



Board Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2024

Time: after the Specialty

Location: Pam Ginn's home in Ocala

In Attendance: Christine McDaniel, Camille Nasca, Robin Bowen, Kristin Sipus, Pam Ginn, Cindy Patz

Reports:

President – Christine McDaniel called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with a big thank you to Pam Ginn for opening her home to us and providing dinner.

Secretary – Cindy Patz called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June Board Meeting; Robin Bowen made a motion to approve and was seconded by Christine McDaniel. The minutes were approved unanimously. Cindy also commented that Kirsten Sumal needs to receive the membership updates so she can keep her volunteer tracking spreadsheet up to date. Christine McDaniel said she would add her to the distribution list for the membership updates.

Treasurer – Robin Bowen and Christine McDaniel reviewed the financial statements that were sent to the board prior to the meeting. A question was asked about why the estimated expenses were better than expected and Christine repeated the answer she gave in detail in an email prior to the meeting. We also discussed budgeting for Chairs of events and to remind the Chairs that the previous year's PNL that is sent to them is to be assumed to be their budget and any needs outside of that budget should be discussed with the Board. It was also decided that a Board member needs to sign contracts and not just the Chair of the event.

Committee Reports:

Conformation Handling Days – Camille Nasca reported that 4 people attended the handling day this past Monday and everyone that has been attending showed how much they have learned in their great performance at the Specialty.

Rally/Obedience Trial – Camille Nasca asked if any Board Members would like to help at the weekend trials. Cindy Patz volunteered to help with hospitality for the Friday Rally Trials. Camille also suggested having a volunteer raffle for each of the 6 trials. Each volunteer would receive a raffle ticket and a basket of goodies will be given to the holder of the winning ticket. The Board thought it was a great idea and Camille will coordinate with Robin Bowen to see what toys and other giveaways we already own to start putting the raffle baskets together. Also, with the number of entries, Camille will need to order more qualifying ribbons (the 40 cent ones).

Old Business:

Website- Jordyn was not able to attend the meeting, but she relayed the update through Cindy Patz that she is waiting on a response from the website development team that is porting over our current website information.

Agility Fun Day – no update available

GR News ad highlighting members' accomplishments – It was discussed that we need to send email out this month since we want to place the ad in the Field Issue. That means that any submissions for the ad would need to be field photos, not ribbon photos. It was decided that it would need to be for any field title earned since the last ad at any AKC or GRCA event. The deadline is September and it was suggested that we would reach out to Chris Jeffrey to see if she would like to support the creation of the ad.

New Business:

New Member Applications – Christine McDaniel read 2 new applications:

Susan and Paul Vetter – live in St. Augustine and their sponsor is Michele Panetta; Christine commented that they were competing at the July Specialty and she sat next to them.

Yuko Okazato – lives in Dunnedin, FL and is applying for an associate membership; her sponsor is Lori Callahan

Shadowing Event Chairs (to teach others how to run events) – The board discussed how to assure the continued success of the club sponsored events focusing on the succession of Event Chairs. The Board agreed that we should reach out to the membership with a list of positions available to shadow the current Chair to see if they were interested in Chairing an event in the future. If there isn't a big response to the call then it was decided to reach out to people individually and encourage them to shadow a Chair such as Caroline Kendrick at the Specialty in December. It was also decided to send out a survey to the club where they can show the disciplines they are interested in participating whether it is chairing an event, participating in the event or just learning more about a discipline. Cindy Patz will put together a survey for the club based on interest and send it to the Board for review.

Communication with members who volunteer – It was noted that Michele Panetta said she would not like to chair the July Specialty again so Robin Bowen said she would send another thank you to Michele repeating our gratitude for her past contributions to the Specialty and acknowledging her request to not chair the event.

Ocala Cluster – The Board agreed that we should have a supported entry on November 16th at the Ocala Cluster. This will offer the opportunity to have the raffle we were unable to have at the July Specialty and we will host a pot-luck dinner.

Donations – It was agreed to table this discussion until the next Board meeting since we did not have a quorum.

Junior Achievement Award – It was agreed to table this award until next year so the applicants would have enough time to meet all the requirements to receive this award.

Fund for member goldens in need - Chris Jeffrey - Perhaps set aside a certain percentage from each function we have to go towards the fund. Individual donations can also be accepted and that may count as towards their volunteer hours that they need each year. Application would have to be made through the board and the board would make the decision on how much would be granted. It was decided to table this discussion until Chris Jeffrey is at the meeting where she can present the idea in her own words.

Date for next Field Training Day – Next Field training day is Sunday, July 21st at Brian Parker's place in Paisley, FL

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Robin Bowen and it was seconded by Christine McDaniel and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm

Next General Meeting is July 16th (Zoom @7:00pm)

Next Board Meeting is August 6th (Zoom @6:00pm)