



## BAY DE NOC KENNEL CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2017

**Present:** Board: President, Pat Beauchamp; Vice President, Tracee Horn; Treasurer, Vicki Sowa; Secretary, Wendolyn Tetlow; Director, Barbara Tardiff; Director, Virginia Lewis; Director, Dani Beauchamp.

Members: Judy Akkala, Pat Bernat, Tammy Blomquist, Ernie Genaw, Lori Genaw, Andrea Jackson, Coleen Lake, Linda Larson, Linda Lavolette, Dick Lyle, Jean Lyle, Chris Nelson, Colleen Owens, Kirsten Tardiff

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

**Reading of the Minutes:** Wendolyn summarized the July 13, 2017 minutes which was accepted as summarized.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Fence**—The gates are up, locks are purchased, “No Trespassing” signs are hung, the grass is growing in seeded and graded areas—and the fenced area is ready for use! Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in planning for and constructing the fence. In particular, thank you, Chris and Jerry Nelson (Jerry watered the grass every day!) and Lori and Ernie Genaw, and Pat Bernat. See the pictures on the BDNKC Facebook page. Also, once again, thanks to Ron from Delta Fence who welded the gates for the club and supervised the hanging of the gates. If you haven’t stopped by the club recently, please do so and notice the cleaned up former animal shelter, as well. The windows are washed and gardens weeded, holes filled, and everything looks tidy.
- 2. Rules for Using the Fenced Area:** Only Gold members will have access to the fenced area. The key will be located in the office on the file cabinet. Do not potty your dogs in the fenced area!
- 3. Foundation/Photograph of Completed Fence:** Wendolyn is waiting for a call from the Foundation to find out when a Commissioner is available for a photoshoot.
- 4. Status of Fall Agility Trial, September 16 and 17:** Pat Beauchamp volunteered to handle the raffle at the Fall Trial. Items for the raffle can be left in the office of the club or bring them the day of the trial on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to **volunteer** to work at the Fall Agility Trial, please contact Colleen Owens [townes1@chartermi.net](mailto:townes1@chartermi.net) There will be a \$25 Amazon gift certificate in the raffle for the workers. -- Club members had a discussion about providing free lunch to the volunteer workers on the days of the Trial, but ultimately the members voted not to offer free lunch to workers because that defeats the purpose of requiring service to the club.

**5. Mutt Mitts in Ludington Park:** Vicki said that we have used more mutt mitts in three months than we did last year in eight months. A number of people said they had seen people drive up and take handfuls of mutt mitts and then drive away. Some discussion followed about how to cut back on the use of the mitts and not spend so much money. Wendolyn will tell Laura not to fill the dispenser once a week, perhaps once every two weeks. It was decided that the club should provide no more 600 mitts a month. Parks & Recreation should be notified about the abuse of the service of free mutt mitts to the public.

**6. Weed Wacker:** Barb said the new weed wacker is kept in the outside shed. The batteries are located in the office. If you use the weed wacker, don't let the weed wacker scrape on the ground when in use because that will destroy the mechanism that cuts the weeds.

**7. New Sign for the Property:** The members decided to table this topic until the club has rebuilt its budget.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Volunteers for Spring Agility Trial:** Chris Nelson volunteered to Chair the Spring 2018 Agility Trial and Linda Lavolette was invited to judge the trial. Secretary?
- 2. Refinish dog and walk and A-frame:** Thank you to Ernie, Lori, Chris, etc. This equipment is now repaired, resurfaced. Vicki will order more adhesive for future use. Also, a repaired tunnel (free of charge) is being sent to Vicki.

- 3. Work Bee to paint the former animal shelter building:** Chris Nelson announced that there will be a Work Bee for painting the former animal shelter building on **August 22 and 23**, if it doesn't rain. Chris collected donations at the meeting for purchasing the paint; the club contributed \$100. Thanks to very generous club members! If you would like to **volunteer** to help paint or donate for the paint, please contact Chris Nelson [cnelson7439@yahoo.com](mailto:cnelson7439@yahoo.com)



- 4. Chain link fence parts from former animal shelter:** It was agreed that these fence parts could be offered to club members, free of charge, if they came and collected the parts one week from announcing the availability of the parts. At the end of the meeting Colleen volunteered to take the fence parts.
- 5. Demolition of small cement building:** Club members agreed that this building should be demolished, but not until the club has built up its budget.
- 6. Sale of Equipment that BDNKC no longer needs or uses:** Members decided the following:
  - a. Flyball equipment – sell
  - b. Lure coursing machine – keep
  - c. Trailer – keep

d. Agility 10' teeter – sell



7. **AKC Titles for *tricks* that dogs can perform:** AKC TRICK DOG – (Lori sent the following information as clarification of her comments at the meeting about this new title).

