

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – General Meeting

PRESIDENT

Ann Rowe

SECRETARY

Andy Hall

The March 25, 2021, 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 - AB

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

Michele Throm

Absent: John Blair; Marilyn Booher; Pam Ginn; Caroline Kendrick; Ted Misilo; Laura Topping.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Reminded members that several officers, board members and event chairs are very likely stepping down at the end of 2021 because they've been doing it for a long time – new members are needed to step up this year so they can learn and take over positions next year. Otherwise it will be difficult for the club to continue as it is.

Made and reviewed news announcements:

Club will be resuming some activities this year as safely as possible, including:

- Dock Diving Fun Day in DeLand on May 15
- Barn Hunt Fun Day in Lakeland on July 10
- Resuming club awards for 2021 (agility dog of the year, rally dog of the year, etc.)
- Brian Parker will be the new Hunt Test chair
- Club's puppy referral program has been canceled – the club has tried many different things over the years but it just doesn't work. In its place on the club website, a detailed page of information for potential puppy buyers has been added.
- Club's new title rosettes from 2020 have arrived and Pam Ginn will begin distribution to those who earned them.

Recognized club member Nina DePetris, who joined the meeting from Tulsa, Okla., where she was competing in the AKC National Agility Championship. Everyone congratulated Nina and wished her luck.

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

Voted in new members:

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

Julie Manson, Bradenton, FL (sponsor was Laura Topping)

Jan and Brad Paddock, Eustis, FL (returning members) (sponsor was Ann Rowe)

Jordyn Vanscoy, Deborah Brinkman and Amy Krumenauer, who have applied for membership, were also present for the meeting.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Previewed the new March issue of the club newsletter Golden Tales and asked members to read it and contribute to the next edition.

Asked members to self-report that they attended the meeting because meeting attendance is a requirement to be eligible for year-end awards'

Asked members to make sure they are receiving club emails and to make sure we have their correct email address.

Asked club members who are on Facebook to please join the club's Facebook page if they're not already joined.

Went over upcoming opportunities for club members to volunteer (Agility Trial, Obedience/Rally Trial, National Specialty).

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

All accounts are in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Spring Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux) – The club will hold an agility trial April 23-24-25 at Grand Oaks Resort and Dee Thibodeaux is the chair. Dee reported that all is on track but volunteers will be needed to help set up on Thursday, April 22, and throughout the weekend.

Dock Diving Fun Day (Andy Hall) – The club will hold a dock diving fun day and general meeting on Saturday, May 15, at Central Florida Dog Sports in DeLand. Members will receive registration information by email.

June Specialty (Andy Hall for Robin Burket) – All is on track for the club's Summer Specialty that will be held on Friday, June 18, as part of the Tampa Cluster.

Barn Hunt Fun Day (Michele Throm) – The club will hold a Barn Hunt Fun Day and general meeting for members on Saturday, July 10, at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland. Members will receive registration information by email.

Obedience/Rally Trial (Andy Hall) – Andy is chair of the club’s Obedience and Rally Trial that will be held Aug. 13-14-15 in Daytona Beach. The trial has been restructured because of COVID restrictions and will be two Rally trials on Friday and two Obedience Trials on both Saturday and Sunday. He said he needs some volunteers to work as stewards.

2021 GRCA National (Pat Kopco) – Pat gave an update on the club hosting the 2021 GRCA National, which will be in Ocala in October. She stressed that club members are needed to volunteer and good opportunities include health clinics, the raffle table and merchandise table.

Camille Nasca suggested that the club publish a newsletter to keep people updated on the National because there are people who won’t go to a website. Chris Jeffrey, editor of the club newsletter, said she would add pages to the next edition.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Brag: Since they were present for the meeting, recognition of club members Nancy Sigmon and Maria Randell, whose dogs recently finished their championships. Also for Karyn Angel, whose dog earned his RACH title in Rally.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Next board meeting is April 21 by Zoom.

Next general meeting date will be May 15 at Dock Diving Fun Day.

Andy Hall – Secretary