

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – General Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

John Blair

Andy Hall

The December 16, 2017, General meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by President John Blair at 7:44 p.m. at the club's Christmas party in Sorrento, Fla. The following officers and board members were present:

John Blair – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Ann Rowe – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

Anney Doucette; Pat Kopco; Betty Lambert; Ted Misilo; Mike Orloff; Kristin Sipus; Michele Throm.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (John Blair)

Thanked everyone who helped make the Specialty a success and thanked Ann Rowe for hosting the club in her home for the party and meeting.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Voted in new members Bob and Diane Burns.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Introduced club member Chris Jeffrey, who joined in September, who has expressed interest in resurrecting the club newsletter on a quarterly basis in 2018. Also encouraged club members to make sure the club has their correct email address since email is the primary form of communication with members.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

All account balances all in good standing. Club made a nice profit on the hunt test and expect to make a profit on the specialty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hunt Test (Mike Orloff) – The December hunt test went well and things went smoothly during the test while working with CFHRC. For the spring test (Feb. 9-10), Mike is currently short a Master judge but it working to fill the opening.

Specialty (Andy Hall for Caroline Kendrick) – The specialty was again a success, attracting more than 200 total entries, roughly the same as last year. The club worked to reduce some expenses from last

year without hurting the quality of the event. John Blair thanked trophy chair Camille Doebling for the beautiful trophies and for getting sponsors for all but one of them.

CCA/Heart-Eye Clinic (Kristin Sipus) – Kristin reminded club members that the event is March 31 in Ocala at the MADTA building and entry information is available on the club website.

Spring Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux) – All is on track with judges, the facility, etc. As always she will need some people to help as timers, scribes and gatekeepers.

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 National Specialty (John Blair) – John updated members on the status of the club's bid to host the 2020 Golden Retriever Club of America national specialty. The bid was submitted after a special board meeting held on Dec. 6 in which Tom Misilo and Pat Kopco agreed to be co-chairs. John expects an answer from the GRCA very soon. As he had done at the last two general meetings, 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 stressed that the club will not be able to successfully pull off the national without support from club members.

Announcement of Year-End Dog Awards (Betty Lambert) – Betty announced the winners and presented with their awards if they were present. Kristin Sipus announced the Gold Standard Challenge Award winner.

Announcement of Year-End Club Member Awards (John Blair) – John announced the recipients of the club's annual year-end awards for members and presented plaques to those who were present.

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 by 12/31.

Membership Renewals (John Blair) – Members were reminded that membership dues for 2018 are due

Jupiter Golden Jubilee (Lisa Boudreau) – Lisa thanked the club for financially supporting the Jupiter Golden Jubilee to bring awareness to the Morris Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study. The event was Nov. 4.

Drawing for 50/50 Raffle Winner (Kristin Sipus) – Kristin administered a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Smiling Blue Skies Canine Cancer Fund and reported that the goal of 2,000 tickets was surpassed with 2,060 tickets sold. The winning ticket was drawn and it belonged to Kristin's mother, who wanted to donate her cash prize to Smiling Blue Skies. The club matched its half of the receipts so a donation totaling \$3,090 will be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barn Hunt Fun Day (Andy Hall) – Andy relayed details of a possible Barn Hunt Fun Day in late February in Ocala. Details to come for interested members who want to try Barn Hunt.

Election of Officers for 2018 (John Blair) -- Since all nominated candidates were running unopposed, at the instruction of the president, the secretary cast one ballot and officers and board members for 2018 were confirmed.

President – Ann Rowe

Vice President – Michele Throm

Treasurer – Dee Thibodeaux

Secretary – Andy Hall

Election of Board Members for 2018 (Michele Throm) – A special election was held via secret ballot for seven board members for 2018 from nine nominated candidates. The new board members for 2018 are:

John Blair

Rosa Blair

Robin Burket

Pat Kopco

Betty Lambert

Ted Misilo

Kristin Sipus

Outgoing president – John Blair officially turned the presidency over to Ann Rowe; the club presented John with a carved wood Golden Retriever wall clock for his service to the club. John presented each board member with a Golden Retriever wine glass for their service during 2018.

Motion to adjourn by Ted Misilo, seconded by Mike Orloff. Meeting adjourned 8:26 p.m.

Next board meeting will be January 1 at Ann Rowe's house.

Next general meeting will be January 20 at the Brooksville show.

Andy Hall – Secretary