



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

January 12, 2016

Present: Board: Vice President, Tracee Horn; Treasurer, Vicki Sowa; Secretary, Wendolyn Tetlow; Director, Dani Beauchamp.

Members: Cheryl Church, Barbara Doutree, Dick Lyle, Jean Lyle, Coleen Lake, Katrina Lessard

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

Reading of the Minutes: Wendolyn summarized the December 8, 2016 minutes which was accepted as summarized.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Rummage Sale, Saturday, February 11, 2017:** Chris Nelson is organizing the Rummage Sale. **Friday, February 10, 2017** will be the set up day, 9.a. m. Bring your sale items with you, if you haven't already dropped them off at the club. *Remember: no electronics, exercise equipment, or TVs.*

If anyone has folding tables, please bring them. Also, if you have paper bags and plastic bags, please bring those also.

The actual Rummage sale will begin **February 11, at 8 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m.**

Workers are needed for February 11, 7:45-11:00 a.m. and 11:00-2:00p.m. Sign up with Chris Nelson.

Wendolyn will take care of advertising for the Rummage Sale.

Questions? Please contact Chris Nelson: cnelson7439@yahoo.com

2. **Facility Issues:** When the heat tape and the heater are plugged into the electrical outlets in the utility room in the former shelter, the pipes do not freeze, and as a result, the BDNKC facility has water!

Club members commented on the prompt and thorough snow removal at the club.

3. **Fall Agility Trial:** Barb Tardiff will chair the trial; Linda Lavolette will be secretary; and Don Schiff will be the judge. Date of the trial? September 16-17, 2017. Site tba.

4. Spring Agility Trail: Vicki Sowa will be the chair; Jean Lyle will be the secretary; and Shelly Weeks will be the judge. When? May 20-21, 2017. Where? Gladstone Park (Chenier Field).

5. Decathlon follow up: The games were a blast—good courses, runs, judging, food, and company! Thanks to Linda Lavolette for judging and designing the courses and Pat Beauchamp for helping. As Pat Beauchamp noted on the BDNKC Facebook page, 24 dogs participated in the Decathlon. Chris Nelson and LahDee took a fun 1st; Pat Beauchamp and Tray, 2nd; Pat Bernat and Finn, 3rd; and Colleen Owens and Harley, 4th. Virginia Lewis and Roxie were awarded the fun prize of last.

Jean noted that the drinking cups used at the Decathlon were the cups used for Nosework practice—hence, participants at the Decathlon were drinking from cups used in Birch odor practice! In the future, Nosework practice cups will be so marked.

6. Cleaning Schedule: For Gold members, the schedule is now set through June. If you are not on the list, you will appear again after June.

7. Mentors for New Members: The Board should put together a list of mentoring topics that may be helpful to new members.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receipt of CFDC Grant Funds: BDNKC has been awarded **\$1500** in grants money from the Community Foundation for Delta County. YAH!!! Thanks to Barb Tardiff and Wendolyn for writing and submitting the application with approval from Pat Beauchamp and members.

The club must follow the Grant Agreement and use the funds only for activities the club requested the funds for—“Dog Training Area Expansion and Improvements to Promote More Community Involvement in Canine Activities.” Specifically, the club requested funds for fencing and directional drilling.

Since the funds *must* be spent within six months of receipt of notification of the award, the club must acquire materials and begin fencing by April. The club already has one fencing quote from Delta Fence (\$7,340.22). Tracee said she will get a quote from a fencing company in Marquette. Jean and Dick will estimate cost of materials for fencing based on Menard’s prices. As noted in the July 2016 BDNKC Minutes, Ken (handy man used for repairs in utility room) could probably complete the fencing job for \$25 an hour, or approximately \$1,500 for labor. Board members measured the area in July to be approximately 4,800 square feet.

The steps in issuance of the grants monies are explicit as laid out in the CFDC Grant Agreement. The Board will follow through to ensure that the project moves forward, monies are issued, and publicity is appropriate, per agreement.

Some discussion followed about the grant application for Hannahville. Members decided that ideas should be suggested for use of the shelter facility—rather than directional

drilling. Since most grants organizations do not like to grant money for operational expenses, members need to suggest capital improvements. The deadline for submission of the application is March.

2. **National Dog Agility League:** Jean Lyle received an email from the NDAL, Bud Houston, Houston.bud@gmail.com asking if the club is interested in participating in the coalition of agility clubs. After some discussion, the club decided that individuals can follow up with Bud, but the club as a whole will not. Here is a link to NDAL's courses:

<http://natldogagilityleague.com/blog/2017/01/02/january-2017-ndal-courses/>

3. **February Agility Games:** The February Agility Fun Games will be organized by Chris Nelson and Pat Bernat. Date? **February 18, 10 a. m.** YAH!!! More fun!!!
4. **Verification of work hours for service in Delta County:** Tracee Horn suggested that those members claiming volunteer work hours in the community on behalf of BDNKC should provide some evidence of this volunteer work in the form of a signature from the organization at which the work was provided. After some discussion, the members voted to approve such a process. This process is in no way directed at current members who provide volunteer work hours at the Delta Animal Shelter or the Therapy Dog group who visit area nursing homes weekly. The process is suggested for the future when the current Board and members are no longer overseeing work hours.
5. **Compilation of Work Hours:** Tracee Horn said she is still responsible for compiling the work hours. She said it was decided last year that when the Larsons relocate, Tracee would take over the task of tracking the hours. Tracee will retrieve the work hours from Colleen Owens who recently volunteered to take over the job.
6. **Club input on external groups using the building or the club's name:** The Board and members of the club agreed that in no way should other organizations use the facility or the club's name without input from the membership. Recently, a service dog group/individual publicized an event at the club using the club's name as the sanctioning organization. This makes the club legally liable. In the future, all such activities must be cleared and approved not only by the Board, but by club members.
7. **Vote on new members:** The members voted to approve the membership application of Cheryl Reynolds. **Welcome to the Club, Cheryl Reynolds and Bubba (Bassett Hound).** Cheryl and Bubba attended Puppy Class and a Nosework class.

Cheryl Church, a new Escanaba resident, introduced herself to the club and said she recently moved to the county from Ohio. She had called Wendolyn a couple weeks ago, based on the PSA in the newspaper. She has a horse and a dog. She is interested in participating in Therapy Dog group and has a Certified Therapy Dog (mixed breed). She and Wendolyn will be in touch about participating in TD.



STANDING CLUB ITEMS



Classes, practices, and tests:

1. **Beginner Obedience:** The next Beginner Obedience class began on January 3, 2017. There are ten teams. Instructors are Lori and Ernie.
2. **Beginner Rally:** Cancelled
3. **Nosework:** Jean said there are five Nosework teams. The class begins January 11 (postponed a week because of weather).

BRAGS AND BITCHES.

- Jean Lyle bitched that a very emaciated mixed-breed dog was dropped off at the Delta Animal Shelter recently. She said that despite the dog's starved condition, the dog is not food-aggressive. See the Delta Animal Shelter website if you are interested in this dog.  <https://deltaanimal.org/>
- Tracee Horn bragged that Mr. Magnum, her AKC GCH German Shorthair, is ranked 25th in the country! Congratulations!! There are many, many competitive German Shorthairs in the country! 

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Wendolyn Tetlow, Secretary

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