to become certified. There is a TDI evaluator who lives in Peshtigo who could evaluate BDNKC dogs. Wendolyn said she would discuss this with the TD group.

STANDING CLUB ITEMS



Classes, practices, and tests:

- 1. Beginner Obedience:** This class will be extended to February 21st because of a cancellation in early February. Lori and Ernie said (via email) that the next Obedience class begins on March 7th and the May class is beginning to fill.
- 2. Conformation:** This class will be extended to February 21st because of a cancellation in early February. There are five handlers and dogs/puppies in the class.
- 3. Nosework:** Jean said the Nosework teams had their last class last night. They were great handlers and dogs!
- 4. Puppy Class:** Pat Beauchamp reported that, not counting Kirsten's puppies, enrollment in the class has been picking up—two German Shepherd puppies, pitbull mix, two doxies, etc.

BRAGS AND BITCHES.

- Virginia Lewis announced that she will bring home her new Bichon/Shitzu mix puppy, Lacey, on February 15. We want to meet her!!!! Bring her to the next meeting!!! Congratulations!!!



The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Wendolyn Tetlow, Secretary

Next General Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2017, 7 p.m.