**Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club**

**February 11, 2017**

**Board Meeting**

President Karen Ander called the meeting to order @6:30pm, Saturday February 11, 2017 at Cloud Nine Training School in Hopkins.

***Secretary:***

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as posted on the website.

***Treasurer:***

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| Checking  | 17,221.52 |
| Outstanding  | 3,591.90 |
| Savings | 10,030.57 |
| CD | 27,409.47 |
| **Total** | **51,069.66** |
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| **Outstanding checks:** |  |
| Banquet 100.00 |  |
| Conformation 27.87 |  |
| Speaker - Cathy Hoese 50.00 |  |
| Agility 3,414.03 |  |

***Conformation:***

**January Specialty**

Karen reported; specialty was great. It was a lot of work. We need to start discussing if we would want to do a back to back again. Got lots of feedback from folks, saying they liked it. Some were obviously disappointed about the entry limit. It wasn’t really fair for the Jonathan either – his show had fewer entries due to sweepstakes. LuAnn Runkle and Deb Rahm both mentioned that they really liked the back to back specialties. Gretchen Olson suggested that we split sweeps, puppy sweeps in the 1st show and veteran and gun dog at the 2nd show. Gretchen stated that Des Moines is doing that at their next back to back show. Karen said it was too long of a day for Mary Phelps and all the other folks, including the raffle folks. If we do this again, we will need to have a set of volunteers for each show. Dinner was very nice. Jonathan enjoyed judging and all the handlers. I thought he gave every dog a very fair look.

**August Specialty**

Gretchen reported: The regular judge is hired for our August Specialty, and has signed the contract.  She is also able to judge Jr's. Not able to announce yet – she is not approved.

The Sweeps judge is also hired.

Shirley Knutson has agreed to be Show Chair.

***Field:***

Melissa Driggers reported that she has arranged Tim Springer to do a field seminar on May 13 and 14 at Kelly Farms / Marine on St. Croix. She said it conflicts with the Eau Claire show, but the 1st weekend in May is our health clinic, then the weekend of the 20th, Tim has a commitment and the last weekend is Memorial Day. More information to come as it becomes available. Melissa also said that Dar is talking to another trainer about doing the monthly seminars. More information will be shared on this event as well, as it becomes available.

***Performance:***

***Obedience***

Bonnie reported that Ed will be the show chair for the August Specialty and that the judge is hired.

Bonnie and Ed reported that the March obedience trial is all on track. The venue is Total Recall. Ed stated that the premiums are out and he has extras with him if anyone would like one. Bonnie will be taking care of food.

More volunteers are needed. Ed sent a sign up sheet around.

Bonnie reported that the obedience judge for August 2018 has been hired.

***Agility***

Ava reported on the January Specialty. The dates were January 20, 21 and 22.

We filled all 3 days and had people on a waiting list wanting to get in.
We took in $16,317.00 - I don't know what all the expenses came out to be.  Sarah should have that information for you.
We offered a Glory Run on Friday.  12 dogs ran in this.  It was a great fun and sad event.  Fun to see the senior dogs like River giving it her all, and sad to hear of those who were no longer with us. There were also puppies running in honor of them.

The Judge was:  Katherine Rudolph from Wisconsin.
I believe there were 31 golden retrievers running that weekend.

 ***Our high scoring golden was "Jazzy" Loose handled by owner Dick Loose from our club.***
*Next year the trial dates will be:  January 19, 20 & 21, 2018
Location will be:  On The Run Canine Center, Ham Lake, MN
The Judge is:  Mike Teh
Trail Chair person :  Alyssa Taylor
Volunteer Coordinator:  Ava Higginbotham
Food:  Sharon Anderson and Linda Furst*
The rest of the committee I'm not sure about.
It was a wonderful event.

Ava reported that we will be adding an additional agility trial in October and that the board approved the event. The location will be Fusion. The dates are October 12, 13 and 14. They have a show secretary and a small committee. Sarah Gaalswyk will be the show chair.

***Membership:***

Bonnie Swanson has met requirements for membership. The board voted unanimously to accept her. Bonnie was not present.

***Unfinished business:***

***Nominations***

Karen announced that the nominees for filling the exiting board members, Jane Doctor, Conformation and Ed Pheifer, Field. The nominee for conformation is Laurie Hanson and she has accepted the nomination. The nominee for field is Darwyn Yoho and he as accepted the nomination.

***Banquet***

Karen reported that Jaci and Laurie are very busy making the plans for the banquet. They have lots of fun things planned. There will be lots of food, games and prizes. Laurie sent Karen an email saying that an anonymous person donated $250.00 of her own money to the club to be used specifically for the banquet because she heard what other clubs do and wanted our club to spend a little more money to so some nice things for our members. We all agreed that is VERY generous and want to extend a big THANK YOU from the ENTIRE GTCGRC membership! Jaci and Laurie will be spending that money on nice door prizes and items for the bags that they will be handing out to everyone.

They are asking the board to increase the amount for the annual banquet from $200 to $500. We will discuss that at the planning meeting.

They did request an additional $100.00 from the club this year for additional expenses. The board voted and approved the request.

Karen stated that Corrine has all the trophies and that she had compiled all the results for the applications for the trophies and versatility awards and passed that on to Corrine. Corrine will take care of getting the new information on the trophies and the versatility awards made.

Karen reached out to Joanne Dalby inquiring how the certificates were going. She had a few questions and some confusing information on the applications. Karen mentioned that the certificates are a lot of work and we to come up with criteria much like we do with the award applicants. We will follow up with this at the planning meeting.

Karen mentioned that Charney and Joe have run out of time to produce the program. She will reach out to the membership to see if anyone would like to make the program. If not, we will not have one. No one volunteered. Karen stated that there will be no program at the banquet.

***50th Anniversary***

Karen stated that there is no update from the 50th Anniversary planning committee.

***Fun match***

Karen reported that there has been no more communication on a Fun Match. Maybe we can have one in 2017.

***Painting Party***

Karen reported that The Painting Party is moving right along. Charney thought we had about 22 folks entered. Charney has sent out additional information on the event to the folks that signed up.

***Newsletter***

Karen stated that Mindy is doing a FABULOUS job on the newsletter and has received many positive compliments. Everyone agreed.

***Health Clinic***

Sheila reported that she has all the doctors lined up. Then Clinic will be held at IGHAH on May 6th. We need more volunteers. Sheila stated that we will need 20 volunteers.

***New business:***

Karen stated that the agility folks reached out for a coffee pot. It was discovered that many of our coffee pots were owned by club members and either borrowed or donated. They are very small. I think we should purchase a large coffee pot to be used at the events we host. There’s no reason why we can’t have one big coffee pot rather than making coffee over and over again. The old one or ones, whatever we have, can be used for decaf or hot water. The board voted and approved the purchase of a new 80cup coffee maker. Karen will purchase.

Karen mentioned that the planning meeting for next year will be in April. She reached out to the membership for ideas on topics or demos for the upcoming year. Two ideas were suggested; Animal Resuscitation and Shed Antler Hunting.

Karen also mentioned that the board would be discussing and reducing the meetings next year by 1 to 2.

Mary Pheifer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Linda Kiey. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ander

President