

## MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

John Blair

Andy Hall

The April 19, 2017, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president John Blair at 7:02 p.m. by conference call. The following officers and board members were present:

John Blair – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Ann Rowe – Vice President (Absent)

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

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

### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (John Blair)**

No report

### **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Dee Thibodeaux for Ann Rowe)**

Read applications for new members, all accepted and will be eligible to be voted in at the next general meeting they attend:

Linda Nickels

Dr. Pamela Ginn

Linda Rappaport

### **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)**

Andy will not be at the board and general meetings to be held at the upcoming Fun Field Day and asked if someone could please take notes for him for minutes. Also, he has been working with Dee Thibodeaux and Pat Carlile to update the club's email blast list to reflect the revised membership roster after purges of March 31.

### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)**

Checking account got bump from agility trial entry fees. Checking and money market accounts in good standing. The club's taxes have been filed.

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Fun Field Day (Kristin Sipus)**

Email blast has gone out to club members; flyer posted on website and Facebook page. Attendees are being asked to RSVP. Another reminder will go out.

### **Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)**

In good shape, entries are up over a year ago.

### **CCA and Heart/Eye Clinic (Kristin Sipus)**

Have space for 4-5 more for CCA but should break even at this point. Have enough entries to cover costs of heart/eye clinic. Will do another email blast.

### **Obedience (Andy Hall)**

Premium has been issued and distributed far and wide. Working on trying to make a deal with New Smyrna Beach High School for veterinary tech students to be stewards.

### **December Hunt Test (Mike Orloff)**

Working on judges – Anney Doucette said she would judge. Mike is somewhat concerned that hotel they use is under new management but hopes all will continue as it has been so he doesn't have to find another.

### **Specialty (Andy Hall for Caroline Kendrick)**

Board members were recently emailed a document with FAQ about our supported entry. Andy and Caroline have been talking about getting permission from AKC for us to do a live stream of our specialty on Facebook and our website and the AKC has said we can. Tom and T.J. Misilo will do it using two cameras. Caroline will join some of our upcoming board meetings or let us know of questions she wants to ask of the board.

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### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Financial Review of Spring Hunt Test – was profitable for the club, no issues.

Financial Review of Fun Match – with entries up this year, and number of raffle tickets sold, the event was profitable for the club. No issues.

2020 National Specialty – John Blair and Pat Kopco have now visited two locations that could possibly host the 2020 GRCA National Specialty for our club and John believes the Tampa Fairgrounds is the better option of the two (Osceola Heritage Park was the other). The Tampa location offers everything needed for the specialty including RV space, hotels close by and better value for money. John asked the board for a motion to submit Tampa as our venue of choice to the GRCA – Ted Misilo made motion,

Michele Throm seconded. Motion passed. Tentative dates would be October 9-18, 2020, which would entail moving into the Tampa facility on Monday, Oct. 12, following outdoor events.

Renewals – Brief discussion about members who wait until the last minute to pay their renewal dues. The club will stick to the last day of March as a deadline, after which members who haven't paid will have to go through the new member process again.

Updating Year End Awards – continued discussion from first board meeting of the year about updating club's year-end awards to make them more compatible with today's dog competition environment. Anney Doucette will continue process.

Updating Club Logo – after off-and-on discussion since the first meeting of the year, board agreed that Anney Doucette will revise our current logo so that we have high-resolution, clean versions that we don't have now. Motion to do so made by Dee Thibodeaux, seconded by Kristin Sipus. Motion passed.

Hunt test equipment trailer – Ted Misilo took delivery of the new hunt test trailer recently and it is at his home. He and his sons are in the process of outfitting the interior.

Purchasing ad and sponsoring award at GRCA National – Anney Doucette will continue our practice of purchasing an ad for our club in the GRCA National Specialty catalog. Also, John Blair will ask Laura Topping if she would like to continue her practice of making a raffle basket. We also will look at sponsoring a trophy at the event and we have until August 5 to do so.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dock Diving Fun Day -- as part of the board's goal of creating more events for members to participate in, discussion held about staging a dock diving fun day on a Saturday or Sunday in the summer when our club isn't very active. Dee Thibodeaux reported that she and Ann Rowe took dogs to the location in Lutz near Tampa recently and thought that the facility's location in what is basically a subdivision would make it difficult for a club event due to lack of space and little shade. Anney Doucette reported that she has been contacted by the owner of a new dock diving facility in the Ocala area and she will investigate.

Dog Walk-A-Thon – Kristin Sipus raised idea of club participating in a dog Walk-A-Thon to raise money for canine cancer research. Her idea was for the club to team with the Smiling Blue Skies Cancer Fund. Kristin was asked to get more information.

Seminars – Kristin Sipus proposed the club look into possibly hosting a breeding seminar, either with Avidog or Dr. Carmen Battaglia. She would be willing to organize it. Kristin will do a post on the club's Facebook page to gauge interest.

Hunt Test Equipment – Mike Orloff reported that he's been presented an opportunity to trade some guns we no longer need with another club for some winger parts we do need. The board agreed.

Ted Misilo moved that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Dee Thibodeaux. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be combined board and general May 7 at the Fun Field Day.

Andy Hall – Secretary