

Norcal Chapter USPCA Newsletter July Meeting Minutes

This month's meeting was held July 14th at Eddi Quiggle's Home in South Lake at 3pm.

Present were: Eddi Quiggle, Valerie Perry, Chris McIntyre, Jaylyn Marvin, and Gary Jacobsson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We currently have \$706 and we spent \$68.00 on the food for the brunch.

SEPTEMBER SALE

Books and Kitchen Equipment

Eddi, Valerie, and Chris are going to take the lead on this event. Gary is unable to attend. We are looking for a space to hold the sale. Eddi is into Farmers Markets to see if we can rent some space for a day. Let's hope other members will participate and make this a big success. Eddi is also going to check into renting space for the rest of the year. This might be a nice way to promote the chapter and its members.

If we cannot do the Farmers Market theme, the garage/book sale will be held at Eddi's house in Woodland. Anyone who has cook books, kitchen equipment, or accessories they would like to let go of, please contact Gary @ 916-223-2045. He is willing to come pick stuff up. Items should be clean. Once again money raised for this event goes to support the chapter and we will donate 10% to a charity of our choice.

The deadline to get items for this event is September 20th!

MOVIE NIGHT

We are still trying to organize our first Movie Night to see Ratatouille, possibly the week of July 30th. All of our schedules are busy and it's looking like a weeknight event. Contact Gary if you are interested in participating.

NEW PRESIDENT

Please be giving consideration to who will be the next Chapter President in 2008. They need to be voted in by the group and the Home Office. Gary is definitely stepping down at the end of the year. He is making a transition to move to Cannon Beach, Oregon by the end of the year.

MEETING LOCATIONS

Rotating or Fixed Location

Eddi brought up the idea of changing the meeting back to a central location in Sacramento like it used to be. She is concern that attendance has not been good lately and she thought going back to a fixed location might help. However, everyone in attendance likes having the meetings in the home, and does not mind traveling to different locations each time. In the end we decided to leave it the way it is for now, and take a look at it again at the end of the year. Even with the bay area starting its own Chapter, we still cover a large geographical area and not everyone is going attend. We currently have 9 members and 5 attended this meeting, so our attendance is actually quite good considering the current chapter membership.

OUR TAHOE ADVENTURE

We made a relaxing weekend out of this meeting as Eddi opened up her lovely home to us in South Lake Tahoe. We had a great dinner. Eddi made Grilled Rosemary Chicken, Valerie made a delicious Pasta dish with a Lemon Cream Sauce, Gary made Mediterranean Beef Kabobs and Summer vegetables for the grill, and Chris brought a 'to die for' cheesecake with a strawberry sauce. Compliments to all the chefs. Of course there was plenty of wine. Eddi's husband Dexter provided the entertainment and cleaned up after all of us in the kitchen.

We went for a walk, enjoyed the spa, and had a lovely evening together. However, there was a sad note. Valerie got a call that her husband had a seizure and was hospitalized. He was suppose to join us for brunch on Sunday but obviously did not make it. He is okay, but the situation gave Valerie quite a scare, and for a while thought she might have to leave. She talked to her husband several times and decided to stay. Our thoughts are with you and your husband Valerie!

To show his appreciation to everyone Gary wanted to prepare a Sunday Brunch. We had so much food Eddi invited over a couple friends. Would you expect anything less? We started the morning off with Mimosas. The brunch menu consisted of Baked French Toast, Summer Fruit Salad with Mint, Fresh Tomato, Asparagus, Prosciutto, and Basil Frittata, and Grilled Chicken Apple Sausage! It was amazing!

The main reason for having the meeting in Tahoe was to get Jaylyn, one of our newest members, acquainted with the group. She did come for the meeting, but could not stay because she had to work. She was very excited to meet all of us and looks forward to the next meeting. She had many questions which we were happy to answer and we are glad she is a member of our chapter. Welcome Jaylyn!

Our Next Meeting: Tami's House in Gold River, Saturday August 25th @ Noon.

Sincerely,

Chapter Webmaster
Norcal Chapter USPCA