

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – General Meeting

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Ann Rowe

Andy Hall

The September 29, 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

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

Board Members:

John Blair; Marilyn Booher; Caroline Kendrick; Michele Throm; Laura Topping.

Absent: Pam Ginn; Ted Misilo.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Ann Rowe)

Ann asked members to please sign up to help with the GRCA National in October if they haven't already. Also reminded members that new agility trial chair is needed so that the club's major profit area can continue.

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

Voted in new members:

Patricia and Alphonse Albano, Palm Coast, FL (sponsors were Laura Bellochi and Mustapha and Carlotta El Khorchi)

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. Asked club members to make sure they are receiving emails from the club and to please read them in order to stay informed. He also gave a brief presentation of the new edition of the club newsletter "Golden Tales" that was made available the night of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dee Thibodeaux)

All club bank accounts in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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. Also will need help running the trials in both places.

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. Trophy sponsorships will be available soon.

February Hunt Test (Brian Parker, chair) – The club will hold at Hunt Test Feb. 12-13 in the usual location in Montverde. Brian Parker, hunt test chair, reported that preparations for the test are moving along including hiring judges, getting birds and registering with the AKC. Brian said that former hunt test chair Mike Orloff is helping with hotel rooms and some other details.

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 also reported that entries closed the day of the meeting and the entry numbers are strong.

Laura Topping reminded members that 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:

Lazy J Clean-up (Marilyn Booher) – MFGRC and Jacksonville Retriever Club will work together to clean up the grounds at Lazy J Ranch in Williston in preparation for its hosting of the field events for the Golden National. The work will be done Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 9-10, starting early each morning. Anyone who can help is asked to contact Marilyn.

Year-End Awards (Andy Hall) – The club has reinstated its year-end dog awards for 2021 and the entry form will be going out soon, 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.

Nominations for 2022 (Andy Hall) – Andy is Nominations Chair for 2022 and formed 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 14. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Title Rosettes for 2021—Club members who win new titles for the dogs in 2021 will have the opportunity to get a new title rosette from the club if they meet eligibility requirements that include performing volunteer work for the club. Details will be emailed to members soon.

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

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Next board meeting is October 13 via Zoom.

Next general meeting is TBD (November).

Andy Hall – Secretary