MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – General Meeting

PRESIDENT SECRETARY

Ann Rowe Andy Hall

The February 17, 2018, General meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by President Ann Rowe at 3:17 p.m. at the Lakeland show. The following officers and board members were present:

Ann Rowe – President Andy Hall – Secretary

Michele Throm – Vice President Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

Robin Burket; Betty Lambert; Ted Misilo.

Absent: John Blair; Rosa Blair; Pat Kopco; Kristin Sipus.

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

Encouraged club members to walk around to see/try the various dog activities available at the Strawberry Cluster including dock diving, barn hunt, Fast Cat, etc. Reminded members to pay their dues to renew their memberships.

**REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Michele Throm)**

Read applications of prospective club members Jamie and Art Becker and Melissa Vaughan.

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

Encouraged club members to join the club’s Facebook group and make sure the club has their correct email address since both are the primary form of communication with members. Also, club member Chris Jeffery is bringing back the club newsletter and Andy asked members to watch for an email about making contributions.

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

Last week’s Hunt Test was profitable for the club and all accounts are in good standing.

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**Hunt Test (Ted Misilo) –** The February hunt test was a success and ran smoothly – thanked club members who volunteered to help.

**Fun Match (Ann Rowe) –** The annual Fun Match will be Saturday, March 17, at Ann’s home in Sorrento. A promotional flyer was passed out. The premium is available on the club website. Anyone who’d like to help set up can come to Ann’s house at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 16.

**CCA/Heart-Eye Clinic (Andy Hall for Kristin Sipus) –** March 31 CCA in Ocala is sold out. Accompanying health clinic needs more entries or may have to be canceled.

**Spring Agility Trial (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.

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**2020 National Specialty (Andy Hall for Pat Kopco)** – The club is awaiting a decision from the Golden Retriever Club of America on its bid to host the 2020 national specialty. Bid was re-submitted recently after we listed names for all event chairs. We are proceeding as if we will have it due to the amount of time/work. A committee is being formed that will include co-chairs Pat Kopco and Tom Mislilo, the various event and area chairs and others. The committee will meet separately from the club’s board.

**Barn Hunt Fun Day (Andy Hall) –** Discussion of a Barn Hunt Fun Day for club members. Tentative date is June 2 at Griffin Barn Hunt near Ocala. Andy is finalizing arrangements with the owner and will promote the day to members.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Comfort Dogs (Ann Rowe)** – The same comfort dog group of Goldens that came to Orlando after the Pulse Nightclub shooting is now in South Florida following the Parkland tragedy. The club made a $200 donation to the group in 2016 and Ted Misilo made a motion that the club make another $200 donation now. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

**New Title Rosettes** (Ann Rowe) – All club members whose dogs earned a new title in 2017 were eligible to receive a “New Title” rosette from the club. Ann began distributing them at the meeting.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned 3:39 p.m.

Next board meeting and general meeting will be March 17 at the Fun Match.

Andy Hall – Secretary