

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – General Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

John Blair

Andy Hall

The February 18, 2017, General meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by President John Blair at 11:25 a.m. at the Strawberry Cluster in Lakeland, Fla. The following officers and board members were present:

John Blair – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Ann Rowe – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer - AB

Board Members:

Betty Lambert; Ted Misilo; Michele Thom.

Absent: Anney Doucette; Pat Kopco; Mike Orloff; Kristin Sipus.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (John Blair)

Reminder to club members who have not paid their dues to please do so. If dues are not paid by the deadline, member will have to re-apply for membership.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Voted in new members Barbara and Don Northington; Susie Rezy; Kim and Luke Pederson; Laura Bellochi and Guy Thompson; Bill and Joyce Myers.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Once again encouraged all members to join the MFGRC Facebook group and to make regular checks of MRGRC.org, the club's official website. Mentioned that board meeting minutes have always been posted on the club website and some members may not be aware of it. Also asked members present to make sure club has their correct email address as some club emails have been bouncing.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (John Blair in lieu of Dee Thibodeaux)

All account balances all in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fun Match (Ann Rowe) –

Fun Match is March 11 at Ann Rowe's home in Sorrento, Fla. Premium is online and entries now being accepted; can also enter day of show. Setup will be Friday, March 10, and volunteers to help set up are welcome.

Tracking Fun Day (Andy Hall in lieu of Kristin Sipus) – the club has scheduled a tracking fun day to give club members a new fun event they can participate in with their dogs. Will be held Saturday, April 1, at location to be determined (may be at the Brooksville show grounds). Will also be location of April's general meeting for the club.

Agility (John Blair in lieu of Dee Thibodeaux) –

All is good and on track, but need volunteers to help set up, tear down and run the event.

CCA (Andy Hall in lieu of Kristin Sipus) –

At the request of some club members, we will hold a CCA on June 3 in Crystal River. Details and link to application are on the club website and club Facebook page. There also will be cardio and eye clinics with details to come.

Obedience (Andy Hall) –

All on track for the event in August. Judges have been secured for the 2018 trial to get ahead and get judges we wanted. May need some volunteers to help with the event.

Specialty – (Caroline Kendrick)

Camille Doebling will again handle trophies for the specialty in December. In addition to our sweepstakes and specialty show Friday, our club will also consider a supported entry at the AKC/Royal Canin National Championship during the Golden Retriever judging. Details in the making.

Caroline relayed news from the AKC National Championship Event Committee that this year the first AKC/Royal Canin All-Breed Puppy Stakes will be introduced. It's to showcase puppies 6 months to 18 months. Puppies will compete for historic prize money and the sought after title of AKC/Royal Canin National Breed, Group and all-Breed Puppy of the year. Complete details will be announced soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 National Specialty (John Blair) –

John and Pat Kopco going to Tampa Fairgrounds on March 14 to survey as possible main location for 2020 National Specialty. Search for chair continues but site is primary concern now before bid can be submitted.

New hunt test trailer (Ted Misilo) –

Board approved purchasing a new hunt test trailer at its 2/15 meeting – Ted Misilo has ordered the trailer and he and his sons Tom and T.J. will outfit it. It's a 20 x 8 trailer and will supplement trailer we already have.

Members being more active (John Blair) –

John stated that one of his goals as president is to get members to be more active with the club. He is gauging interest in a nutrition seminar with Royal Canin that would be free for club members. It would be on a weeknight in the Universal area of Orlando for a central location. We also would invite members from Gulf Coast and Everglades clubs. Several club members in attendance at the meeting said they would be interested in attending. The club will send out an RSVP form to members to see if there is enough interest.

The club also will be sending out a survey to members asking what types of events they would like to see the club hold. Yvette Rivera suggested the club look into holding a dock diving practice with discounted rates if there is a suitable location. Ann Moyer asked about possibly holding a water fun day for the dogs if there is a pool or alligator-free lake that the club could use.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Next general meeting will be March 11 at the Fun Match.

Ted Misilo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded. President John Blair adjourned meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Andy Hall – Secretary