

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

Ann Rowe

SECRETARY

Andy Hall

The July 28, 2021, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Ann Rowe at 6:24 p.m. at Olive Garden – Mall at Millenia in Orlando, Fla. 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; Michele Thom.

Absent: Caroline Kendrick, Laura Topping.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

No report

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Robin Burket)

Reviewed and approved the applications of one prospective new club member:

Chris and Gloria Boltin, Dunnellon, FL (sponsor is Kristin Sipus)

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Discussion of meeting schedule for the remainder of 2021, Zoom meetings and the club roster.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

Club accounts are in good standing. Some income from the upcoming Obedience and Rally Trial.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Summer Specialty (Robin Burket)

Robin reported that the June 18 Summer Specialty in Tampa was successful and made a profit. Club member Tonya Noel is doing the Specialty report for GR News. Club member Lindsey Rodriguez helped out on the day of. Michele Panetta was co-chair.

Barn Hunt Fun Day (Michele Thom)

The July 10 Barn Hunt Fun Day for club members at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland went well, Michele reported. There were 15 club members present and Michele thought a few more could have been accommodated. Discussion of possibly doing it again in two years either at the same location or back at G2 in Morriston.

August Obedience/Rally Trial (Andy Hall)

The club's Obedience and Rally Trial is Aug. 13-14-15 in Daytona Beach. Andy reported that total entries for runs are now higher than when MFGRC last held the trial in 2019. He has tried to cut costs as much as possible since the trials are difficult to make a profit from.

October Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)

Dee reports that all is on track for the Fall Agility Trial being held Oct. 21-22-23 at Grand Oaks Resort. As of now, Dee will not have the student workers when she relocates to World Equestrian Center for agility at the National Oct. 24-25 so she is making arrangements with people she knows to come and work in the rings at the National.

The trial in April of 2022 will be Dee's last as agility chair. She has recommended that the club sell its agility equipment after that since no one has stepped up to take over.

December Specialty (Andy Hall for Caroline Kendrick)

All is on track for the Specialty on Dec. 17 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. Caroline will have the same steward back who has worked with the event previously and she expects a large entry this year. Trophy chair Camille Nasca is finalizing trophies and will begin soliciting trophy sponsorships soon.

2021 GRCA National Specialty (Andy Hall for Pat Kopco)

Andy gave a brief update on the club's hosting of the GRCA National Specialty in October in Ocala.

February Hunt Test (all)

Pam Ginn will talk with new Hunt Test chair Brian Parker to get an update on what has been done.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Hunt Test Equipment (Ted Misilo) – Ted has acquired new wingers for use in hunt tests. The club will attempt to sell the old wingers for \$50 each.

New event chairs and officers (all) – Very little progress has been made in identifying new event chairs and officers to take over in 2022. There are a few members who might be interested in officer or board positions. Dee Thibodeaux has been unable to find anyone to take over for her as agility chair.

Update on plan for activating members (all) – Board members continuing process of contacting inactive club members and attempting to get them to help with the National or with other events the club has this year. Board reviewed a list during the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for 2020 (Ann Rowe) – Andy Hall volunteered to be Nominations Chair for 2022 and will select a committee of non-board members to help nominate officers and board members for 2022.

Supporting GRCA National (Andy Hall) – While the club is hosting the 2021 GRCA National, the club’s branding will not necessarily be prevalent so board made decision to continue practice of placing ad in catalog and sponsoring some trophies.

Donation (all) – Club will donate \$150 to the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, the organization that brought Golden Retriever comfort dogs to the Surfside building collapse tragedy.

Year-End Awards (Andy) – Discussion of tweaks to year-end dog awards, which the club is reinstating for this year. Anney Doucette has agreed to again create magnets for the award winners.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

The next general meeting is August 19 by Zoom.

The next board meeting is September 22 by Zoom.

Andy Hall – Secretary