

## MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

Ann Rowe

SECRETARY

Andy Hall

The March 10, 2021, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 7:14 p.m. by Zoom conference. The following officers and board members were present:

Ann Rowe – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Robin Burket – Vice President

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

John Blair; Marilyn Booher; Pam Ginn; Ted Misilo; Laura Topping.

Absent: Caroline Kendrick; Michele Throm.

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

No report

### **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Robin Burket)**

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

Carlotta and Mustapha El Khorchi, Ormond Beach, FL (sponsors are Pat Kopco and Robin Bowen)

Collins Family, Winter Park, FL (sponsor is Ann Rowe)

Ashley Lucero, Boynton Beach, FL (sponsor is Robin Bowen)

Stephanie Courson, Orlando, FL (sponsor is Robin Burket)

All are now eligible to be voted in when they attend a general meeting.

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

Andy reported that the AKC has simplified the process for clubs to change their by-laws.

The board also confirmed that a club member who works two days at an event will be credited with working two events as part of their qualifications for the club's year-end awards.

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

Club accounts are in good standing.

Discussion of financials of February hunt test – expenses for staging a test continue to rise and this test resulted in one of the smallest profits in years. New hunt test chair Brian Parker and board member Marilyn Booher will review.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Despite monsoon-like conditions, we pulled off another successful hunt test. Ted and TJ Misilo did their usual great job of being everywhere all weekend. Macy Swift was great at organizing everything as hunting test secretary. Michele Throm stepped up to secure and organize all the volunteers necessary to run the whole operation. Brian Parker was there all weekend to pitch in where needed, including bringing his large dump trailer to remove all the weekend’s trash. The Outlanders Club from UCF provided a core group of experienced people to manage several of the winger stations, supplemented by several more workers from the CFHRC pool of younger kids. The live gunners led by John Gerbino and Ed Morris were great. The coordination with CFHRC worked superbly, and there were no conflicts with land use or getting exhibitors between stakes. We had great help assembling and delivering the lunches – the fuel that the hunt tests run on.

**April Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)**

The club’s Spring Agility Trial will be April 23-24-25 at Grand Oaks Resort and everything is set. Dee reminded the board that this will be her last year as agility trial chair and the club needs to find a replacement in order for the trials to continue.

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

Nothing new to report – still on track for May 15 at Central Florida Dog Sports in DeLand.

**Summer Specialty (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 and she had nothing new to report.

**Barn Hunt Fun Day (no report)**

Club will hold a Barn Hunt Fun Day and general meeting on July 10 at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland.

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

Everything is on track for the Aug. 13-14-15 Obedience and Rally Trial in Daytona Beach. The premium list is done and will be made available in early April. Andy worked with the Obedience Club of Daytona to revise the Covid waiver form that OCOD had submitted for exhibitors.

**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. She continues to work with the GRCA and the World Equestrian Center to finalize the contract, and she is working with Royal Canin to finalize the sponsorship contract.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Puppy Referral (John Blair) – John proposed that the club eliminate its puppy referral program because it is obsolete in the internet age and breeders are being inundated with requests that they can’t fulfill. The board approved his proposal. He will prepare language for the club website to help first-time puppy buyers and replace the current puppy referral section.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Hunt Test Chair (Ann Rowe)** – Ann introduced club member Brian Parker, who has agreed to take over as chair of the club’s hunt tests going forward in place of longtime chair Mike Orloff. Mike chaired the February test after giving notice to the board that it would be his last. Brian has been involved with Retrievers for many years and started judging in 2001. He has chaired hunt tests for two other clubs.

Discussion of acquiring two bird licenses for the club as soon as possible to be ready for the next hunt test in February of 2022.

Brian said he’d like to work to get more people involved in the hunt tests as participants and as helpers during the events.

Club will look to host a Fun Field Day in either November or December, after the National.

**Meeting schedule** – The board meeting schedule was changed for April and the meeting will now be April 21. The May and June meetings will remain on the dates previously announced (May 12 and June 16).

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next general meeting is March 25 by Zoom.

The next board meeting is April 21 by Zoom.

Andy Hall – Secretary