

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB – Board Meeting

PRESIDENT

Robin Burket

SECRETARY

Andy Hall

The January 2, 2022, Board meeting of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club was called to order by president Robin Burket at 10:11 a.m. via Zoom. The following officers and board members were present:

Robin Burket – President

Andy Hall – Secretary

Christine McDaniel – Vice President

Robin Bowen – Treasurer

Board Members:

Kathy Cudak; Pam Ginn; Ted Misilo; Camille Nasca; Jan Paddock; Ann Rowe; Michele Thom.

Absent: none

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Robin Burket)

Welcome to the new year – club had an awesome year in 2021.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (Christine McDaniel with Robin Burket)

Robin is in the process of transitioning membership chair duties to Christine.

Board approved one new membership application:

Christine Steele, Winter Park, FL (sponsor is Ann Rowe)

One other application was tabled to obtain additional information – applicant did not have a sponsor.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Andy Hall)

Reported that AKC had been informed of new officers for 2022 and that the masthead on the club website had been updated.

Discussion of board communications.

Suggestion by Jan Paddock of using Google docs to improve board communication – she will create some examples for board review.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Robin Bowen)

Robin is in the process of transitioning into the treasurer role. Has an upcoming meeting with Dee Thibodeaux (outgoing treasurer). She will be obtaining a laptop that will be utilized for club work only and she will obtain the Quicken software program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

December Specialty (emailed report from Caroline Kendrick)

Club held its annual Specialty in Orlando on Dec. 17. Financials are not complete yet - Caroline received a check from Onofrio on the day of the event and another check for the club's supported entry the day after should arrive in late January. The judges' expenses have been paid.

Caroline received a nice letter from the judge that was shared with the board.

February Hunt Test (emailed report from Brian Parker)

Brian said most everything is set for the February 11-12-13 Hunt Test including the property, judges, birds, hotel rooms, gunners and marshals. The UCF Outlanders will be bird techs. Brian said the only thing missing now is worker lunches. Robin Bowen will talk to the club member who handled lunches at the last hunt test. Michele Throm (volunteer coordinator) is working on other positions including equipment movers, hospitality, etc.

Ted Misilo is equipment chair for the hunt test and is working on getting the hunt test trailer returned to the site from where it was used at the GRCA National in October. He will be going through the trailer to inspect equipment and make sure all is ready for the hunt test – he would like help if possible.

Ted also would like some volunteers to help with setup on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m.

Fun Match (Ann Rowe)

Ann said all is on track for the return of the club's Fun Match on March 19 at her house. She doesn't yet have an obedience judge. Andy Hall will send in event applications to the AKC once an obedience judge is secured. Ann is going to work on getting the premium list done and on an event secretary.

Spring Agility Trial (Dee Thibodeaux)

No report– agility trial is April 22-23-24 at Grand Oaks and volunteers will be needed.

June Specialty (Robin Burket)

June Specialty is June 17 in Tampa – discussion of potential sweepstakes judges. Robin also still wants someone to take over as chair of the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Renewing Memberships (Robin Burket) – January 30 is the cutoff date for renewing club memberships. A reminder email will be sent to those who have not renewed when the cutoff date is approaching, and Robin outlined the procedures she has previously used when people have not renewed by the cutoff.

Some discussion about activating club members who don't do anything with the club. Will continue personal contact that started last year.

Future of Agility Trials (all) – Discussion for various options the club may be able to pursue in order to keep doing its agility trials after the April trial. Board members will follow up on ideas. As of now, that will be the last trial the club will stage because trial chair Dee Thibodeaux is stepping down and neither Dee nor the club has been able to find a replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

Goals for 2022 – Much had already been discussed but primary goals include finding a way to continue agility trials and getting more club members involved.

Club schedule for 2022 – Board discussed a club schedule for 2022 that included moving board meetings to Sunday nights, having both in-person and Zoom general meetings and scheduling some events in both the western and eastern parts of the club's territory to serve as many members as possible.

Tentative events in the first half of the year will be a Fun Field Day/Intro to Field Training and a Dock Diving Fun Day. Both will include general meetings.

Potential events include a CCA, heart/eye clinic and a grooming/handling seminar. Further discussion to come.

Charitable Donations for 2022 – Club will make its annual donation to Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida and increase the amount to \$500. Club also will again donate to Canine Companions for Independence and raise amount to \$300.

Additional donations will be determined after some research.

Support of Florida's Other Two Golden Clubs – Club will again donate to trophy funds for the specialties being staged by the Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club and the Everglades Retriever Club.

Puppy Referral – Decision made to reinstate the club's Puppy Referral program that was paused in early 2021. A club members will be sought to be the chair. Listed breeders will have to meet qualifications that the chair will verify including performing volunteer work for the club.

Equipment Inventory – Robin Bowen suggested that the club should conduct equipment and possessions inventories, including what is in the five trailers the club owns as well as what people have at their homes. She also plans to create a Treasurer job description during the year and suggested we do the same for other positions (including event chairs) because they don't exist now. Both will be ongoing projects in 2022. Jan Paddock will create documents to utilize.

Request from Tarheel GRC – The Tarheel Golden Retriever Club in North Carolina would like to borrow the club's wood cutouts of Golden Retrievers that were used for placements during conformation at the

GRCA National. Board approved the usage. Andy Hall will communicate with the Tarheel GRC about picking up and returning the cutouts.

Fine Tuning of Year-End Dog Awards – Some discussion about making some small adjustments to year-end dog awards. Tabled for further discussion in next meeting.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m. (meeting time included 45-minute lunch break)

The next general meeting is January 19 via Zoom.

The next board meeting is February 9 via Zoom.

Andy Hall – Secretary