



General Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023

Time: 7 pm

Location: Zoom

WELCOME: Robin Burket called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed everyone. Special thank you to Andy for a well run Rally/Obedience trial last weekend.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Guest Speaker - Terence Hickey – Reading with Pets.

Terence Hickey is the coordinator (and founder) of the Reading with Pets program at Windermere Prep School. He also has worked with the pet therapy programs at AdventHealth and Orlando Health, and this year he accepted a position as the Central Area Coordinator for Hearts of Gold. They are a licensed therapy dog agency serving Mid Florida, and a division of GRRMF. GRRMF has rescued over 4000 dogs since its founding in 1991, and Hearts of Gold has been in existence for five years. The dog has to go thru a training program. They have to have basic obedience and Terry and AKC approved trainer put them thru a test and then they go thru 3 observed visits and a report is given to see if the dog passes or they need additional training. Any event is recorded by the place of the event and by the GRRMF. The training can be done by the dog owner or thru a training class. If you would like to become a therapy dog, you can go to the Hearts of Gold website and fill out the form and someone will be back for you. <https://www.grrmf.org/grrmf-hearts-of-gold-therapy-team/>. Next event is in October 7th at the Chickasaw Library in Orlando from 10:30-2 to certify dogs.

REPORTS:

Secretary – Jenny Ford

Virginia McQueeney made a motion to approve the minutes from July 13th meeting as posted on the website.

Second was made by Christine McDaniel

All approved so motion passed

Treasurer – Robin Bowen - Current Financials

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vote in new members (Christine)

- No new members on the call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming events (Robin Burket)

- Obedience Seminar on August 19th (Robin Burket, Camille, Kristin,)
 - o 34 people are signed up for the event which Sally Sherman and Susan Howard will be doing the instructing. If you would like to volunteer you can e-mail Robin Burket, Camille, or Kristin to help with cleanup.
- Field Training Day August 26th and there will be a photographer there.
- Dock Diving October 14th will be sending a flyer out the beginning of September
- Barn Hunt has been pushed to 2024
- WC/WCX on October 21st and Puppy Stakes and all puppies will win ribbons.
- 2024 Obedience trial in Orlando August 11-13, will need to get a committee together

Braggs

- Pat and Mike's new puppy
- Jenny Ford said that Gunnar went Select at the White River Golden Retriever Specialty on Sunday.

Next board meeting is September 10th at 6 pm on Zoom

Next General Meeting is September 14th at 7 pm on Zoom

Jenny Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm

Second was made by Camille

All approved so motion passed