

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

John Blair

Andy Hall

The February 15, 2017, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by President John Blair at 7 p.m. via conference call. The following officers and 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. Absent - Michele Throm

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (John Blair)

No report

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Read applications for new members:

Jessica and Shawn Regan

Laura Bellochi and Guy Thompson

Kim and Luke Pederson

Susie Rezy

All are eligible to be voted in at the next general meeting that they attend.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

No report

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

Account balances in good standing.

Waiting on bills from Spring hunt test

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hunt Test (Mike Orloff)

Issues at Spring Hunt Test with lack of volunteers. Thanks to Ted, Tom and T.J. Misilo for their hard work throughout the weekend. Learned that cadets can only work for eight hours so bird boys had to be relieved by people pulled from gallery. Had 30 more dogs than December test. Had only three-quarters of amount of birds needed so Central Florida gave up some birds for us. John Blair added that getting more people involved is a global issue and a big problem that we need to deal with.

Fun Match (Ann Rowe)

All on track – have judges, premium being distributed as widely as possible. Ann has premium being distributed to club members in Eustis and Andy Hall worked with Daytona club to have it emailed to the club's members. Premium on our website and Facebook sites and on Fun with Fido in Florida. Anney Doucette was contacted by a photographer who wants to attend and board agreed to allow.

Tracking Fun Day (Kristin Sipus)

Date is set for April 1 but location not determined yet. Have sent in application to Brooksville facility but no response yet. Kristin will put together a flyer once location set.

Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)

All is set but volunteer help is needed for setup and for operating the trial through the weekend. Dee was able to get the judges into the Marriott in Lady Lake but one will need to be picked up at Orlando airport on Thursday. Ted Misilo was contacted by Mid Florida Dalmation Club asking if we would be willing to add a day to our trial for them so that they don't lose their license to hold events. Board agreed to let them rent our equipment and stage their event before or after us if that club can get all approvals from AKC in time.

CCA (Kristin Sipus)

Have judges, location – adding cardio and eye clinic, have cardiologist and working on adding ophthalmologist. CCA registration information has been posted on our website and Facebook sites and is being emailed to all club members.

Obedience (Andy Hall)

All on track. Working on caterer. Premium will be started soon. Have already gotten judges signed to contracts for 2018 trial.

OLD BUSINESS:

National Specialty 2020 – (John Blair) – John going to Tampa Fairgrounds on March 14 to survey as possible main location for 2020 National Specialty. Has almost everything needed – good space, RV area, etc. No one from MFGRC responded to request for show chair so John is exploring having someone from

outside of our club to chair but site is first priority before making bid. Lack of volunteer participation in hunt test and agility trial creating concern – Pat Kopco said club may have to plan to spend money for workers. John and Pat feel getting people to chair the various events and areas will not be an issue, including people from other clubs around the country. Anney Doucette mentioned Lazy J as a possible location for field trial as Wayne Gey's isn't large enough.

Club logo – Anney Doucette will revise and update current club logo, including creating proper files we can use for various needs. Board members have two weeks to look at current logo and suggest what they want changed.

Getting club members more involved – Royal Canin standing by to do a weeknight nutrition seminar for us that would be free for members to attend. John Blair has priced some meeting space in Orlando area for March. John and Andy will send notice to club members to gauge interest and talk to members at the general meeting in Lakeland. We also will invite Everglades and Gulf Coast GRC members in spirit of better cooperation/communication between the state's GR clubs. Need 30-50 people to attend to make it worthwhile.

Renewals – some members from 2016 have not renewed and time is running out. Some people wait to last minute and it's a problem every year. Dee will send list of people who haven't paid dues to board members and phone calls will be made.

Club promotion – Andy Hall presented his findings on having feather banners and table runners made for use at our events to help brand our club. Board voted to purchase four feather banners at approximate cost of \$690 with goal of having them ready for agility trial. The board also decided to purchase two table runners but will wait until the revised logo is ready. Anney Doucette will do the graphics for banners and table runners.

Hunt test equipment trailer – Ted Misilo has been shopping for a new hunt test equipment trailer. Andy Hall made motion and board voted unanimously to spend \$7,923.60 to purchase trailer. Ted said it will take about five weeks.

Financial review of 2016 Specialty – John Blair talked with Caroline Kendrick and she wants to continue as chair. She is looking at ways to reduce costs including having club members serve as ring stewards rather than paying for a steward. Also will reduce costs of judges dinner.

Financial review of Spring Hunt Test – tabled until next meeting as not all bills are in.

Club Newsletter –Robin Senderowitz is ok with being editor again but her concern is getting content from members. Ongoing discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Unneeded equipment from specialty – Caroline Kendrick gave Andy Hall some club equipment she no longer needs for the specialty. Andy will bring the items to Fun Match and we will use some in the raffle and find other uses for rest.

Ad for 2017 GRCA National Specialty catalog – Betty Lambert received email with information needed for the club to purchase an ad. Andy Hall spoke with Anney Doucette (who had to leave the meeting) and Anney will prepare the ad for the club at no charge. The board will determine ad size and whether to do color or black and white.

Ann Rowe moved that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Dee Thibodeaux. President John Blair adjourned meeting at 8:47 p.m.

The next general meeting will be February 18 in Lakeland.

The next board meeting will be combined with general meeting at the Fun Match on March 11.

Andy Hall – Secretary