

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – General Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

John Blair

Andy Hall

The January 21, 2017, General meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by President John Blair at 3:37 p.m. at Florida Classic Park in Brooksville, Fla. The following board members were present:

John Blair – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Ann Rowe – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer - AB

Board Members:

Kristin Sipus; Ted Mislio; Pat Kopco - AB; Mike Orloff - AB ; Anney Doucette - AB ; Betty Lambert - AB; Michele Throm – AB.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (John Blair)

Welcome, thank you for large turnout – “we’re going to make the club great again!”

Reminder to club members who have not paid their dues to please do so.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Voted in new members Andrea Donohue, Allison and Dot Hively, and Debra and Richard Schollenberger.

Also welcomed guests attending the meeting: Susan Barrick, Zibi and Gabi Pankiewicz, and Laura Bellochi.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Encouraged all members to join the MFGRC Facebook group and to make regular checks of MRGRC.org, the club’s official website.

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

All account balances all in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hunt Test (Ted Misilo in lieu of Mike Orloff) –

All on track for February hunt test. Looking for some volunteers to help at the event. Board made decision at first meeting of the year to NOT hold a tailgate at the hunt test as it was not profitable. Club is looking for another trailer to use for storing hunt test equipment.

Fun Match (Ann Rowe) –

Fun Match is March 11 at Ann Rowe’s home in Sorrento, Fla. Premium should be online within a week. Will have a pot luck lunch and general meeting so everyone should bring food. Also bring an item for raffle. Setup will be Friday, March 10, and volunteers welcome.

Agility (John Blair in lieu of Dee Thibodeaux) –

All is good and on track, will need volunteers to help set up and tear down.

Obedience (Andy Hall) –

Three judges are secured for the Obedience Trial (Daytona Beach, Aug. 12-13). Event registration completed with AKC and contract is done for the facility with Obedience Club of Daytona. May need some volunteers to help with the event.

Specialty – (Caroline Kendrick)

Specialty will be Dec. 15 and will be back in the North-South Building at Orange County Convention Center. Caroline has one judge secured and is looking for someone from the club to steward so we don’t have to pay a steward.

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 National Specialty (John Blair) –

The board has informed the GRCA that the club intends to make a bid for the 2020 national specialty. There have been no responses yet to email sent by the club on Jan. 4 asking for volunteers to be chair or co-chairs. John has started the process of looking at locations.

WC/WCX (John Blair/Kristin Sipus) –

Board decided to not reschedule the WC/WCX from last fall that was postponed due to Hurricane Matthew. Will look into scheduling one in the fall.

Puppy Referral (John Blair) –

The club sent out an email to membership asking for responsible breeders who wish to be included in the club’s puppy referral to submit their information. The list has been completed and sent to Tom Young, who is listed on the club website as our puppy referral contact. Tom will give the list to anyone who calls asking for available puppies. The decision was made to leave it up to the breeders to be responsible, rather than the club, and for the puppy buyers to do their own homework.

Awards from 2016 (Ann Rowe) –

Ann presented plaques to two of the club’s year-end award winners from 2016. She also passed around a thank-you note sent to the club by Wayne Gey, who hosts the club’s hunt tests on his property, after the club made a donation in memory of his wife.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members Being More Active (John Blair) –

The club is asking for input from members on what types of events they would like to see the club hold and what would encourage more participation. John has talked with Royal Canin about holding a nutrition seminar, and the club is looking at adding a Tracking Fun Day on April 1 at a location TBD. The club also is going to hold a CCA on June 3 in Crystal River, Fla., and may add a heart/eye clinic to that event.

Next general meeting will be Feb. 18 in Lakeland after Goldens show.

Ted Misilo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded. President John Blair adjourned meeting at 4 p.m.

Andy Hall – Secretary-elect