



Board Meeting Minutes

August 5th, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Zoom

In attendance: Cindy Patz, Robin Burket, Kristin Sipus, Christine McDaniel, Amanda Fell, Camille Nasca, Morgan Brooks, Brian Parker, Susan Sherman, Julie Wangelin

Donations Committee Attendees: Michele Throm, Maria Randell

Absent: Musta el Khorchi, Robin Bowen (ill)

Reports:

President – Robin Burket opened the meeting at 6:05pm with a welcome to August and reminded everyone of the Rally/Obedience Trial next week. She introduced Michele Throm and Maria Randell from the Donations Committee and turned it over to them to share their recommendations with a Power Point slide deck.

Special Committee Report:

Donations Committee – Michele Throm presented their donations plan based on survey results and historical donations. Recommended to donate in 4 buckets annually. Discussion ensued on the recommendations. It was suggested by the board we not double our total contribution due to the many new specialties and keep it at \$5k. Donating to Joshua House should be kept smaller because they take in less golden retrievers than others and they aren't very good at making decisions about who to treat. Still want to donate to them, but not a large amount. Recommended to stick to a \$5k bucket and put everything on a spreadsheet then fill in the holes until it totals \$5k leaving the largest amount for the cancer research.

Secretary – Cindy Patz made a motion to approve the July Board Minutes as presented. Brian Parker motioned, Julie Wangelin seconded, and the motion passed unopposed and without correction.

Treasurer – Robin Bowen is ill, so Christine fielded questions about the financials sent to the board for review.

Committee Reports:

Obedience/Rally Trials – August 8-10 Susan Sherman said that a miracle has happened, and she has all the volunteers she needs ready to go.

Eastern Regional – Camille Nasca, Morgan Brooks; They reported that the judges have been approved, and things are going well; they are looking for a general supply vendor and more help

with the raffle. Anney Doucette is working on ads for us. Christine McDaniel asked when merchandise information will be available so they can add it to the on-line store.

CCA – Amanda Fell for Robin Bowen reported that we've had a few cancellations, but currently have all spots filled, even with the few cancellations that occurred.

Nominating Committee – Amanda Fell and Susan Sherman reported that they are kicking off after the Rally/Obedience Trials.

Old Business:

Meeting Speakers – Robin Burket reported that they are still working on dates for the theriologist to be our next guest speaker.

New Business:

New Member Applications – Christine McDaniel reported that there are 3 applications to present

Debbie and Bill Feltz in Lady Lake, Florida; haven't paid yet, so Christine will reach out to get more information.

Pam Oxenberg: already been to a meeting; lives in Port St. Lucie. Judge and extensive experience serving on local and national boards; sponsored by Caroline Hendrick

Sandra Carrano (family membership): lives in Clermont: sponsored by Emily Kalil (our newsletter editor)

The applications were approved pending Christine's findings after reaching out to the Phelps.

Date for next Field Training Day- too hot for August, so next training day is Saturday, September 13th.

Finance Information Availability and Audit – Robin Burket discussed the options available to provide financial information to the club. Julie commented that Robin Bowen reached out to AKC and GRCA to ask about best practices. They said not to post the financials and continue as we have been and provide simplified financials when requested. The board also discussed an outside audit and it was recommended to ask GRCA and AKC what their expectations are of club audits in addition to the audit that is done every year for taxes.

Next General Meeting is August 12th on Zoom at 7pm

Next Board Meeting is September 2nd on Zoom at 6pm

Brian Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Camille Nasca and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm