

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Ann Rowe

Andy Hall

The January 1, 2019, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 11:09 a.m. at her home. The following officers and board members were present:

Ann Rowe – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Michele Throm – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer - AB

Board Members:

Marilyn Booher; Robin Burket; Pam Ginn; Pat Kopco; Ann Moye.

Absent:

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Presented gifts to board members for their service to the club.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Michele Throm)

Michele reported that about half of the club's members from 2018 have paid their renewal dues so far. She will send a reminder email to members.

Resolution by board to change deadline for membership renewal in 2020 to January 30.

Discussion of how membership dues have remained the same for many years and they should be raised for 2020. Also discussion of the club adopting an alternative method of payment for memberships and other items since check usage has declined (tabled for next meeting when Treasurer will be present).

Board approved the applications of three new members – all can be voted in at the next general meeting they attend:

Joe Hellebrand

Shahn Taylor

Karyn Angel/Carl Migdon

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Reminded everyone to please use the club's new logo on all documents and other applications.

Encouraged board members to advocate for the club and to introduce themselves to members at general meetings and events. Ann Moye volunteered to call new members, welcome them to the club and be a resource to answer any questions they may have. Ann also will help event chairs coordinate volunteers.

Andy will start bringing nametags for officers and board members to general meetings.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Andy Hall for Dee Thibodeaux)

All accounts in good standing heading into the new year. Reviewed finances of December Hunt Test and December Specialty. Decision made that club won't do any raffles not related to the 2020 National Specialty until after 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

December Hunt Test (Pat Kopco)

Discussion of high expenses of staging hunt tests and the increasing difficulty of locating suitable judges for Master.

Fun Match (Ann Rowe)

The annual Fun Match will be March 16 at Ann's house. Club members Jean Bates (Obedience) and Chris Jeffrey (Rally) will again be judges and Ann has a couple of people she will ask about judging Conformation. Work will begin soon on the premium and Andy will again register the event with the AKC.

April Agility Trial (Andy Hall for Dee Thibodeaux)

Reminder that people are really needed to set up on Thursday, April 18.

June Specialty (Robin Burket)

All is on track for the June 14 event. Premium is the next step.

2020 National Specialty (Pat Kopco)

Pat updated the board on progress of preparation for the hosting of the 2020 GRCA National Specialty. Logo, contract with World Equestrian Center, merchandising and contract with superintendent all top of mind items now. Someone from the GRCA will visit the site in the first quarter of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

New title rosettes

Robin Burket reported that 52 dogs are getting new title rosettes from the club for 2018, an increase over last year. The rosettes were promoted more during the past year.

Ad in Golden Retriever News Field Edition – Club did not place an ad in GR News Field Issue due to some complications that arose. Marilyn Booher will keep track of members who earn new field titles in 2019 so that all can be included in the ad for coming year.

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteering – Michele Throm led discussion about getting more club members involved in events; board members and a select few seem to be the ones who do everything. Club will take some steps to recruit more members to volunteer, including a calendar at meetings, via email and on website and Facebook. Discussion of the cost of the new title rosettes to the club and decision made to add requirement of member having to volunteer at one club event to be eligible to receive a new title rosette starting in 2019.

Photo contest – Newsletter editor Chris Jeffrey proposed the club hold a photo contest to generate more photos for the newsletter and the website. Details to be determined.

Empty board position – The club started 2019 with an unfilled board position. After discussion of qualifications and expectations for prospective board members, decision was made to continue with the position unfilled unless a qualified club member comes forward.

2019 Club Calendar and Schedule – Board members discussed the club calendar of events for 2019. Discussion of possible health clinic but decision to not do one because there are so many. Also decided to not do a seminar this year:

Jan. 1 – Board meeting at Ann Rowe’s house

Jan. 19 – General meeting at Brooksville show

Feb. 8-9-10 – Hunt Test No. 1

Feb. 13 – Board meeting (phone)

Feb. 23 – Fun Day and General meeting (tentative)

March 13 – Board meeting (phone)

March 16 – Fun Match at Ann Rowe’s house (with general meeting)

April 10 – Board meeting (phone)

April 19-20-21 – Agility Trial No. 1 at Grand Oaks

April 27 – Fun Field Day and General Meeting (tentative)

May 8 – Board meeting (phone)

May 11 or 18 – Dock Diving Fun Day and General Meeting (tentative)

June 5 – Board meeting (phone)

June 14 – Specialty in Tampa

July 10 – Board meeting (in person)

Aug. 10-11 – Obedience/Rally Trial in Daytona Beach

Aug. 14 – Board meeting (phone)

September – General Meeting to be scheduled

Oct. 9 – Board meeting (phone)

Oct. 12 – Tracking Fun Day and General Meeting (tentative)

Oct. 18-29-20 – Agility Trial No. 2 at Grand Oaks

Nov. 2-3 – WC/WCX (tentative)

Nov. 13 – Board meeting (phone)

Nov. 16 – General meeting and picnic at Ocala show

Dec. 4 – Board meeting (phone)

Dec. 6-7-8 – Hunt Test No. 2

Dec. 13 – Specialty in Orlando

Dec. 14 – Christmas party and General Meeting

Revisions to Year-End Awards – Andy Hall will do some fine-tuning to the entry form for the year-end dog awards. TBD who will process the entries at the end of the year.

Donations for 2019 – club will make its annual donation to Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida. Club also will make donation to Joshua's House again this year and will make a new donation to Canine Companions for Independence (as suggested by Pam Ginn).

Sponsorships for 2019 – club will again sponsor awards at the GRCA National, take an ad in the GRCA National catalog and contribute a raffle basket for the GRCA National.

Meet the Breeds – Discussion of how the club can help Pat Kopco with the GRCA's display at Meet the Breeds at the Royal Canin show. Board will discuss further in the middle of the year.

DOCOF – last year the club didn't field a team in the annual DOCOF competition for the first time in many years. Discussion of next steps tabled until the next board meeting when Dee Thibodeaux can be present.

LURE COURSING – club member Yvette Rivera asked at a general meeting this year if the club should consider buying lure coursing equipment to help generate revenue at some of our events. Board did not want to buy equipment but will discuss holding a Fun Day for members to try it.

New Club Flag for GRCA National – the board authorized Andy Hall to get a new club flag made for display at the 2019 GRCA National Specialty. The flag used this past year in St. Louis has the club's old logo on it.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

The next general meeting will be Jan. 19 at the Brooksville show.

The next board meeting will be Feb. 13 by phone.

Andy Hall – Secretary