CGC-approved Evaluators may observe the tricks and sign off on the Novice, Intermediate, and Advance Trick Dog AKC titles. To expand on the Novice Trick Dog, the dog must:

1. Perform 10 tricks OR
2. Have the CGC on record at AKC and perform 5 tricks.

At the Novice level you can use lures, food or toys, hand and/or verbal cues, and use the food and/or a clicker as a reinforcer. At Novice Level the dog must perform the trick two times successfully when tested. There are 20 Tricks that are listed, such as Fetch It and Give, Bark on Cue, a Jump, Balance Beam, Shake Hands, etc. Handlers may also have the choice of performing two of the ten tricks of their own choice that are not on the list. If a trick is more difficult than a Novice trick, the handler may choose to save it for the harder levels.

If the club offers the class, Lori would sign off on the tricks as a CGC Evaluator. Lori would attend the class as a helper and could either evaluate as the dogs learn the tricks OR evaluate at the end of the class.

**Chris Nelson** volunteered to teach this course. We'll have to wait and see the time after Chris' surgery in October, probably not until January. AKC suggests a 6-week course.

8. **Clarification of rule about how many hours can be earned for TD and Delta Animal Shelter volunteer work:** The rule for volunteers who participate in Therapy Dog and Delta Animal Shelter work is 7.5 hours a year *per person*, not membership.
9. **Fix Timers:** They are fixed.
10. **Delinquent letters to be sent to Gold Members:** The Board will be mailing delinquent letters this month to Gold members who have not completed their work hours and/or not cleaned the building per schedule.

11. **REMINDER—Membership Dues:** A reminder to members about dues will be sent this month. Dues are due in September; per By-Laws, dues are delinquent if not paid by September 30. Send to Vicki Sowa at P.O. Box 353, Munising, MI 49862 – or drop off dues at the club in Vicki's mailbox in the office.

12. **Reminder—Election of new Board officers:** New members will be elected in October. Per By-Laws, new officers take office in November. Please attend the October meeting to make nominations and vote.
13. **Other:** (a.) Jean Lyle asked that the BDNKC calendar be cleaned up because there is old information on the calendar and conflicting activities. Andrea said she would take care of this. (b.) Pat Beauchamp said she would like to have BDNKC business cards with our website address on them made up to share with prospective members of the club.

## STANDING CLUB ITEMS



### Classes, practices, and tests:

1. **Obedience Classes:** Lori Genaw reported that a Beginner's Obedience Class started August 1 and runs to September 5. Another Beginner's Obedience Class will be offered in January. Dates will be on the website. Lori will also offer an ADVANCED OBEDIENCE CLASS in January. At the end of that class she will offer a CGC test. Dates will be posted on the website.
2. **Puppy Class:** Pat Beauchamp reports that many new puppies are coming every week now. Walk-in registration is available every week for \$5.00.
3. **Agility Class:** Lori reported that Andrea, Chris and she have found some additional agility foks willing to teach classes. They will set up times either on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays during the course of the year. These classes will be for instruction not practice. Club members should all encourage and welcome new people to any of the various venues and to join our club. New classes keep skills sharp and offer continuity to all classes.

4. **Nosework Class:** A new class will begin on October 4. Jean Lyle will be the instructor. [Tracee horn volunteered to “chair” the Nosework Trial in 2018.]
5. **Rally:** Those interested in Rally need to sign up for a Rally Practice Group and Rally Class online. When Lori has enough people, she will set aside class and practice times.
6. **Conformation:** Those interested in Conformation classes or Practice Group should sign up online, and when there is enough people, the class and practice times will be announced.
7. **Barn Hunt Practices:** The last practice will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Again, many thanks to **Dani Beauchamp** for her rats! Thank you to **Virginia and Harvey Lewis** for the straw! And thank you to **Dick and Jean Lyle** for making two of the rat tubes and fixing the lights in the “barn.” The dogs and handlers who participated in the last three years, are really doing well. Congratulations to all the super trainers/handlers in our club.

If you need straw for your garden or compost heap—or whatever—let me know. I still have some intact bales of straw left. Come and get them!  
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## 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)*

- 1.) **Pat Bernat** bragged that **Chica** earned her first NADAC agility title in Introduction to Tunnelers. Congratulations to the Pat and Chica. Way to go! Awesome young lady, that Chica!
- 2.) **Lori Genaw** bragged that AMELIA, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, finished her Rally Title in Waukesha with a score of 96! Lori is VERY PROUD of this shy, quiet girl. Congratulations, Amelia and Lori. WooWoo!
- 3.) **Kirsten Tardiff** “bitched” that her nine-month old Aussie puppy, Taiga, got a grass awn (barbed seed pod) burrowed in her throat and had to have it surgically removed (i.e. incision and stitches!). Poor Taiga had to wear a cone *forever!* She is doing much better now, though, no infection or leaking. She is on the mend! Watch out for those awns! 

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Wendolyn Tetlow, Secretary

**Next General Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2017, 7 p.m.**