

**Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club
General Meeting
May 16, 2015**

President Sheila Daly called the meeting together at 6:35 p.m. at All-Breed Dog Training in Woodbury.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer:

Total: \$48,350.26

Checking: \$11,327.67

Savings \$10,025.69

CD I \$21,577.52

CD II \$ 5,399.38

Membership chair:

The club welcomed various several new members. All told a little about themselves and their dogs.

Attending for the first time: Lisa Bugman

Attending for the second time: Linda Kiey, Karen and Mark Anderson, Kris Weiss, Nicole Wiebusch, and Carney and Joe Petroske.

The board and the club did not vote on membership.

Conformation:

Conformation chairs have selected judges for both August and January specialty shows. There will be a parade of dogs enrolled with the Morris Animal Foundation at the August specialty.

Field:

People really enjoyed the Mitch White field seminar, and several members have suggested that the club bring him back next year.

WC and WCX tests will be on September 13 at Kelly Farms. There will be monthly field seminars all summer at Kelly Farms. Kathy Carroll invited all members to bring their Goldens to explore doing "what they're bred to do." Kathy said the trainer works with each dog at its own level. Dates for field seminars are on the website.

Performance:

Alyssa Taylor reported that 80 per cent of what needs to be done for the August 14, 15, and 16 agility trial is done. The trial will be at Soccer Blast in Bloomington.

There will be an all-breed agility trial on November 14 and 15 at Total Recall in Hugo. Judges have been hired.

June meeting:

Karen Anders reported that the next meeting will be at All-Breed Dog Training in Woodbury. Members will be able to see and try rally with their dogs. The board will meet at 4:45 p.m. and the general meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Picnic:

The club's annual picnic will be Saturday, July 25, at Water's Edge in Buffalo. There will be a sign-up sheet to help. There will be demonstrations of various dog sports, and everyone will be able to try some of them with their dogs.

There will be no meeting until September.

Certification of Conformation Assessment (CCA):

Alyssa Wold explained that the CCA is for dogs who don't compete in conformation, but whose owners want them assessed to see how they conform to the breed standard. Three qualified judges score the dogs from 1 to 100, with 75 being a passing score. The judges discuss their assessments with each owner. Dogs must be 18 months old or older.

Karen Ander, Alyssa Taylor, and Gretchen Olson will chair the CCA committee.

Guidelines:

Board members have been working on putting together process and planning guides that can be updated and passed to future board members to help in fulfilling their duties and planning events. First drafts are due in August.

For example, for the CCA, the board would put together a guide about what is involved in putting on such an event, including rules and documents on how to do it. Another example might be how to put on a raffle for a specialty.

Sheila suggested members keep this in mind, and volunteer to run various events. There will be guidelines to show exactly how to do it.

State Fair:

The club will be outside the pet center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2. Those who attend will get tickets and parking. Corrine Gronvold said Golden Retrievers always are the biggest draw. Those who attend should bring a crate for their dogs, water, and a chair.

New business:

Sheila Daly said the board discussed starting a kindness campaign in the club: "Be Golden Kind," that might be introduced this summer. The club might sell teeshirts and sweatshirts bearing a picture of a Golden and the slogan. Several members suggested perhaps canvas totes or bandanas.

Logo:

Sheila said the board is looking into perhaps changing the club's logo for the club's 50th anniversary in 2017. She said the original logo was an original drawing that can't be used electronically because it isn't high-resolution and all that still exist are copies of it.

Deb Rahm said she likes the old logo, and asked whether members would be able to vote on changing the logo.

Health clinic:

Sheila reported that 77 dogs attended the GTCGRC's health clinic, today, and that it was really well received.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The program included members who were experienced at grooming Golden Retrievers showing other members how to do it.

Respectfully submitted:

Melinda Elledge