

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – General Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Ann Rowe

Andy Hall

The January 20, 2018, General meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by President Ann Rowe at 3:39 p.m. at the Brooksville show. The following officers and board members were present:

Ann Rowe – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Michele Throm – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer - AB

Board Members:

John Blair; Rosa Blair; Robin Burket; Pat Kopco; Ted Misilo; Kristin Sipus

Absent: Betty Lambert

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Welcomed everyone to the new year. Reminded members to pay their dues to renew their memberships. Club members earned 25 new titles in 2017 and she has ordered the club's rosettes for them. Ran down list of planned events for the club this year including two dock diving fun days, a barn hunt fun day, a grooming seminar and a fun field day. Also asked for suggestions of activities members would like for the club to have.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Michele Throm)

Voted in new members Maria and Scott Randell, Alejandro Lima and Jan and Jim Casey.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

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 (Andy Hall for Dee Thibodeaux)

All account balances all in good standing. Hunt test and agility trial coming up and both are usually profitable for the club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hunt Test (Pat Kopco) – The February hunt test is all set – Pat invited club members to come and watch if they're not working. Kristin Sipus is volunteer coordinator and said she needs two people to be marshals (training provided).

Fun Match (Ann Rowe) – The annual Fun Match will be Saturday, March 17, at Ann’s home in Sorrento. Club members will judge all three competitions: Chris Jeffrey will judge Rally, Jean Bates will judge Obedience and Alejandro Lima will judge Conformation. The entry premium will be available soon. All who enter are asked to bring a prize for the raffle (the raffle helps pay for the match).

CCA/Heart-Eye Clinic (Kristin Sipus) – Still some spots available for both the CCA and the clinic. Kristin said she needs a couple of volunteers to help that day (March 31).

Spring Agility Trial (Andy Hall for Dee Thibodeaux) – All is on track – need some volunteers to help with the event.

Obedience Trial (Andy Hall) – All is on track for the trial in August, will need some volunteers to be ring stewards.

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 National Specialty (Pat Kopco) – The club is awaiting a decision from the Golden Retriever Club of America on its bid to host the 2020 national specialty. The GRCA wouldn’t accept our bid until we listed names for all event chairs so that was done in the week prior to the meeting. Pat said we are proceeding as if we’re going to get it. She mentioned that fundraising will be an important element for us and if there are any club members with fundraising experience for them to please come forward.

Year-End Awards (Andy Hall) – The club has revised eligibility for year-end dog awards and people must now work at two events (or the equivalent behind-the-scenes work) and attend one meeting during the awards period to be eligible. Andy referred members to an explanation that was recently posted on the club’s website and Facebook pages. Pat Kopco said she’s making it her mission to track down the missing perpetual trophies since they have monetary value to the club.

DOCOF (Andy Hall for Deena Strauss) – The club would like to enter a team in the annual DOCOF competition held Labor Day weekend in Kissimmee. All members are receiving an email.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barn Hunt Fun Day (Andy Hall) – Andy relayed he is having difficulty finding a date for a Barn Hunt Fun Day but he’s still working on it. He asked for a show of hands of members who would be interested.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned 4:04 p.m.

Next board meeting will be Feb. 15 by phone.

Next general meeting will be Feb. 17 at the Lakeland show.

Andy Hall – Secretary