

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – General Meeting

PRESIDENT

Ann Rowe

SECRETARY

Andy Hall

The August 19, 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 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:

Caroline Kendrick; Ted Misilo; Laura Topping.

Absent: John Blair; Marilyn Booher; Pam Ginn; Michele Throm.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Ann reminded members that they are needed to help the club continue. A new agility trial chair is needed so that the club's major profit area can continue. Members also are needed to help with the GRCA National in October. Ann thanked the members who helped at the specialty in June and the obedience/rally trial in August.

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

Voted in new members:

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

Liliane Lesmes, Heathrow, FL (sponsor was Ann Rowe)

Prospective member Patricia Albano attended the meeting as a guest.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Asked club members who are on Facebook to please join the club's Facebook page if they're not already joined and encouraged people to either post or send in their brags/accomplishments.

Asked club members to make sure they are receiving emails – some people have found MFGRC emails in their spam folder.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

All club bank accounts in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Barn Hunt Fun Day wrap-up (Andy Hall for Michele Throm) – The club held a Barn Hunt Fun Day for members on Saturday, July 10, at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland. The event met the capacity that was specified by the facility and instructor. Several people in the meeting talked about the fun they had

Obedience/Rally Trial wrap-up (Andy Hall, chair) – The club’s Obedience and Rally Trial that was held Aug. 13-14-15 in Daytona Beach. Andy reported that the event was profitable for the club and he thanked the members who volunteered to work as stewards. The trial will continue in 2022 at the same location

Fall Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux, chair) – The club will be holding its usual Fall Agility Trial at Grand Oaks Resort Oct. 21-22-23 and will then pack up the agility equipment and move everything to Ocala for two days of agility with the GRCA National Oct. 24-25. Volunteers will be needed to help pack up at Grand Oaks and then to help set up in Ocala. It will be an unusual set of circumstances that will require help from as many people as possible. Dee is searching for someone to take over for her as agility chair.

December Specialty (Caroline Kendrick, chair) – The club’s annual Specialty will be held Friday, Dec. 17, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. Caroline gave an overview of the event and introduced trophy chair Camille Nasca. Camille will soon begin the process of getting sponsors for trophies.

February Hunt Test (Brian Parker, chair) – The club will hold at Hunt Test Feb. 12-13 and new Hunt Test chair Brian Parker reported that he is working on judges and birds for the event. Brian also bought the club’s old wingers for use for training on his property in DeLand.

2021 GRCA National (Pat Kopco, chair) – 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 there are plenty of ways they can help.

Pat spoke for merchandise chair Michele Throm and urged people to buy merchandise online as there will be a limited amount of merchandise available at the National. She and Michele made the decision due to uncertainty about how many people will come to the event and not wanting to be stuck with a lot of leftover merchandise.

Laura Topping said the Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club is selling raffle tickets for the back page of Golden Retriever News, with the profits to be donated to help fund the National. Anyone interested in helping sell tickets can contact her.

OLD BUSINESS:

Opportunities for Volunteering (Andy Hall) – Andy went over some upcoming opportunities for club members to get involved and help, including the Agility Trials in October and the National.

Year-End Awards (Andy Hall) – The club has reinstated its year-end dog awards for 2021 and the entry form will be going out in September, with a deadline of November 30. To be eligible, a club member must have worked two days as a volunteer to help the club and must have attended one general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for 2022 (Andy Hall) – Andy is Nominations Chair for 2022 and will be forming a committee to nominate the slate of officers and board members for the coming year. The slate will be revealed to club members on October 15. At the November club meeting, members will have the opportunity to make additional nominations from the floor. Voting will be at the Christmas party- in December.

Braggs: Several members reported accomplishments in competition by their dogs.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:16 p.m.

Next board meeting is September 22 via Zoom.

Next general meeting is TBD.

Andy Hall – Secretary