

## MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Ann Rowe

Andy Hall

The October 10, 2018, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 7:03 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:

Robin Burket; Pam Ginn; Pat Kopco; Betty Lambert, Ted Misilo, Kristin Sipus.

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

The first edition of the re-launched club newsletter was posted this week to good feedback. Thanks to club member Chris Jeffrey for volunteering to do it.

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

The board approved the applications of six new members who are now all eligible to be voted in when they attend a general meeting: Tricia Kesler, Janet Franklin, Gloria Hale, Carolee Stewart and Marlee Marshall. The board also approved the application of Pamela Storrar as an associate member.

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

Andy reported on his trip to St. Louis for the Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty at which he worked as a ring steward in Rally and Obedience for three days. Andy also said he has the club's new window/bumper decals and has started giving them to club members.

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

All accounts in good standing. No bills outstanding. Agility trial checks should be deposited soon which will increase the account.

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Agility Fun Day (Andy Hall)**

Andy reported that he expected 12-14 dogs for the Oct. 13 event is everyone who RSVP'd shows up. Dee Thibodeaux will list the facility on the club's insurance policy.

**Fall Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)**

The new sergeant for the JROTC cadets who help us will be in attendance all three days for the trial Oct. 19-20-21. Dee needs to get him dates for our event so we can keep using them – other clubs have started using them as well. Dee reported that we will not be able to add a third agility trial in January due to too many conflicts.

**WC/WCX (Ted Misilo)**

Ted reported that entries are trickling in due to people having been at the GRCA National. Pat Kopco asked if club needed to set a minimum of entries to proceed with the event. Ted reported that he has some club members interested in volunteering to help.

**December Hunt Test (Pat Kopco)**

Judge positions are filled. All on track.

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

Caroline reported that the entry premium should be posted any day. AKC will be hosting a puppy/junior stakes and MFGRC will be hosting a best puppy and a best of opposite to best puppy after best of breed. No Sweepstakes this year. Caroline has been assured there will not be a conflict. We won't know our starting time until entries close but it won't be as early in the morning as past years. Entries close one week earlier for our specialty than normal all breed shows. This year they close November 21 at noon. Caroline plans to attend the MFGRC general meeting in Ocala on Nov. 10.

**June Specialty (Robin Burket)**

Plans are on track for the debut of the club's second specialty on Friday, June 14, 2019, as part of the Tampa cluster. It will be a concurrent specialty. Jay Richardson will be the judge and Alejandro Lima will be the sweepstakes judge.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

2020 GRCA National – no update; tabled until next 2020 committee meeting.

Hunt Test Judges and Handlers Seminar – Kristin Sipus said she does not have a date yet due to so many conflicts. Most likely it will be put off until early next year.

Year-End Dog Awards – Kristin Sipus proposed that the board use car decal magnets made by Anney Doucette for the year-end dog awards this year rather than plaques. Board approved the change.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Raffle – Kristin Sipus led discussion of possibly doing a 50-50 raffle to benefit a charity again this year but it was decided that the club should focus on fundraising for the 2020 GRCA National.

Taurine Blood Draw Clinic – discussion of the club holding a clinic either with other health clinic or at an event due to Taurine being a large topic of interest. Tabled for further discussion.

New agility equipment – board approved Dee Thibodeaux's request to purchase new fencing for agility.

Obedience equipment – discussion of whether club should buy its own equipment for obedience trials rather than renting; decision made it was not cost-effective to buy.

Membership renewals – Michele Throm will continue as membership chair and will handle all aspects of membership renewals and new memberships.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The next general meetings will be Oct. 13 at Agility Fun Day in Osteen and Nov. 10 at the Ocala show.

The next board meeting will be Nov. 7 by phone.

Andy Hall – Secretary