Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club

May 6, 2017

General Meeting Minutes

President Karen Ander called the meeting together at 6:30p.m. Saturday, May 6, 2017, at Allbreed Obedience in Woodbury, MN. Present were: President Karen Ander, conformation Gretchen Olson, performance Bonnie Oian and Charney Petroske, field Dar Yoho. Absent were: Sarah Gaalswyk, treasurer, Mindy Elledge, secretary, Melissa Driggers, field, and Laurie Hanson Conformation.

**April meeting minutes**

Approved as posted.

**Secretary Report** – Absent

**Treasurer**

Checking: 11,531.34

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Checking Balance: 10,812.34

Savings: 10,031.27

CD: 27,416.22

Total = 48,259.83

Outstanding: 719

Banquet: 300

Agility: 224

State of MN: 25

Purebred Assoc: 40

All Breed Rental: 80

Conformation event fee: 50

I should note that I haven't sent the $3,000 in donations yet. I will do that this week. Karen stated that we reduced our donations from $4,000 to $3,000 this year due to the added cost of our 50th anniversary celebration. Bonnie noted that we will review our finances after the celebration and may make additional donations. Karen noted that we are also going to do two painting parties this year to benefit Helping Paws. That is why we are not making a donation to them at this time. Karen announced the 2017 donations as follows:

Morris Animal Foundation $675

GRCA Foundation $675

Wendy Townsend, DVM $675

GRCA National $200

K-9 Data $100

Dr. Modiano $675

Karen Noted that there was an error with the payment to the show secretary for the obedience trial. Sarah sent check twice to obedience secretary in the amount of $2,490.25 to Dog Shows By Design. Cindy is sending the check back and Sarah is correcting the error.

Karen said that the Health Clinic earlier in the day went well. Attendance was down, probably due to lack of marketing. Karen said we need a new Health Clinic Chair, this was Sheila’s last year. If we don’t get a chair, we will not be doing a health clinic next year. We look to break even or have very little expense, these are public service events. Karen said $60 was spent on pizza and we were $30 to $65 short at the end of the day. She said this could be due to someone not paying, or some sort of error with all the hustle and bustle.

**Membership:**

Deb reported that there were a few applications but no movement on them. She will hang onto them.

The new password for the website is: SOLIDGOLD2017 (all caps, no spaces). This was noted in the newsletter.

Kathy Carroll asked if we could get a more “central” location for meetings, some places are very far to drive. It was mentioned that no matter where it is, it is far for someone and that we try and move around town to accommodate the majority. Karen said that we also need to be close for our speakers, if we have them. We can’t expect them to drive across town.

Judy (name?) mentioned that RAGOM used to have meetings at Craft Breweries and that they are dog friendly. Not sure about how many they accommodate. Deb Rahm asked if you can reserve and Judy said yes. She mentioned there is one in NE Mpls. Not sure of the name. LuAnne Runkle thought we should check with our insurance about liability if members are drinking at our meetings and if that is a concern. Karen agreed that was a good idea.

**Conformation:**

Gretchen reported that August is all set.

January is set. Judges aren’t approved yet, so they can’t be announced. Laurie has also submitted application with AKC.

Still looking for a raffle chair.

**Field:**

Dar reported that they will be getting an email out very soon with the details for the seminar next weekend, May 13 and 14. It did fill up.

WC/WCX is pretty well set and a few more details to iron out. Date: September 17.

Dar and Melissa are still working on the monthly seminars. He stated that attendance was low last year and they are considering reducing the amount of monthly seminars this year for that reason.

**Performance:**

Bonnie reported that she still believes that Ed Pheifer will be chairing the August show and Mary Pheifer will help him. She also said they will need about four volunteers in addition to Ed and Mary. Kathy Carroll volunteered to help. Thank you Kathy!

Bonnie is having trouble finding judges for March 24 and 25, 2018, obedience trial at Total Recall. She said that three of the judges on her first list of 5 are no’s. She will be going onto to her alternate list.

