**Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club**

**July 23, 2016**

**General Minutes**

President Karen Ander called the meeting together at 2:25 p.m. at Water’s Edge in Buffalo.

**Secretary**:

The minutes of the last meeting are not on the website, yet, but will be soon.

**Treasurer:**

Sarah Gaaswyk was not present, but sent some information to Karen.

Checking $6,884.42

Savings $10,029.20

CD $27,395.65

Total: $44,309.27

Checking - Outstanding Checks:

Waters Edge Rental $175.00

Judy Super - CCA expenses $78.70

Nose Work Seminar Instructor $150.00

Charney - CCA expenses $166.31

Shirley Knutson - CCA expenses $231.68

Airfresh Industries (Field Seminar Toilet Rental) $90.00

 $891.69

Checks to be Deposited:

Nosework $30.00

CCA $70.00

Trophy Donation $40.00

Field Seminar $57.00

 $197.00

Totals:

Checking (less outstanding checks, plus checks to be deposited) $6,189.73

Savings $10,029.20

CD $27,395.65

Total: $43,614.58

Copies of the audit will be available at the September 24 meeting. The auditor recommended that it not be sent by email, or be taken home by members. Luann Runkle asked who did the audit, and Karen said that it was the CPA firm of Anderson, Ditmer, and Company. Luann asked whether the same firm doing taxes and the audit is considered proper. Karen said that, according to the CPA, it is unless it is an IRS audit. The club also follows GRCA protocols for audits.

The CPA recommends two signatures on checks over $1,000, and the club has been doing this for some months. Karen and Sarah are the only authorized signers.

**Membership:**

Deb Rahm: . Club members accepted Mandy Urness as a member. There’s no one else yet meeting membership qualifications. A family wants to join that doesn’t yet have a Golden, but wants a puppy. They weren’t able to come to this meeting.

**Conformation:**

All is ready for summer specialty and on target Jane and Gretchen are working on the January specialty. The club needs a volunteer to collect money for trophies for January’s two conformation specialties.

Corrine Gronvold commented that the CCA went extremely well. Volunteers did a great job, and the judges really took the time to explain things to participants, she said.

**Field:**

Ed: The club had to cancel both June and July field seminars because of lack of interest. It also conflicted with Duluth dog shows. Only eight signed up in July, but the club needed 12. The next seminar is scheduled for August 21. The WC/WCX will be September 18 and is on Entry Express.

**Performance:**

Agility: Alyssa Taylor reported that the GTCGRC’s agility trial will be August 19, 20, and 21 at Soccer Blast in Burnsville. Because the club is offering a number of classes in addition to typical ones, the club needs a lot of volunteers. The club supplies food for volunteers, and volunteers don’t have to work all day, or all days. Those interested should contact Ava Higginbotham to volunteer.

Obedience: The GTCGRC’s second all-breed obedience trial is scheduled for March 25 and 26, 2017, at Total Recall. The November obedience trial was cancelled because of conflicts with other trials. Ed said the club could use more stewards for the August specialty trial.

**Old business:**

State Fair: Golden Retriever day will be August 31, 2016. Corrine will get tickets for volunteers about two weeks before the fair. Volunteers don’t have to work all day, or even all days. Dogs get petted a lot and go home tired.

Teeshirts: Black “Golden Kind” teeshirts will be available at the agility trials and at the specialty. Please promote the shirts, because the club needs to make money. They will be available in unisex, ladies short- and long-sleeved. Gretchen will sell them at the agility trial, but is looking for a volunteer to sell them at the specialty. Unisex and ladies short sleeve: $22.00 SM-XLG $27.00 for XXLG. Long-sleeved: $27.00 SM-XLG, $30.00 XXLG. This is the same price as last year.

The next meeting will be on September 24. The location and program will be on the website when Jaci Carufel finalizes them.

Deb Rahm volunteered to chair the Halloween party in October at Helping Paws. Laurie Hanson will be chairing the banquet. Mindy will accept raffle prizes at any meeting, and noted that there are a lot of good sales, now. She also reminded members that prizes should be things that members themselves would like to get. She also welcomes donations of baskets.

The club is planning to have a fun match, likely in January or February. Mary Leonard said the local Schnauzer club will do a “run-and-done” in August, and suggested the GTCGRC consider doing one, too, before August specialty. No one volunteered to do this.

Responsible dog owners day: Alyssa Taylor is unable to go, this year. Anyone interested should let Karen know and she’ll provide more information.

The University of California at Davis is beginning a study on protective genes in Golden Retrievers 50 pounds and 12 years or older. Information will be on the website and FB page.Spread the word.

Puppy referral: Sheila wants to give it up. The club has breeder members in good standing with dogs with clearances, but they seldom have puppies available.Karen will talk to John Chase of the GRCA about what other clubs do.

Corrine moved to adjourn the meeting, with Ed seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. Karen thanked members who braved stormy weather to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda S. Elledge