

GTCGRC
General Meeting
September 19, 2015

President Sheila Daly called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at All-Breed Obedience and Behavioral Training in Woodbury. There was an excellent turnout. Many members brought their dogs for Sharon Middendorf's nose work presentation.

Secretary: Members waived reading of the minutes of the July 25, 2015, meeting.

Treasurer:

Total:	\$62,026.28
Checking:	\$24,832.52
Savings:	\$10,026.70
CD 1	\$21,733.56
CD 2	\$ 5,433.41

Ava Higginbotham noted that a number of checks haven't yet cleared, including some larger ones from the August agility trial. The agility trial made some \$8,400 profit.

Membership:

Membership chair Deb Rahm reminded members to sign in. It is important so she can track who's applied for membership and attended two meetings,

Conformation:

The summer specialty went well. Specialty judge Bill Lauderdale commented that he was honored to have judged the event.

The January specialty will include a class for four- to six-month-old puppies. Pluis Davern will judge regular, junior, and four- to six-month puppy classes at the January specialty, and Fran Smith will judge sweepstakes classes. Deb Nordby will judge sweepstakes in the supported entry on Saturday. There will be no four- to six-month puppy classes on Saturday.

Mindy Elledge, Paula Ellis, and Sharon Sullivan will take care of the raffle for the specialty. Mindy will receive any donations and keep them until the event. Mindy asked that all members consider donating something they'd like to receive. Some suggestions: Retrieving dummies, dog toys, good quality dog shampoo/conditioner, field items, tracking items, obedience items, show leads, big box of good quality dog treats, gift certificates from your vet for services, gift certificates for photo sessions, gift certificates for handling. In the past, members have generously donated many really nice items, including handcrafted ones.

Corrine Gronvold said the club paid for trophies for the summer specialty, but would be seeking donors for the January specialty. She passed a sheet around for trophy donations, saying treasurer Ava Higginbotham could take cash or checks.

LuAnn Runkle said the American Kennel Club now allows clubs to hold four specialty shows a year. She said she has attended several such shows, recently, and that it was extremely convenient. She suggested that the club consider having two specialties in one day at its August show.

Field:

Ed Pfeifer reported that the club's field activities were done for the year. The WC/WCX tests went well, with 34 entries in each class, and that many teams passed, and there were a lot of helpful volunteers.

Performance:

Alyssa Taylor reported that the GTCGRC's August agility trial was the biggest two-ring trial in the state, with more than 500 runs each day, and was extremely well received. On one day, all 620 runs filled. The trials made some \$8,400 in profit for the club. The January agility trial is set.

Ed Pfeifer noted that the club will sponsor a two-day obedience trial on November 14 and 15 at Total Recall in Hugo. Judges include Robert Burgin, Chuck Kline, and Lynn Tamms. There still is need for more stewards, and for people to prepare food for both days.

State Fair:

Corrine Gronvold reported that Golden Retriever Day at the fair was a huge success, with 36 to 38 people participating. The Fair tried really hard to make things comfortable by putting an air conditioner in the crate area. Golden always are the most popular dogs there, she said.

Responsible Dog Owners Day:

Alyssa Taylor said the event went well. She and Joanne Rydel represented the club.

Unfinished business:

Dog Works closed, so October and November meetings have been moved. The October 24 Halloween party/meeting will be at Tails Up Dog Training in Burnsville. The November 19 meeting will be at Helping Paws in Burnsville. One of the veterinarians from the Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital will speak on vaccines, allergies, titers and so forth.

Judy Super asked if the club was donating anything to the 2015 GRCA National. The club is not giving a raffle basket, this year, but is donating \$1,000.

John Warnest asked about when the club will be having a CCA. It will be on June 25, 2016, at Tails Up Dog Training in Burnsville. Judges will be: Julie Carruthers, Ellen Hardin, and Maureen Shaughnessy.

Nominating committee:

A nominating committee consisting of Mindy Elledge, Sharon Sullivan, and Shirley Knutson will recommend individuals to fill the positions of president, secretary, and treasurer, and to fill positions

as conformation, performance, and field chairs. Any member can volunteer, or recommend others, to fill those positions, by contacting anyone on the nominating committee.

New business:

The club needs someone to chair the banquet committee for the March, 2016, banquet and meeting. Melissa Driggers and Corrine Gronvold volunteered. The banquet includes election of board members and presentation of annual awards.

Alyssa Taylor will be bowing out as newsletter editor, so the club needs a new one. Sheila Daly has volunteered to do this when her term as president ends in March.

There are a few “Be Golden Kind” t-shirts available in a few sizes. If there are at least 24 more orders, the club can order more. Gretchen Olson has volunteered to do this. Prices for short-sleeved shirts are \$22 for S, M, L, and XL, and \$27 for XXL. Long-sleeved shirts are \$27 for S, M, L, and XL.

Kathy Carroll moved the meeting be adjourned. Ava Higginbotham seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda S. Elledge
Secretary