No news on agility since last month.

**Other Public Events:**

State Fair: Corrine has that moving along. Corrine reported that there are quite a few signed up, 23. She said that we can use both outside covered areas if necessary. She said we can use more volunteers for the afternoon shift. Corrine said the parking is paid by the state fair as well as some tickets for admission. What the fair doesn’t pay for, the club does. Charney Petroski asked, “what do we do at the fair”. Corrine said demos and lots of such schmoozing with our dogs. Dogs will get lots of petting. Demos are obedience, agility, field, conformation, and junior showmanship.

**Unfinished Business:**

**50th Anniversary Party:**

Karen reported that she started conversation with Jenny @ My Dog Art. She will be doing our art and she sent the board an example via email of what she will be basing our design on. Karen said we will be doing white short-sleeved tee-shirts, with a 5”x7” print backed with mat board and poly, and bagged.

We will also be checking on Christmas bulbs (LuAnn Runkle suggested) and canvas bags.

Karen also said she will check with Jenny to see if Lady Cuts will be available.

Karen brought up mentorship. We discussed this at our planning meeting. Karen asked for volunteers and Lisa Putman volunteered to be a mentor. Thank you Lisa!

Karen reported that she had Water’s Edge reserved for July 22nd and that Michelle Meyer offered to co-chair. Diane Kline is slotted for tricks and trick testing.

Gretchen said that we will be changing from cake to cupcakes for our 50th celebration in August. Gretchen said that we can’t use Hooley Hall for our potluck because it is booked with another group. We discussed how feasible a potluck is anyway, because it’s hard to keep food cold until it’s time to heat or warm until it’s time to eat. With people being busy getting their cars packed and dogs ready, they probably won’t have time to add making a dish on top of that. Karen mentioned that maybe we should cater something like chicken. Bonnie suggested a reliable source for something catered. She suggested “The Coop” in South St. Paul, 10 to 12 miles away. We would have to figure the logistics out on that. Dar suggested Acapulco in Stillwater, and have a taco bar. Acapulco does cater. That is another option. Gretchen is going to check to see if we can get a picnic pavilion for this.

**New Business:**

Karen reported that she had emailed members traveling trophy criteria for 2017 trophies. Lisa Putman asked if we are going to recognize the new venues this year, such as Barn Hunt, Tricks, Lure Coursing, Nosework, Therapy). Karen said nothing will change this year, because it has already been published, but that next years board could discuss. It was questioned if these events would be eligible for the versatility award. That too, needs to be researched and discussed next year.

Karen said we will be having two painting parties this year. Charney is looking into having the first one in November and the second early next spring. There will be more information to come.

Karen mentioned that Sarah was going to working on t-shirt, jackets, and so forth, with the current logo, but that there is no report from Sarah yet on that. Deb Rahm asked if there could be bandanas for the dogs too.

Karen said that the club’s financial information will be available at the September meeting again this year.

Karen said that we will be having a form on our website for volunteers. Each volunteer needs to fill out a form for each event, have the committee event chair sign the form, and return the form to Deb Rahm. **IT IS EACH MEMBER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO TURN IN THESE FORMS WHEN APPLYING FOR A TRAVELING TROPHY. IF A MEMBER DOES NOT TURN FORMS IN, AND IT’S TROPHY TIME, THAT MEMBER MAY NOT HAVE MET REQUIRED VOLUNTEERING CRITERIA.**

Karen said that Susan Kluesner is retiring from writing the GTCGRC column for the GRCA news. The club either needs a replacement or will have to forego a column from our club. We will be recognizing her achievement for 25 years of commitment to the column for our club with a donation to an organization dear to her heart, possibly the University of Minnesota. Then There also will be cake, possibly at the club’s picnic, if she will be there, to celebrate her retirement. Karen asked for any volunteers.

LuAnne Runkle said, “Mindy’s newsletter is professional and wonderful!.” Thank you Mindy!!”

Corrine Gronvold moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Linda Kiey. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ander

President