

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – General Meeting

PRESIDENT

Ann Rowe

SECRETARY

Andy Hall

The November 18, 2020, general meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 7:33 p.m. via Zoom conferencing. The following officers and board members were present:

Ann Rowe – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Robin Burket – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

Dot Hively; Pat Kopco; Michele Throm.

Absent: Marilyn Booher; Pam Ginn, Ted Misilo.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Reviewed recent news announcements by the club related to the pandemic:

2020 memberships will carry over to 2021; no renewal necessary

Club awards are suspended for 2020

No Christmas party

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Robin Burket)

Voted in new members:

Monica Echaves, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico (co-sponsors were Robin Bowen and Julie Wangelin)

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

Reminded members that Club will still award new title rosettes for 2020 and has waived volunteer requirements. Reviewed procedures for ordering new title rosettes from the club for 2020 (board member Pam Ginn taking over the process). Another email will be sent to members about title rosettes

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Asked members to make sure they join the club Facebook group and check to make sure they are receiving club emails.

Asked members to contribute material for December edition of the club newsletter.

Reported that the Orlando Poodle Club will be holding a WC/WCX on Jan. 10 and Golden Retrievers are welcomed.

The GRCA is looking for nominations for officers and board members for 2021 if anyone is interested. Information will be sent to club members.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

All accounts are in good standing. No income coming in due to canceled events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

December Specialty (Caroline Kendrick and Camille Nasca) – The club’s annual Specialty as part of the AKC National Championship week in Orlando is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 11, the 8th year for the club in Orlando. Caroline, the event chair, said that unfortunately no spectators are allowed this year due to the pandemic. Trophy chair Camille Nasca reported some people have sponsored awards but some are still open – another email will be sent to club members and they also can find the information on the club website.

February Hunt Test (Pat Kopco) – Pat and her husband Mike Orloff reported that all is on track for the Feb. 13-14 hunt test in Montverde, Fla. Michele Throm will be volunteer coordinator and club members will really need to step up to help conduct the test.

2021 GRCA National (Pat Kopco) – Pat gave a brief update on the club hosting the 2021 GRCA National, which will be in Ocala. She and vendor chair Tom Hell will be visiting the World Equestrian Center soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officer and Board Nominations for 2021 (Andy Hall) – In accordance with the by-laws of the club, Andy read the report from the Nominating Committee that nominated the following club members to be officers and board members in 2021:

Officers:

President – Ann Rowe

Vice President – Robin Burket

Secretary – Andy Hall

Treasurer – Dee Thibodeaux

Director of Communications – to be appointed by 2021 MFGRC board

Board:

John Blair

Marilyn Booher

Pam Ginn

Caroline Kendrick

Ted Misilo

Michele Thom

Laura Topping

After reading the list of names, Andy asked if any members wanted to make additional nominations. No additional nominations were made, so the list of nominations is final. Voting to confirm the positions will be conducted in December via electronic balloting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future of the club – Andy Hall and Pat Kopco addressed the future of the club in that several board members and event chairs will most likely step down after 2021 and club members will need to step up to take their places. The current officers, board members and event chairs are willing to have replacements work with them during 2021 to learn how to do the jobs, and will be available after the transition to answer questions and continue mentoring. Many of the club’s leaders have been doing it for a long time and if younger or different members don’t step up, the club’s events cannot be held and the club will most likely cease to exist.

Pat recognized outgoing board member Dot Hively who is in the process of moving to Maryland but has agreed to continue helping with the 2021 GRCA National. Andy recognized vice president Robin Burket as an example of a younger club member who has stepped up and taken on a very active role in the operation of the club.

Meeting adjourned 8:22 p.m.

Next board meeting is December 3 by Zoom.

Next general meeting date will be a TBA date in January.

Andy Hall – Secretary