

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

Ann Rowe

SECRETARY

Andy Hall

The January 6, 2021, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 7:07 p.m. by Zoom conference. The following officers and board members were present:

Ann Rowe – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Robin Burket – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

John Blair; Marilyn Booher; Pam Ginn; Michele Throm; Laura Topping.

Absent: Caroline Kendrick; Ted Misilo.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

No report

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Andy Hall for Robin Burket)

No report

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

No report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

Club accounts are in good standing. The club’s Sunbiz (corporate Florida) account has been renewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

February Hunt Test (emailed report from event chair Mike Orloff)

The Spring Hunt Test will be Feb. 13-14 and is on track. We have all our judges:

Master: Rocky Jones & John Gassner, Fred Collins & Linc Huffman

Senior Saturday/Junior Sunday - Kelli Riggs/Mike Greer

Junior Saturday/Senior Sunday - Diane Dorroh/Pat Kopco

Workers in the field (wingers, etc.): The UCF Outlanders are expecting to have about 10 workers for us. CFHRC will probably be able to provide about 5 kids from their worker pool. Michele Throm will be herding volunteers for other jobs like marshals, hospitality (lunches), equipment, etc. Anyone and everyone who volunteers will be put to work.

We have two gunners for the weekend so far. For Saturday, we will need four more if we have no flyer in junior, or six more if we have a flyer in junior. Sunday is ok if no junior flyer, or we will need two more if flyer in junior.

We may be down a four-wheeler and a couple dawn-to-dusk, jack of all trades workers, and a repeater for the radio communications.

I have been texting back and forth with Brian Parker (incoming Hunt Test chair who is working with Mike on this test).

April Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)

Dee reported that she is ready to go and everything is in place for the agility trial April 23-24-25 at Grand Oaks. She has what is needed for Covid protocols and has students from the JROTC in Lake Weir ready to help.

2021 National Specialty (emailed report from chair Pat Kopco)

Pat updated the board on progress for the club's hosting of the 2021 GRCA National Specialty.

The new logo has been completed and was debuted on New Year's Day. I will be working in the next few weeks to get it digitized by a company in Ohio. Michele Throm (merchandise chair) has already ordered new samples of merchandise and the embroiderer is waiting to get the digitization to get those samples completed and up on the GRCA merchandise website.

I have received the contract from WEC and have forwarded it to the legal committee for GRCA. Hopefully the contract will be signed within the next month or so. Rodney has given me an extra 30 rooms at the WEC hotel to accommodate the GRCA board. That gives us a total of 65 rooms. The rate is \$189 per night.

We will have a couple of people going to the facility this month. Andy Hall will be going by the facility at the end of January to check out the arena flooring to determine whether we will need the superintendent to put down matting for obedience or whether the surface that's there will work. Julie Matney, who is the chairman of the gala committee, will be here for the Brooksville circuit, so I will arrange a tour for her while she is here as well. Anthony and Lucinda Napoli, who is on the gala committee, will also be attempting to do some video of the site in January for us to put up on our social media sites.

All else is still moving along as usual.

OLD BUSINESS:

GRCA Ad – Andy Hall reported that the club will have a four-page ad in the next edition of the GRCA’s magazine Golden Retriever News congratulating a group of members for new titles earned in 2020. The GRCA offered a special rate to clubs and club members were offered the opportunity to participate. Andy thanked Chris Jeffery and Robin Senderowitz for working to assemble the content and collect payments.

Puppy Referral – The board decided to resume the puppy referral program on the club’s website and new board member John Blair volunteered to take over as puppy referral coordinator.

Recruiting new event chairs, officers and board members – Following a discussion in the last general meeting of 2020, Andy Hall will send an email to club members about stepping up in 2021 to take positions as event chairs, officers and board members in place of some longtime club members who may step down from those positions at the end of 2021.

Restarting year-end awards – Board agreed to restart the club’s year-end awards (Agility Dog of the Year, Rally Dog of the Year, etc.) that were paused in 2020 due to the pandemic. Field Dog of the Year will be split into field and hunt categories, and Show Dog of the Year will use a combination of AKC standings and the previous entry form. Members must still work at least two events (or the equivalent behind-the-scenes work, subject to approval) and attend a club meeting to be eligible for an award.

Welcoming new members – Michele Throm volunteered to be the club’s ambassador to new members.

Youth participation – Club members will be encouraged to get their children involved in club activities to help build for the future.

NEW BUSINESS

November Hunt Test – the board voted unanimously to not hold a Hunt Test in November because it will be too close to the National Specialty.

Club calendar for 2021 – board looked at calendar of events that are already set for 2021. Will pursue a dock diving fun day for May and a barn hunt fun day for July.

2021 MFGRC Calendar

January 6 – Board meeting

January 13 – General meeting (Zoom)

February 13-14 – Spring Hunt Test, Montverde, FL

March 20 – Fun Match and General Meeting, Sorrento, FL

April 23-24-25 – Spring Agility Trial, Weirsdale, FL

June 18 – Summer Specialty, Tampa, FL

August 14-15 – Obedience/Rally Trial, Daytona Beach, FL

October 21-22-23 – Fall Agility Trial, Weirsdale, FL

October 24 – Agility Trial, Ocala, FL

October 22-30 – GRCA National Specialty, Ocala, FL

Dec. 17 – MFGRC Specialty, Orlando, FL

Dec. 18 – Christmas Party, Sorrento, FL

Additional events and meetings TBD

Charitable donations – Club will make donations to Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida and Canine Companions for Independence. Other donations will be considered during the year.

Supporting other specialties – Club will make donations to trophy funds of Specialties staged by Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club (January) and Everglades Golden Retriever Club (March), the two other GR clubs in Florida.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

The next general meeting is January 13 by Zoom.

The next board meeting is February 10 by Zoom.

Andy Hall – Secretary