

## MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

Ann Rowe

SECRETARY

Andy Hall

The May 12, 2021, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 7:02 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; Pam Ginn; Caroline Kendrick; Ted Misilo; Michele Throm; Laura Topping.

Absent: Marilyn Booher.

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

No report

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

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

Cathy Hoff, Windermere, FL (sponsor is Ann Rowe)

Ann-Marie Poertner, High Springs, FL (sponsor is Michele Panetta)

Melissa Kay, Naples, FL (sponsor is Michele Throm)

Bob and Rosemary Santoro, Vero Beach, FL (sponsor is Jerrie Morrison)

Walter Kennedy, St. Augustine, FL (sponsor is Susan Howard)

Myra Kemp, Jupiter, FL (sponsor is Caroline Kendrick)(returning previous member)

Two other applications were tabled for further discussion.

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

No report.

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

Club accounts are in good standing.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**April Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)**

The trial was profitable – great turnout of members to help with setup and for running the event.

Looking ahead to October, the club will be putting on back-to-back agility trials in two locations and Dee will need a lot of help.

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

All is on track for May 15 at Central Florida Dog Sports in DeLand. Expecting 27 dogs.

**Summer Specialty (Robin Burket)**

The club’s Summer Specialty as part of the Tampa Cluster will be Friday, June 18. Awards have been ordered. The entry deadline is June 2.

**Barn Hunt Fun Day (Michele Thom)**

Club will hold a Barn Hunt Fun Day on July 10 at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland. Discussion of format – will break into groups similar to what was done when club held similar day several years ago. Michele will send out registration forms soon and there will be a limit of 16 dogs on first come, first served basis. Board decided to not have a general meeting because the format of the day doesn’t lend itself to a meeting.

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

The club’s Obedience and Rally Trial is Aug. 13-14-15 in Daytona Beach. All is on track except that Andy needs a couple of more stewards. Anticipating relaxing of some COVID restrictions.

**December Specialty (Caroline Kendrick)**

All is on track for the Specialty on Dec. 17 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando.

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

Progress being in multiple areas. A letter will be going out o GRCA member clubs asking for sponsorship help.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Hunt Test financial review (Marilyn Booher)** – tabled until next meeting as Marilyn was unable to attend meeting.

**New event chairs and officers (Andy Hall)** – Discussion of how little progress board has made in identifying new event chairs and officers to take over in 2022. Dee Thibodeaux has discussed the agility trial chair position with multiple club members and all have declined. Board members asked to keep the topic in mind.

**Update on plan for activating members (Andy Hall)** – Andy did some research and sent a the board a list of all club members and the most recent times they have volunteered to work at club events or for the club. There is a percentage of members who have not done anything for the club dating back to 2018. Board members will be contacting inactive members over the next few weeks and months to find out why they haven't been more active with the club and attempt to get them to help with the National or with other events we have this year.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Defibrillator for Hunt Tests (Andy Hall for Pat Kopco)** – Andy relayed from National Specialty chair Pat Kopco that MFGRC and Jacksonville Retriever Club will go in together to rent a defibrillator to have on location for the field events at the National since Lazy J is not near a hospital. The JRC will use it at their event the next week.

**Lazy J Cleanup (Andy Hall for Marilyn Booher)** – The Jacksonville Retriever Club members will be doing a cleanup at Lazy J in early October to get it into tip-top shape for the National and the JRC test the following week. MFGRC members will be invited to help – an email will be sent closer to the time.

**New Hunt Test Equipment (Ted Misilo)** – Ted suggested that the club consider investing in 16 new wingers for our hunt test equipment. The ones that we have are older and very heavy, and showing signs of wearing out. Having new ones also would make things go more smoothly during hunt tests. We also will be using the equipment for the National. Replacing all of them would be a very large expense for the club. Ted will discuss with National chair Pat Kopco and bring new Hunt Test chair Brian Parker into the discussion as well. Tabled for next meeting when there is more information.

**Donation to OCOD (Andy Hall)** – The Obedience Club of Daytona, where the MFGRC holds its Obedience and Rally Trial and a club that has several members who are also MFGRC members, is in the process of buying the building it is in after renting it for years. MFGRC will make a donation to the OCOD's building fund.

**MFGRC History (Andy Hall)** – The club was founded in 1984 and 2024 will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Discussion of some possible ways to recognize.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The next board meeting is June 16 by Zoom

The next general meeting is TBD.

Andy Hall – Secretary