

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

Ann Rowe

SECRETARY

Andy Hall

The January 4, 2020, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 10:11 a.m. at her home in Sorrento, Fla. The following officers and board members were present:

Ann Rowe – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Robin Burket – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

Pam Ginn; Dot Hively; Pat Kopco; Ted Misilo; Michele Thom.

ABSENT: Marilyn Booher; Ann Moyer.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Since Robin Burket is now the club vice president and taking on more responsibility, Pam Ginn will take over managing the club's new title rosettes program in 2020.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Robin Burket)

The board approved the following membership applications:

Robert Turnage and Joanne Schwartzmann, Longwood, FL (sponsor is Ann Rowe)

Judy Kaldahl, Sebring, FL (sponsor is Pat Kopco)

Rick and Kris Labitzke, Port Orange, FL (sponsor is Ann Rowe)

Georgia Jackson, Orlando, FL (sponsor is Ann Rowe)

Deborah Farris, Nebo, NC (returning previous member; sponsor is Lisa Boudreau)

Robin reported that membership renewals are coming in steadily, some by check and some via the new online renewal system.

Robin has ordered the 2019 new title rosettes for qualified members. The number has dropped somewhat from last year due to the stipulation that members must work at an event to qualify.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Andy was contacted by club member Tom Misilo about doing a member survey similar to that done by another club Tom is in – the board agreed that it is a good idea that could yield some useful information. Andy will do it after the 2020 membership list is finalized.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

Discussion of the club’s insurance policies for events, venues, etc. Dee and Pat Kopco will work with the club’s provider to update the coverage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

December Specialty Wrap-up (Andy Hall for Caroline Kendrick)

Caroline received a thank-you letter from the Specialty judge that was shared to board members. Caroline offered to continue as Specialty chair and the board accepted her offer. The club has not yet received money from the event so the profitability isn’t known yet.

Dock Diving Fun Day (Andy Hall)

Andy is chairing the club’s Dock Diving Fun Day on Feb. 22 in DeLand. All is on track.

April Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)

All is on track. Entry premium should be available soon. Will have some new equipment in time for the event. The JROTC students used previously will return for this trial after not working the last one.

June Specialty (Robin Burket)

No sweepstakes judge confirmed yet. Robin following up on some more leads. Desire is to get a judge who doesn’t know everyone in Florida.

2020 National Specialty (Pat Kopco)

Pat updated the board on progress for the club’s hosting o the 2020 GRCA National Specialty. Discussion of expenditures and income. Pat reported that Rob Bedford and Patty McCabe from Ohio will chair the WC/WCX portion of the National and are currently confirming the 10 judges needed. Board member Dot Hively, who is already doing the premium for the National, also will do the catalog in conjunction with the Superintendent. Pat is setting up a January meeting with the World Equestrian Center for an update. AKC-TV will live stream parts of the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership renewals – discussion of upcoming January 30 deadline for membership renewals and next steps. Reminder emails will be sent to those who have not renewed. Board also discussed family

memberships – the price for family memberships will be raised \$5 next year to separate from individual memberships. Board also decided that the definition of a family membership will be revised in 2021 to specify that only family members under the age of 21 can be included. Those age 21 and over will have to purchase their own membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Improving Year-End Awards – discussion of tweaks to make the club’s year-end dog awards better and more appealing to members. Will split “Field Dog of the Year” into separate “Field” and “Hunt” categories. Announcement of available awards will be made early in the year so members will know what is available and what to shoot for.

Getting kids involved – discussion of ways to generate interest among kids in getting involved in dog sports. Board members will encourage club members with children to bring them with them to work at events such as hunt tests, agility trials, etc., to expose them to what is available. Also will start a new feature in the club newsletter spotlighting members whose children are already competing/showing.

Training Days – board member Marilyn Booher has expressed interest in holding training days to get more members interested in field and hunt competition with their dogs. Marilyn had to miss the board meeting so more discussion to come.

Charitable donations for the year – board decided the club will make its annual cash donation to Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida and will also donate again this year to Canine Companions for Independence.

New volunteer t-shirts – Michele Throm will look into getting new t-shirts made for club members who volunteer at events as the club’s supply from a previous buy is running low.

DOCOF – The Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida (DOCOF) competition appears to be on the road to revival in 2020 after having to cancel in 2019. The club has paid its membership dues. Andy Hall will send an email to club members to gauge interest in fielding a team.

2020 schedule – The board tentatively set the club’s schedule of events for the year, with some slots open for other events. Discussion of possible events including Fun Days for Field Training, Lure Coursing and Barn Hunt as well as a second Dock Diving Fun Day. Also discussed holding an event in the western part of the club’s territory to appeal to members in that area and a social event of some type over the summer to give members an opportunity to interact. The month of October already includes an agility trial and the GRCA National so no meetings or events will be held that month. The club will not hold its annual Fun Match this year in March due to schedule conflicts and will not hold CCA or WC/WCX events since those will be part of the GRCA National.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The next general meeting will be Jan. 18 at the Brooksville show.

The next board meeting will be Feb. 19 by phone.

Andy Hall – Secretary