



Board Meeting Minutes

April 1st, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Zoom

In Attendance: Robin Burket, Robin Bowen, Amanda Fell, Camille Nasca, Christine McDaniel, Susan Sherman, Morgan Brooks, Brian Parker, Kristin Sipus, Musta El Khorchi, Julie Wangelin

Reports:

President – Robin Burket opened the meeting at 6:04pm with a welcome.

Secretary – Cindy Patz called for a motion to approve the March Board Minutes; Robin Bowen made a motion to approve the March minutes as posted and Amanda Fell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed. Cindy was reminded to get an update of the recent Membership Survey, especially for donation suggestions.

Treasurer – Robin Bowen presented the March financials and fielded questions.

Committee Reports:

Fun Match – Robin Burket gave a quick wrap up of the Fun Match and there was a discussion on how much to pay Ann Rowe's helper for the event; the board agreed to pay Ann's helper \$50.

Volunteer Rewards Tracking Seminar – Kristin Sipus reported that the seminar was a great success and everyone enjoyed it. A few of the board members were in attendance and Robin Bowen said there's an app to help train on your own.

Health Clinic – Camille Nasca reported that we are in good condition for the May 3rd Health Clinic, but it's not full yet.

July Specialty – Robin Bowen reported for Julie Wangelin that all the superintendent needs is the premium and it's almost ready.

Eastern Regional – Camille Nasca and Morgan Brooks reported that the judges are under contract, she is starting the AKC application soon and the logo is ready. Sue Campia will coordinate fundraising, and Morgan Brooks will coordinate Hospitality and Merchandising. The volunteer request email has been sent to Pat Carlille to send to the membership and the hotel block is ready. The also reported that they are still working on WC/WCX hotels. Camille reminded the board that any chairperson and/or show committee member must be a member of GRCA. The board also discussed the raffle and merchandizing throughout the year. Musta El Khorchi discussed some initial plans for an education seminar to learn how to judge our breed but still need to have more details before the seminar details can be approved by AKC. The plan is to have goldens available for hands on training.

CCA – Robin Bowen reported that we have started to receive entries and would like to send another email to the club. Amanda Fell will repost it on our social media pages.

Old Business:

Website update– Christine McDaniel and Cindy Patz reported on the progress that has been made since the last meeting, and we are planning on signing up for the Clubistry subscription soon so she can upload the rest of the membership then launch the new website once that is completed. Annual membership will be \$649 which is cheaper than a monthly subscription. Christine also discussed some options regarding an on-line store through the website.

Meeting Speakers – Robin Burket discussed UF joining us for another general meeting to discuss nutrition, supplements, pain meds and general aging. Morgan Brooks reported that Janice Hayes has been confirmed for our April 8th general meeting. It was also suggested that we invite Charlotte Mitchel to speak again regarding estate planning, specifically geared towards establishing a plan for our dogs if anything happens to us as owners whether it's a death or just an unexpected long-term recovery from an illness.

Finance and Donation Committee – Robin Burket reported that 5 people have said they want to be on the Finance Committee. For the Donations Committee, the board discussed providing a minimum dollar amount that the Donations Committee would have available for distribution suggestions for the year. Christine McDaniel made a motion that the SOP reflect that the board will specify a minimum dollar amount at the beginning of the “term” of the committee for that term. Robin Bowen seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kristin Sipus motioned to donate a minimum \$5k, Robin Burket seconded the motion and it passed unopposed. Robin Burket will send out a “last chance to volunteer” email for the two committees and send the board the bios of prospective committee members.

Holiday Party/Awards Picnic/BBQ at Persimmon Farm – nothing new to discuss; Robin Bowen reviewed the By-Laws and if there is an election, we would have to have it in December in person. Robin will reach out to AKC to see what options we have.

Newsletter – Robin Burket reported that Emily Kalil said she would be interested in being our new Newsletter editor and that she could have a newsletter ready by June.

New Business:

New Member Applications – Christine McDaniel read 4 new applications to the board

- Maureen Mullarney in Sorrento sponsored by Ann Rowe
- Andrew and Denise Sendry in Mount Dora sponsored by Ann Rowe (went to March meeting)
- Betsy and Doug Miller in Orlando sponsored by Ann Rowe
- Kris Labitzke in Port Orange Family membership sponsored by Ann Rowe

Christine asked if anyone is opposed to approving the membership applications as read. All applications were approved.

Agility Trial with MADTA – Kristin Sipus discussed hosting an agility trial with MADTA and the board discussed how much work the club would be required to do. Kristin Sipus will pursue getting Kevin Barbagallo to a board meeting if MADTA is interested in that partnership.

Date for next Field Training Day- Saturday, April 26th

Next General Meeting is April 8th on Zoom at 7pm

Next Board Meeting is May 6th on Zoom at 6pm

Christine McDaniel motioned to adjourn the meeting, Camille Nasca seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm