

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Ann Rowe

Andy Hall

The May 9, 2018, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 7:04 p.m. by conference call. The following officers and board members were present:

Ann Rowe – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Michele Throm – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

Pat Kopco; Betty Lambert, Ted Misilo, Kristin Sipus.

Absent: John Blair; Rosa Blair, Robin Burket.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

No report

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Michele Throm)

No report

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

No report

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

Insurance for the club has been paid. Club's taxes have been filed. Checking and money market accounts in very good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Spring Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)

Best turnout ever for the agility trial, everyone was happy. Club made a good profit.

Dock Diving Fun Day (Andy Hall)

Andy reported he expects about 25 people and 30 dogs based on RSVPs. All set to go on May 12 at Native Downs in Ocala. Will again look at facility in Deland for a day in the future to be closer to more club members.

Barn Hunt Fun Day (Andy Hall)

Andy reported that RSVP's are slow and he will be doing a second email blast on May 15 if spots still remain. May have to cancel the event if we don't fill the limit of 20 dogs. Andy felt location/distance might be a problem for some club members. Also, MADTA having an event the same day in Ocala that could be keeping some people away.

Grooming/Health Seminar (Ann Rowe – Michele Throm)

Ann reported that Rosa Blair still planning to conduct grooming seminar on Sunday, July 15, at Daus Hund Haus in Lakeland. Michele reported that club member Dr. Pam Ginn has agreed to speak to members on general canine health topics and take questions. A general meeting will also be part of the day.

Obedience Trial (Andy Hall)

Andy reported the obedience/rally trial in Daytona Beach Aug. 11-12 is in good shape. He's getting the premium into as many places as possible to try to generate entries and is filling the worker positions.

WC/WCX (Ted Misilo)

Ted reported the club will hold a WC/WCX the weekend of Nov. 3-4 at Wayne Gey's property in Montverde. Pat Kopco and Mike Orloff will be judges. Southern Flatcoated Retriever Club also will participate.

Hunt Tests (Pat Kopco)

Pat said everything is set for the December Hunt Test except judges. Club is getting birds cheaper due to a price war between two suppliers. Will again be a 90-dog Master along with Junior and Senior, all combined with CFHRC.

Specialty (Andy Hall for Caroline Kendrick)

Based on discussion at last board meeting, Caroline has suggested we try to join with Jacksonville Kennel Club for a supported entry their event on Nov. 10 in Ocala. Caroline is contacting the event chair to see what arrangements can be made that would benefit MFGRC.

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 GRCA National – Pat Kopco updated the board on the club's continuing pursuit of the 2020 GRCA National. Pat had received information on pricing that day from the new Ocala facility and felt it was

more than she had expected but that she planned a trip to Ocala to sit and negotiate a contract. The board also agreed for Pat and Dee Thibodeaux to try and schedule some extra agility trials to raise funds for the National.

Tracking flags – Betty Lambert had reported the club's tracking flags were not in our possession. Andy Hall spoke with two people who have the flags and plans have been made for them to be stored in the Obedience Club of Daytona building so they can stay in air conditioning rather than in a hot trailer. The condition is that the Daytona club can use them for its tracking event. Andy will report back to the board when the flags have been stored.

Thank you from UF – Dee Thibodeaux reported that the club received a thank you note from University of Florida for the donation earned by one of its doctors working in our recent heart/eye clinic. Pat Kopko suggested we do a post on the club Facebook page to share with members. Kristin Sipus and Andy Hall will handle.

NEW BUSINESS

Equipment for agility trial – Andy Hall and Dee Thibodeaux proposed the purchase of two EZ-UP tents for use at the agility trials to create shade for the area where the judges and trial secretary work. Board approved purchase price of \$213.00.

Agility Fun Day – Board discussed offer from lifetime club member P.J. Lacette to hold an event on her property in Osteen, Fla. Possibly a "fun agility day" in October. Since Andy lives closest to Osteen, he will follow up with P.J. and schedule a time to visit her site.

Golden Retriever News – Andy Hall received email from GRCA asking for club to purchase ad in "Field" edition of Golden Retriever News magazine. Pat Kopko said club used to do it often but had stopped for unknown reasons. Board agreed to do it to celebrate our members' hunt test successes. A full page ad is \$275. Kristin Sipus texted club member Anney Doucette during the meeting and she agreed to do the ad and send samples of others she had done for the club in the past.

Supporting GRCA National – The board agreed to support the 2018 GRCA National by again sponsoring trophies, purchasing an ad in the catalog and doing a raffle basket. Andy Hall will look into what trophy sponsorships are available, Anney Doucette has agreed to again do the catalog ad for the club and Laura Topping do the raffle basket again.

Charitable Donation – The board approved a donation to Joshua's House Golden Retriever Rescue.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next general meeting will be May 12 at Dock Diving Fun Day.

The next board meeting will be June 13 by phone.

Andy Hall – Secretary