

## MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Ann Rowe

Andy Hall

The February 10, 2021, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 7:04 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; Caroline Kendrick; Ted Misilo; Michele Throm; Laura Topping.

Absent: John Blair.

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

No report

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

Reviewed and approved the applications of five prospective new club members:

Jan and Brad Paddock, Eustis, FL (sponsor is Ann Rowe)

Kelly and Richard Knowlen, Winter Garden, FL (sponsor is Ann Rowe)

Kim Pedersen, Haines City, FL (returning member)(sponsor is Destiny Martel)

John and Bonnie Corley, Eustis, FL (sponsor is Ann Rowe)

Wendy Huntzinger, Odessa, FL (sponsor is Pat Rubrecht)

The Knowlens have attended a general meeting and are eligible to be voted in at the next meeting. All others now eligible to be voted in when they attend a general meeting.

One other membership application was deferred for later approval because the applicant did not have a sponsor. Robin Burket will contact the applicant.

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

Brief discussion of process of doing meeting minutes.

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

Club accounts are in good standing. Dee received a check from the AKC for the club's rebate from the December Specialty. Club has some large bills coming up, including two insurance premiums. Two checks Dee sent out following the January board meeting have not been cashed – Andy Hall said he would follow up on them since he requested them. Dee has sent the club's tax information to the accountant who prepares the club's tax return.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **February Hunt Test (emailed report from event chair Mike Orloff)**

The Spring Hunt Test will be Feb. 13-14. Test chair Mike Orloff said most everything is well in hand, except he has only eight students from UCF to help but has been promised 10 or so of the students who help the Central Florida test can cross over and help MFGRC. He also was trying to find two more shooters.

### **Fun Match (Ann Rowe)**

Ann is postponing the Fun Match that was going to be held at her house on March 20 due to Covid concerns. She hopes to find another time to do it later in the year.

### **April Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)**

The club's Spring Agility Trial will be April 23-24-25 at Grand Oaks Resort. Dee said everything is ready to go, she will need volunteers to help set up and to run the event. The same Covid protocols will be in place that were used in the October trial.

### **Dock Diving Fun Day (Andy Hall)**

Andy has made arrangements with Central Florida Dog Sports in DeLand to again host the club for a dock diving fun day and general meeting on Saturday, May 15. Will be same as has been done in the past except Covid protocols will be in place.

### **Summer Specialty (emailed report from Robin Burket)**

The club's Summer Specialty as part of the Tampa Cluster will be Friday, June 18. Robin Burket is chair and reported it is on track. The club has received permission from the AKC for the date and the judges. Michele Panetta and Robin are working on the premium and the prizes.

### **Barn Hunt Fun Day (Michele Throm)**

Michele has made arrangements with Das Hund Haus in Lakeland to host the club for a Barn Hunt Fun Day and general meeting on Saturday, July 10.

### **August Obedience/Rally Trial (Andy Hall)**

Andy reported that after consulting with multiple people to get opinions, he has decided to make big changes to the club's annual Obedience and Rally Trial because Covid restrictions will limit entries for the trial. There will now be two Rally trials on Friday, Aug. 13, and two Obedience trials on both Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-15, at the Obedience Club of Daytona. Andy still has to get approval from the AKC for the changes.

**2021 National Specialty (emailed report from chair Pat Kopco)**

Pat updated the board on progress for the club's hosting of the 2021 GRCA National Specialty:

- Hotel information has been finalized and posted on website
- Grooming, RV and judges info has gone live on the website in the last week.
- Several committee members have been to the World Equestrian Center in the last two weeks to gather information on obedience, agility and catering/hospitality.
- Now that the facility is open and functioning, there will be no more formal tours for club members. People can now go on their own and see everything.
- Still trying to finalize contract with WEC.
- Dot Hively is working to finalize premium list.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Puppy Referral (emailed report from John Blair) – The puppy referral program was re-instituted last month. Tom Mislo updated the website with the new Puppy Referrals POC email address. John is receiving numerous requests for reputable breeders in Florida and is working from a list left from when the club paused puppy referral. He is going to send a survey to club members asking breeders from the club if they wish to be on the puppy referral list of recommended breeders. Some breeders in the club do not want to be on the list due to being overwhelmed with requests. The board agreed that breeders on the list should be members who contribute to the club by helping at events, etc.

Recruiting new event chairs, officers and board members – Continuation of discussion from previous meeting about finding club members to take over positions as event chairs, officers and board members in place of some longtime club members who may step down from those positions at the end of 2021. Agreed that all board members have to be part of the process in recruiting people.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Insurance** (Dee Thibodeaux) – Dee has had to work with the club's insurance provider to change the hunt test insurance per a request from the landowner.

**Meeting schedule** – Since there will now not be a Fun Match on March 20, the board moved the next general meeting to Thursday, March 25, by Zoom. Several members had asked that we not hold the meetings on Wednesday nights due to conflicting with training.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next board meeting is March 17 by Zoom.

The next general meeting is March 25 by Zoom.

Andy Hall – Secretary