



General Meeting Minutes

October 16th, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

WELCOME: Robin Burket opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and checked on how everyone was doing with power/internet/flooding after the hurricane last week. She informed the members that we will be recording the presentation by our guest speaker. She reminded everyone to mute themselves so that we don't have any interruptions from background noise.

GUEST SPEAKER: Robin Burket introduced our guest speaker for the night from the UF College of Veterinary Medicine. Our guest was Dr. Christina Montalbano, who is the Assistant Clinical Professor of Integrative and Mobility Medicine. Her presentation was about preparing puppies for sport, conditioning, and injury prevention. She discussed the differences between OFA and Penn Hip as tools to assess the suitability of our dogs/puppies for sports. She addressed proper posture and ways to train dogs to utilize good body mechanics, sport-specific conditioning, warm-up exercises, and how to identify signs of injury or lameness in our dogs. The talk was recorded and will be posted on the club Facebook page. She gave us her email address if anyone wanted to contact her with further questions or to arrange a consultation.

Dr. Christina Montalbano: c.montalbano@ufl.edu

REPORTS:

Secretary – Cindy Patz was unable to be on the call, so Robin Burket called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting and Camille Nasca motioned for the minutes to be approved as posted; Christine McDaniel seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

Treasurer – Robin Bowen was unable to be on the call, so Robin Burket presented current financials. No questions were posed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

December Specialty – Robin Burket gave a clarification on the email that went out this week requesting trophy sponsorships for the specialty. She stated that sponsorship is offered as a way for some to dedicate it to a person or dog, or in their kennel name, etc. It's a nice way for them to support the specialty if they desire to. We know that many club members are donating to help those in need in the wake of the recent storms, so trophy sponsorship is appreciated but not expected, especially if anyone is experiencing hardships or decide to donate elsewhere this year. Caroline Kendrick then reminded

everyone of the details of the specialty. It is part of a week-long competition and will include approximately 150 goldens, we expect a large entry of junior handlers, and it's a beautiful venue with lots of vendors with great holiday shopping opportunities. Our specialty will be on Friday December 13th, and entries will close 4 weeks before the show date (November 13th).

Nominating Committee – Brian Parker was unable to be on the call, so Robin Burket informed the members that the email from the nominating committee went out on Monday with the slate for the 2025 board. It will be read at the November club meeting, where any member in attendance may make additional nominations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shadowing Chairs – Robin Burket gave a reminder that anyone interested in learning how to chair an event should reach out to Kirsten Sumal, our volunteer coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members - Cristine McDaniel introduced one prospective associate member: Cheryl Knapp – lives in Orlando, sponsored by Camille Nasca and Kristin Sipus. The prospective member was voted in unopposed.

New Title Rosettes – Robin Burket reported that Susan Sherman will be collecting the information for new title rosettes and to look for an email coming soon.

Year End Awards – Nina DePetris is receiving the entry forms and the email with entry form went out last month. The deadline is in November.

Upcoming Events – Robin Burket

- Field Training Day – Kristin Sipus reported that the next field training day is Saturday 10/19 at her property in Dunnellon, look for email with details.
- November in person general meeting and potluck/raffle- date TBD, look for the email with details soon.
- GR News ad in Field Issue (November/December) – The ad is complete and has been submitted to GR News. Robin will post it to the club Facebook page.
- Hunt Test – 12/6-12/8
- December Specialty – 12/13 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando.
- Holiday Party/end of year general meeting – 12/14 at Ann Rowe's home in Sorrento.

BRAGS:

Robin Burket opened the floor to the members to share their brags. Some brags included that Kristin Sipus' Cuvée was WB, Best Opposite, Best OH, and OH Group 2 in Deland. She now only needs 4 singles to finish her championship. Jenny Ford's dog went BOB Veteran and a Group 4 in Tennessee, and Gunner recently obtained his therapy dog certification. Kristin also shared that she met some longtime golden breeders at an assisted living facility recently while visiting with her therapy dogs. It was nice to connect with them, and they will be moving to their own house soon and are looking for an adult golden companion. Robin Burket concluded by reading a thank you card that the club received from Cathy and Bob Knight, who recently judged at our

obedience trail. They expressed how much they enjoyed the event and the work that our members put into it.

Next Board Meeting is TBD (November)

Next General Meeting is tentatively November 9th or November 16th in person in Ocala after the goldens show

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. with a motion from Jenny Ford and a second from Jack Torielli.