

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

Ann Rowe

SECRETARY

Andy Hall

The November 11, 2020, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 7:06 p.m. by Zoom conference. The following officers and board members were present:

Ann Rowe – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Robin Burket – Vice President - AB

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

Marilyn Booher; Pam Ginn; Dot Hively; Pat Kopco; Michele Thom.

Absent: Ted Misilo

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Ann relayed a story she read in the Orlando Sentinel about a man going across the country to raise funds for Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida (subscription required to read article):

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/entertainment/os-et-winter-park-frank-carter-california-to-florida-bike-ride-20201110-j7wqjpkxsvhrvkjvlwtxdizu2i-story.html>

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Andy Hall for Robin Burket)

Read two membership applications and both were accepted by the board – both are now eligible to be voted into the club when they attend a general meeting:

Nancy Cameron, Longwood, FL (sponsor is Anney Doucette)

Susan Sherman, Occoee, FL (sponsor is Robin Burket)

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

At the Nov. 18 general meeting, Andy will read the list of nominations for officers and board members for 2021 and will call for any additional nominations from the floor. Since the club will not be holding its annual Christmas Party/annual meeting in person due to the pandemic, Andy will conduct voting for officers/boards electronically in December.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

Club accounts are in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

October Agility Trial financials (Dee Thibodeaux)

Fall Agility Trial (Oct. 9-10-11) - the trial was profitable but not as much as the club’s agility trials normally are – entries were down 45-49 percent because two other trials were going on in Florida the same weekend.

December Specialty (Caroline Kendrick)

Caroline joined the meeting to discuss the club’s Specialty which will be Friday, Dec. 11, in Orlando. The premium is out and entries close Nov. 11. All set with judges and a steward. The hotel she has used in the past is closed so she is using a different hotel that is slightly more expensive. She has cut some normal costs due to no spectators being allowed and the pandemic (no extra table, no candy dishes, etc.). Catalogs will still be available per our contract with Onofrio. Trophy sponsorship solicitation is underway by Camille Nasca. It is up to the AKC to enforce no gathering at ringside, etc.

February Hunt Test (Pat Kopco and Mike Orloff)

The Spring Hunt Test will be Feb. 13-14. Mike is chair and said he is working on judges and a needed permit.

June Specialty (Andy Hall for Robin Burket)

Robin is moving forward with holding a Specialty on June 18, 2021, as part of the Tampa Cluster. She has received permission letter from Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club to hold the event in its territory. Doug Johnson will be specialty judge and sweeps judge will be Joanne Cava, the same sweeps judge we had planned to use before canceling our Specialty for 2020.

2021 National Specialty (Pat Kopco)

Pat updated the board on progress for the club’s hosting of the 2021 GRCA National Specialty. She and vendor chair Tom Hell will be making a trip to the World Equestrian Center soon. She continues finalizing the new contract with WEC and work on a new logo. Pam Ginn reported that what had been planned to be an equine hospital on the location will instead be an animal hospital affiliated with UF.

OLD BUSINESS:

Puppy Referral – Tabled for next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next general meeting is November 18 by Zoom.

The next board meeting will be December 2 by Zoom.

Andy Hall – Secretary