Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club

November 12, 2016

General Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Karen Ander, president, at Animal Inn in Lake Elmo.

**Secretary:** The minutes were approved as written. Secretary Mindy Elledge made a copy available to members.

**Treasurer:**  Checking: `$12,495.08

(minus) 446.15 (outstanding checks)

Savings: 10,029.85

CD: 27,402.56

50,220.88

\*Outstanding checks:

Agility $177.00

Obedience: 75.00

Speaker: 50.00

June specialty: 144.15

**Conformation:** Gretchen Olson reported that everything is in order for for the club’s January specialties. She said she had arranged for club members to have dinner with judges at 5:30 p.m. at the Downtowner Woodfire Grill in St. Paul, about two blocks from the show site. There is a limit of 20. She said she wanted suggestions for judges for the August specialty. She said the club might be able to share judges with the St. Croix Kennel Club and save money, but that the kennel club had not yet supplied a list. Judy Super asked if there would be two specialties in August. Gretchen said no, it often is simply too hot. Deb Rahm asked if anyone had seen the premium list for the January shows. Gretchen said no, it wasn’t out, yet, but that the GTCGRC’s part is done. Deb said the club needs volunteers for Land o’ Lakes Kennel Club, and that Gretchen might want to contact Carol Sanger for details.. Ed Phiefer said there will be flyball, dock diving, other exhibitions, in January, but no obedience trial.

**Field:** Ed reported that nothing is going on

**Performance:** The club’s obedience trial will be March 25 and 26, 2016, at Total Recall at Hugo. The club will be offering food. Charney Petroske noted that the club needs to have its own cleanup crew, or the club gets charged a large fee. clean up. This event, also, needs volunteers

The club’s next agility trial will be January 20, 21, and 22, 2017, at On the Run in Ham Lake. Again, this event will need a lot of volunteers.

**Unfinished business:** Karen noted that the club’s bylaws requires the club to provide educational experiences, such as Responsible Dog Owners Day, or Pet Expo. She asked members to offer suggestions.

GTCGRC’s 50th Anniversary: Laurie Hanson and Paula Ellis will be chairing the club’s 50th Anniversary celebration. Again, she said, the board welcomes suggestions. She said Jenny McGuire will do something fun for apparel items for the celebration.

Fun Match: Karen said the club is working on an obedience fun match for the winter months.

Banquet: Karen said Laurie Hanson and Jaci Carufel are working on the March 11, 2017, banquet/annual meeting, but that there is no venue, yet.

Board nominations: Jane Doctor, Judy Super, and Corrine Gronvold are on the nominating committee and will announce nominations for the board in December. Corrine noted that members could volunteer or nominate someone to be on the board. Karen said that, in addition to suggestions from the nominating committee, members can an nominate candidates at the February 11, 2017, meeting. Traveling trophy application and certificate forms will be on the website before the end of the year. Joanne Dalby has volunteered to prepare certificates. Corrine needs the traveling trophies returned by February 1, 2017. Karen said if club members want a program for the banquet, someone needs to volunteer. No one did.

Painting party: Charney will be setting up a painting party, where members can paint pictures of their dogs based on a photo. Charney said she will be working with Helping Paws to do this in March or April.

Christmas party: Karen asked, “Did anyone not see my email [about volunteering to run it]?” She said the club needs a volunteer to do it arrange decorations and games, and coordinate a potluck. The party is scheduled for December 3, 2016, at Helping Paws in Hopkins. No one volunteered.

Membership: Deb Rahm reported that there are no new members to be voted in, but that Kathy, Jessica, and Ava Anlauf have fulfilled membership requirements. Voting will be at the December meeting.

New business: Karen said the board has had a discussion of possibly cutting back on the number of meetings. She said the bylaws require no fewer than six. Luanne Runkle asked why the club couldn’t have one holiday party that would encompass Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas?: Karen noted that the club does have to follow timelines for nominations and to identify volunteers. She asked for members’ suggestions. There would be for no changes until 2017.

Miscellaneous: Karen also sought input on changing criteria for traveling trophies, because there have been some concerns. Members have provided input for agility and field. Jaci said there are new venues for which the club might want to provide trophies, such as nose work, flyball, and lure coursing. . Mindy noted that the trophies were really expensive. Ed said the trophies were a gift in memory of deceased member Patty Qualle. Judy Super suggested checking with the GRCA about what events to cover.

**New business:**

Puppy referral: Karen said that a few people have volunteered to handle puppy referral on behalf of the club. She said the board is trying to decide what to do about puppy referral, and that it will be deciding at the December meeting. She welcomed member suggestions. Nancy Dahlen said a puppy referral person needs to be patient, and willing to provide more education than referrals. Karen said a puppy referral person must be available for a period of time and not just when that person has puppies available. Those with puppies must agree to abide by the GRCA’s code of ethics. Corrine said she and her dog volunteer at the airport, and get a lot of questions about the breed. Karen said a good suggestion for potential buyers is to come to the club’s specialties and talk with breeders.

Health clinic: Sheila Daly has been working on this and is waiting to hear from various veterinary experts. The clinic will be on May 6, 2017, at Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital. The club, again, will need volunteers. Deb Rahm volunteered. A signup sheet went around.

Karen said Mindy will take over the newsletter, but needs a template. Jaci asked for ideas for club meetings. There will be no meeting in January. Upcoming meetings will be on February 11, March 11, and April 8.

Raffle: Mindy said the club needs donations for the raffle. She said she had a lot of empty baskets, but not a lot of items.

Paula Ellis moved to adjourn. Linda Keiy seconded. The meeting was adjourned for an exhibition on agility.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda S. Elledge

Secretary