

**BAY DE NOC KENNEL CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2018**

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

Members: Dani Beauchamp, Pat Beauchamp, Pat Bernat, Diane Culter, Torey Gagnon, Lori Genaw, Tracee Horn, Bernie Larson, Linda Larson, Virginia Lewis, Dick Lyle, Jean Lyle, Jerry Nelson, Colleen Owens, Kathy Peltin, Barb Tardiff, Kirsten Tardiff

Non-members: Pauline Nedeau

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Ernie Genaw.

Approval of the Minutes: The August 2018 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki Sowa, Treasurer, was absent so the monthly reporting will be deferred until next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Updates from Committees:

1. Obedience, Rally, Conformation, Puppy, and TD Committee:

- Lori Genaw reported that Basic Beginner Obedience is doing well and has one more class meeting.
- Intermediate Obedience begins September 11 and has 14 teams registered; Linda Etten and Martha Kinnunen are teaching this course.
- Trick Dog and CGC evaluations will be offered at the Obedience and Rally Fun Match held on November 4.
- The club still needs a volunteer Rally instructor.
- Conformation needs a little more interest before new classes can be offered.
- Since Dick Lyle is no longer a member of the club, the club has no one to certify dogs for TD. Some discussion followed about how to proceed with TD in the future (current dogs are grandfathered). Wendolyn will talk again with Mary Lee and Jo about offering Pet Partners at BDNKC.

2. Nosework, Barn Hunt, Lure Coursing, Tracking Committee:

- There will be no lure coursing this fall because Bev Smith has withdrawn her offer to have the practice on her property. Lure may be offered in the spring. The lure coursing equipment is at Jean's house.

- An Intro to Nosework class begins at 7:30 p.m. on October 10 and has six teams registered.
- The Cheryl Carlson Seminar was excellent. Ernie asked about the accounting of the seminar, and Barb said that Vicki has the receipts.
- The club's first Nosework Trial will be held in two weeks (September 22/23).
- Barb will get the club's credit card from Katrina to order supplies needed for nosework activities.
- Barb presented a nosework proposal to the club for a bi-monthly mini-nosework workshop open to any person/dog team that needs assistance in training their dog in nosework. This mini-workshop is open to members and non-members and will help to attract new members to the club. Barb suggested a fee schedule and a discount for the organizer of the bi-monthly workshop. The Board and members of club discussed the proposal and suggested that the mini-workshop conform to the fee structure and work hours that agility games follow. Tracee made a motion and Pat seconded the motion to accept the nosework proposal for bi-monthly mini-workshops that conform to the fee schedule and work hours of the agility games. The membership voted and approved the proposal.

3. Agility Committee:

- Chris Nelson reported that the CPE games were a success, and the NADAC video trial was a success. Linda Lavolette said that there were 55 NADAC runs, 33 qualifiers, and 32 qualifying scores.
- A UKC Agility Trial will be held on September 15, 16.
- The annex building was cleaned and painted on September 13th in preparation for the upcoming trails. Thanks to everyone who showed up to help clean and paint.
- Chris said that the Agility Committee stayed within the \$1,000 budget; next year's budget is also projected for \$1,000, pending Board approval.

4. Membership Committee:

- Lori Genaw reported that the Clarifications and Definitions of the Membership Committee changes will be sent to the general membership for comments and feedback. Ernie noted that there is a new section in the revised document that addresses how guests to the building will be handled. Barb Tardiff noted that she called the club's insurance company and asked about liability for guests. The insurance company said that anyone who steps foot on the club's property is automatically covered by the policy. There was some discussion about whether or not visitors should be asked to sign a waiver.
- Ernie apologized on behalf of the Board for confusion and misunderstandings about the process used to raise membership dues. Jean made a motion and Tracee seconded it to raise the fee for new

Gold Members to \$30. The membership voted and approved the motion.

- There was discussion about the question of new Gold Members having rights to vote. Lori made a motion and Tracee seconded the motion to permit new Gold Members to vote only after they have met their 15-hour work obligation.
- Barb Tardiff made a suggestion that the new secretary do the job of the secretary as described in the By-Laws. It was noted that per By-Laws some of work can be delegated.

5. Building Committee:

- Ernie Genaw again thanked Jerry Nelson for the work he has done in maintaining the grounds and in repairing the annex for multi-use.
- Update on the septic system: the exit port of the club building tank is broken and needs to be dug up and repaired. The tank holds 1,000 gallons; it was pumped over three years ago.
- Ernie said the gas to the annex still needs to be turned on so the building can be heated in the winter.

6. Logo/Advertising/Wall of Fame Committee:

- Diane Culter provided updates on the progress she has made in logo design, advertising and the Wall of Fame.
- Barb Tardiff made a motion and Pat Beauchamp seconded the motion to leave the new-title pictures on walls of the training building for the time being. The membership voted and approved the motion.
- Colleen Owens made a motion and Tracee Horn seconded the motion to delay the design and reproduction of a new logo for the club. The membership voted and approved the motion.
- Diane explained the research she has done for advertising, including the Escanaba event calendar. She also presented a plastic bag holder and showed how it might work as a mutt mitt holder. It was suggested that one of these holders could be put up at the club to see how the container will work before putting it elsewhere in the county.
- Tracee Horn made a suggestion to do mass emailings of the club's events using the email addresses of people who had taken classes at the club, and of current, former, and other prospective members.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ernie explained that the club received a letter from UKC indicating that the club's license to hold Rally and Obedience trials has been withdrawn. This is a standard letter a club receives when the club does not offer a trial during a three-year period.
2. Colleen Owens spoke on behalf of her friend Dave who trains dogs.

3. Jean questioned why a prospective member was interviewed. Discussion followed.
4. Jean read an email to the club in the context of a comment about helping new members.

New members:

- The membership voted and approved the membership application of Pauline Nedeau who attended the September and August meetings. Her application was received at the August meeting.
- Colleen Owens said that at the request of Dave Johnson and Nicole Rudenberg a vote not be taken at this time on Dave's and Nicole's applications for membership.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Wendolyn Tetlow, Secretary

Next General Meeting: Thursday, October 11, 2018