

## MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – General Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

John Blair

Andy Hall

The November 18, 2017, General meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by President John Blair at 3:21 p.m. at the Ocala show. The following officers and board members were present:

John Blair – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Ann Rowe – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer - AB

Board Members:

Anney Doucette; Betty Lambert; Ted Misilo; Kristin Sipus; Michele Thom.

Absent: Pat Kopco; Mike Orloff.

### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (John Blair)**

Welcomed club members and guests to the picnic and meeting.

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

Voted in new members Virginia Menard and Shirah Rosenek.

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

Encouraged members to join the club's Facebook group if they aren't already members and to read the minutes of the board meetings that are posted on the club's website to keep themselves informed. Also encouraged members to send in brag photos for use on the Facebook page. Also reported that the club uses email as its primary form of communication with members and asked members to let him know if they aren't receiving club emails.

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

All account balances all in good standing. Due to some expenses this year including buying a new hunt test trailer and new agility equipment, accounts are down slightly.

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Nominating Committee (Michele Thom, chair)** – Michele had previously presented the slate of club members nominated by the Nominating Committee for officer and board positions in 2018 and club members were officially notified by email. The meeting represented the final opportunity for any interested candidates to nominate themselves for officer or board position candidacy. Michele opened

the floor and club members Pam Ginn and Rosa Blair nominated themselves for board positions. There are now 10 candidates and only seven board positions per the club's by-laws. Members will vote for the seven positions at the club annual meeting/Christmas party on Dec. 16. Only members in attendance at the party will be able to vote but candidates will not have to be present to be elected.

The candidates for officer positions: President – Ann Rowe; Vice President – Michele Throm; Treasurer – Dee Thibodeaux; Secretary – Andy Hall.

The 10 board candidates: John Blair, Rosa Blair, Robin (Lemieux) Burket, Anney Doucette, Pat Flynn, Pam Ginn, Pat Kopco, Betty Lambert, Ted Misilo, Kristin Sipus.

**December Hunt Test (Ted Misilo for Mike Orloff)** – event is Dec. 8-9-10 at Wayne Gey's ranch in Montverde. Volunteer coordinator Kristin Sipus reported that she had had a very good response but could use a few more people for marshalling and helping sell 50/50 raffle tickets.

**Specialty (Andy Hall for Caroline Kendrick)** – Andy gave an overview of what the Specialty is and invited members to come and watch when it's held on Friday, Dec. 15, at the Orange County Convention Center (North/South Building). He also reported that some trophies remain unsponsored and club members have been emailed a list of which ones are still available if they're interested in sponsoring.

**Spring Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)** – Dee reported that the Spring agility trial is April 20-21-22 and as always she will need some people to help as timers, scribes and gatekeepers.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2020 National Specialty (John Blair)** – John updated members on the status of the club's interest in making a bid to host the 2020 Golden Retriever Club of America national specialty. The GRCA will not accept a bid until we have a chair for the event and as of now no one has volunteered for the position. If we do not have a chair by Jan. 1, we will most likely abandon the project. As he had done at the last general meeting, John passed around a document giving members the opportunity to see the various jobs that will have to be done and to list their name and contact information if they would be interested in doing the jobs. John reported that he and some board members visited the under-construction World Equestrian Center in Ocala as a possible site and John is waiting to get some more information from the person who gave them a tour. There is concern about booking the location and then it not being finished in time. We still have Tampa Fairgrounds on hold.

**2018 CCA and Heart/Eye Clinic (Robin Bowen/Kristin Sipus)** – Robin Bowen said that our CCA will be March 31 at the MADTA facility in Ocala. The GRCA has put the event on its website and the MFGRC will put a post on the website and send an email to members soon. Kristin is coordinating the accompanying heart/eye clinic.

**Revision of year-End Awards (Anney Doucette)** – Anney explained that the entry form for year-end awards that was emailed to members recently will be revised and a new one will be emailed in the coming week. In addition to some revised language, the new entry also will include the Fallchase Owner-

Handler Award. Anney encouraged members to enter their dogs in the appropriate categories and support the awards. John Blair thanked Betty Lambert for volunteering to administer the awards.

**Title Rosettes (Ann Rowe)** – Club members were reminded about title rosettes that the club will provide for members whose dogs earn a new title in 2017. Information should be sent to Ann.

**Christmas Party/Annual Meeting (Ann Rowe)** – The club's Christmas Party and annual meeting will be held at the home of Ann Rowe in Sorrento, Fla., on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. She will bake turkey and club members should bring side dishes, desserts, etc. Also, club members should bring a wrapped gift in the \$20 value range for the gift exchange. (more details to come).

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Membership Renewals (Andy Hall)**– All club members were emailed a notice about renewing their membership. Laura Topping is handling membership renewals and accepted some payments at the meeting. Members who joined in October and November will not have to renew for 2018.

**50/50 Raffle (Kristin Sipus)** – Kristin announced that the club will conduct a 50/50 Raffle over the course of the Ocala meeting, the hunt test and the specialty, and have the drawing for the winner at the Christmas Party (the winner will not have to be present). The club will match its half of the proceeds and donate all to the Smiling Blue Skies Canine Cancer Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

Next general meeting will be December 16 at the Christmas party.

Andy Hall – Secretary