

## MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Ann Rowe

Andy Hall

The February 15, 2018, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by vice president Michele Throm at 7:06 p.m. via telephone (president Ann Rowe joined the meeting moments later). The following officers and board members were present:

Ann Rowe – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Michele Throm – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

John Blair; Rosa Blair; Robin Burket; Pat Kopco; Betty Lambert, Ted Misilo, Kristin Sipus.

Absent: none

### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)**

No report

### **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Michele Throm)**

Read one new member application and the board approved Nathaniel Hoyt for membership. The applicant now must attend a club meeting to be voted in.

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

No report

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

Money market account is in good standing. Checking account is lower than normal now due to bills being paid but will return to normal when Hunt Test money deposited.

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Hunt Tests (Pat Kopco)**

The February hunt test went smoothly; none of the issues that happened with the December test were a problem this time. Pat and Mike Orloff have upcoming meeting with landowner to discuss future events at the property.

#### **Fun Match (Ann Rowe)**

All is set for the Fun Match at Ann's home on March 17. Premium is on the website and has been distributed. Event is AKC sanctioned B Match this year.

**CCA/Heart-Eye Clinic (Kristin Sipus)**

The CCA is sold out. The health clinic needs many more dogs. Kristin is continuing to promote the clinic but the board will decide soon if canceling the clinic while we won't be financially liable is necessary. She felt that scheduling it for Saturday of Easter weekend (March 31) may have been a mistake.

**Spring Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)**

Dee reported everything is set after settling a conflict with a judge schedule. Needs volunteers to work timing, scribing, gate. Board member Robin Burket said she will come and work. Trial is April 20-21-22.

**Obedience Trial (Andy Hall)**

Andy said all is on track with the Obedience Trial (Aug. 11-12) and he is in the process of getting ring stewards. He has judges for 2019 and has one judge for 2020.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

2020 GRCA National – Pat Kopco, co-chair of the club's bid to host 2020 GRCA National, updated board and began process of selecting a committee that will meet separately from board meetings. Committee will be composed of Pat and co-chair Tom Misilo along with people who have volunteered to chair various parts of the National and some others. Pat reported that she re-submitted the club's bid a week ago with names for chairs and has been having regular contact with the GRCA. Board member Betty Lambert agreed to be Tracking chair, the only event that didn't have a chair. We will conduct our own negotiations with the Tampa Fairgrounds and other needed facilities once we have approval from the GRCA.

Renting our agility equipment – Negotiations are still in progress with the ABTC, which would like to rent our agility equipment for a Monday trial after our trial in April.

New Hunt Test Equipment – Ted Misilo reported that the new hunt test equipment arrived and was used at last week's test.

Barn Hunt Fun Day – Discussion of a Barn Hunt Fun Day for club members. Tentative date is June 2 at Griffin Barn Hunt near Ocala. Andy Hall is finalizing arrangements with the owner and will promote the day to members.

Dock Diving Fun Day – John Blair has spoken with the owner of Dogpatch Downs in Ocala about doing another fun day for club members on May 12. Further discussion will move to the new committee for the 2020 GRCA National.

WC/WCX – Ted Misilo said he had no update for the board on the WC/WCX tentatively scheduled for Nov. 10. As of now we do not have a place to hold it.

Rescue Reunion – the club has made a \$250 donation to the Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida. Andy Hall spoke with the club member in charge of the annual rescue reunion about having some club members groom dogs. The reunion is at a new location this year (St. Cloud) and the Rescue group didn't want to do grooming there this year. They are interested in possibly having some club members groom dogs at another location later in the year, possibly in Oviedo. Tabled for further discussion.

Membership renewals – we have members from 2017 who have not yet renewed. Dee Thibodeaux will get figures and report back to the board.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Specialty – The AKC is making changes to our Specialty that may affect our ability to hold sweepstakes. Caroline Kendrick, specialty chair, was unable to join the meeting so discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Grooming Seminar – discussion of holding a grooming seminar for club members on July 14. Rosa Blair will conduct the seminar. Lakeland area is desired location to be somewhat central – John Blair will call Das Hund Haus and check into renting.

Tracking Test – at last meeting, board discussed possibly holding a tracking test in 2018 if needed to retain our license with the AKC. Dee Thibodeaux reported that she checked with the AKC and we do not have to hold one before the 2020 GRCA National.

Dog health seminar – Michele Throm proposed idea of holding a dog health seminar for club members, having a veterinarian speak about Golden Retriever health issues, how to do CPR on a dog, etc. Michele will inquire with a doctor. Discussion of holding it in combination with grooming seminar or a club meeting.

AKC Club Development Tips – discussion tabled until next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Rosa Blair, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next board meeting will be February 17 at the Lakeland show.

The next general meeting will be March 17 at Fun Match.

Andy Hall – Secretary