



# Special Board Meeting Minutes

## January 21, 2025

**Location:** On Zoom at 6:00 pm

**In attendance:** Julie Wangelin, Cindy Patz, Robin Bowen, Amanda Fell, Morgan Brooks, Christine McDaniel, Kristin Sipus, Camille Nasca, Susan Sherman, Brian Parker, Robin Burket

**Topic:** Hosting an Eastern Regional Specialty

Robin Burket called the Special Meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Camille, who requested the meeting.

Camille said that this year's national specialty is in St. Louis, which is a much easier drive than next year's national specialty to be held in Colorado. Her concern is that it would affect the number of entries if we held it this year. After speaking with Pat Flannigan who serves on the GRCA Specialty Committee, she feels that our hosting an Eastern Regional should wait until the Spring of 2026 (March-May).

Christine McDaniel asked if there was a particular month that a regional takes place and the board discussed various reasons to select a particular month. Morgan Brooks commented that the Perry, Georgia shows are in April so hosting the Eastern Regional the following week would be a draw for those seeking breed points. The Board agreed with Morgan's recommendation and will look into hosting the Eastern Regional the weekend after Perry (around April 19<sup>th</sup> 2026). It was also decided to still have it at Greater Ocala Dog Club showgrounds.

Camille continued the conversation by discussing her research into the bottom-line numbers of the Pittsburg regional, noting that they sold a lot of merchandise prior to the show and did a lot of fundraising. Morgan offered to help organize the merchandising because she coordinated the merchandising for her sons' baseball teams, and she already has a good working relationship with someone. It was decided that we would focus on pre-sale items and not have a lot of extra merchandise on site. Camille suggested we use the Golden Daze Logo that we have used in past years and find an artist to update it (Camille will send the previous logo to the Board).

How to break down all the volunteers that are needed such as vendor chair, trophy chair, merchandise chair, raffle chair, hotel chair, etc. was also discussed and some preliminary names were suggested for some of the chair positions.

Morgan Brooks suggested we approach Florida Gulf Coast to see if they want to host a specialty. The Board also discussed a tentative schedule:

- WC/WCX on Wednesday
- CCA and Obedience/Rally on Thursday
- Specialties: Friday (2 w/ 100 entries each, sweeps (1) and junior), Saturday (Eastern Regional with no limit on entry), Sunday (no limit on entry)

The next step is to submit a bid that includes date, location, events offered and a blurb of the club and a tentative schedule.

Robin adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm