

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

John Blair

Andy Hall

The January 1, 2017, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by President John Blair at 1:55 p.m. at the home of Mr. Blair in Satellite Beach, Fla. The following board members were present:

John Blair – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Ann Rowe – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

Kristin Sipus; Pat Kopco ; Mike Orloff ; Anney Doucette ; Ted Misilo; Betty Lambert; Michele Throm

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (John Blair)

Welcome to 2017, looking forward to working with everyone and having a great year.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

No report

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Andy will perform all duties of Secretary except for sending mass emails to club members – that duty will be handled by assistant secretary Pat Carlile. Any board member needing something send to members should contact Pat.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

Dee reviewed our account balances and all are in good standing.

Waiting for one bill from December hunt test – board will review hunt test P&L at February meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hunt Test (Mike Orloff) –

Looking at ways to cut expenses for hunt tests and increase profit. Addition of third day and entry being down for December test were factors. Bottom line is we need to have a nice event to separate ourselves and not cut corners too much. All is on track for Feb. 11-12 test - judges set, kids to assist are set. New radios worked well when people responded to them.

Obedience – (Andy Hall)

Have two of three needed judges. Trial secretary set. Will finalize contract with Daytona club for building rental. Board agreed to go up slightly in hotel room allowance for judges/trial secretary due to Daytona hotel prices/quality.

Agility – (Dee Thibodeaux)

All is good for the April agility trial, more ribbons will be ordered.

Fun Match – (Ann Rowe)

Date for Fun Match set for Saturday, March 11, at home of Ann Rowe. Date chosen to avoid three-day obedience/rally trial in Eustis the following week. Event will not be AKC sanctioned. Discussion of some possible judges for obedience, rally and conformation – Ann will contact people. John Blair will again prepare the premium; efforts will be made to distribute premium more widely and attract more entries.

OLD BUSINESS:

WC/WCX – the event postponed due to Hurricane Matthew will not be rescheduled. Board will have further discussion later in the year about a possible fall event.

National Specialty 2020 – (John Blair) -- The board voted unanimously for the club to make a bid to the GRCA to host the 2020 national specialty. The first step will be to name a chair or co-chairs; email will be sent to membership asking for applications.

Club Newsletter – we would like to revive the club newsletter for publication every other month. Ann Rowe will talk with Robin Senderowitz about being editor again.

Rescue Reunion – the board voted to make a \$250 donation to the rescue group as we aren't able to provide any members to groom dogs on their date.

Specialty – board will look into possible ways to cut expenses of the specialty.

NEW BUSINESS:

What will it take to get members more involved? – John Blair led discussion. Board decided to investigate holding a canine health seminar that would be free to members and also will poll membership to ask what activities the members would like for the club to have. Poll will have some choices such as dock diving day, agility day, etc. Andy Hall will send poll.

CCA – Kristen Sipus in communication with club member Robin Bowen about holding a CCA in June or July, when club doesn't have much activity. Idea is in response to request from several new members.

Year-End Awards – Kristen Sipus and Anney Doucette will discuss a revamping of the club's year-end dog/competition awards to make them more compatible with current competitions and classes. Board also will discuss year-end member awards and ask members to nominate people. Will discuss at 9/13 board meeting.

Judges gifts for our events – discussion of purchasing a quantity of single gift for judges but decision made to leave gifts up to trial chairs.

Club logo – Anney Doucette will design a new logo for MFGRC and will forward to board members for approval.

Hunt test equipment trailer – Ted Misilo raised that the trailer we have for hunt test equipment is overloaded, and that Central Florida has offered to give us their old wingers but we have no place to put them. The board agreed to purchase a new trailer and Ted is shopping for best price. We will keep the old trailer; Mike Orloff will make sure Wayne is ok with us storing two trailers on his property.

Club promotion – Andy Hall led discussion of ideas for promoting the club including purchasing some feather banners, table drapes to make the club name more visible at events, etc. Andy will come back to the board with prices.

Trophy sponsorships – board passed motion of donating \$150 to the trophy fund for the specialties of the other two Golden Retriever clubs in Florida (Florida Gulf Coast, January; and Everglades, March). MFGRC also will make efforts to work more on cross-promotions with the other two clubs.

Puppy referral – Andy Hall and John Blair will craft language for an email blast to members asking breeders among the membership who meet criteria to send their information to Tom Young for the club's puppy referral.

Bank account changes – Because the officers of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club have changed for 2017, a motion was made and passed for former president Ted Misilo to be removed as an authorized signer for the club's checking and money market accounts with Regions Bank Florida, and for the new president John Blair to be added as an authorized signer for the two accounts.

Calendar – the following general and board meetings were set for 2017:

January 1 – Board meeting at John Blair's house

January 21 – General Meeting at Brooksville show after Goldens

February 15 – Board meeting by phone

February 18 – General Meeting at Lakeland show after Goldens

March 11 – Board and General Meeting at Ann Rowe's house after Fun Match

April 19 – Board meeting by phone

April 22 – General Meeting at agility trial

May 7 – Board and General Meeting at Kristen Sipus' property during Fun Field Day

June 14 – Board meeting by phone

July 12 – Board meeting in-person at Olive Garden, Mall of Millenia

August 12 – General Meeting at obedience trial

September 3 – General Meeting at DCOF

September 13 – Board meeting in person (location TBD)

October 18 – Board meeting by phone

October 21 – General meeting at agility trial

November 15 – Board meeting by phone

November XX – General meeting at pot luck lunch at Ocala show after Goldens

December – possible Board meeting

December 16 – General meeting at Christmas party

Andy Hall moved that the meeting adjourn, seconded. President John Blair adjourned meeting at 4:55 p.m.

The first general meeting of the year will be January 21 in Brooksville.

The next board meeting will be February 15 by phone.

Andy Hall – Secretary