Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club

General Minutes

October 28, 2017

President Karen Ander called the meeting together at 6:36 p.m. at Augusta Dog Training in Long Lake. Karen thanked Deb Rahm and Luann Runkle for the beautiful Halloween decorations and great party planning.

Roll call.

**Secretary:**

The secretary had nothing to report. The minutes were approved as posted.

**Treasurer:**

The treasurer was absent. Karen noted that the club still is waiting for financials for the summer specialty. The club’s annual financial report will be available at the December meeting.

Checking: $18,202.90

Outstanding checks: $ 1,022.00

WC/WCX $ 197.60

State Fair adm. $ 14.70

Agility refunds: $ 808.70

$17,180.90

Savings: $ 5,048.04

CD: $27,429.97

$49,658.91

**Membership:**

Membership chair Deb Rahm introduced Judy Winters, who also was at the club’s picnic. This is her second meeting, so the board will vote on her application at its next meeting..

**Conformation:**

Laurie Hanson reported that everything is ready for the club’s January specialty’s two conformation shows on January 5 at the Xcel Center in St. Paul. Judges are:

Morning: Debbie Claussen, California; Veteran and Gun Dog Sweeps: Dale Meyer, Wisconsin.

Afternoon: Kimberly Merideth-Cavanna, California. Puppy sweeps: Dale Ms. Cavanaugh will judge juniors. Meyer, Wisconsin. Ms. Cavanna will judge juniors.

Mary Phelps will be chief ring steward for the morning show, but the club still needs inside and outside ring stewards in the afternoon. The will have sign-up sheets at the December meeting for specialty volunteer positions. The Land o’ Lakes Kennel Club requires participating clubs to provide volunteers for its shows, too. Specialty trophies are ordered, and Laurie said they include wood burned pin brushes and baskets in the morning, and embroidered tote bags in the afternoon. She said that Jessica Anlauf has put together a great raffle this year. She is hoping members will bring donations to the December meeting. She said that show superintendent Onofrio has all the club’s information, but that premium is not yet online. Entries close at noon on December 20. Kathy Godlewski is the show chair.

Laurie said judges have been hired for the August specialty, but have not yet been approved by the AKC. Ed Pfeifer is the obedience/rally chair. Judy Campbell is the conformation chair.

**Field:**

Dar Yoho thanked volunteers for helping at WC/WCX. While there weren’t many entries, the day was successful. Field chairs are discussing how to get more entries. This year, a different club had a large WC/WCX event a few week before the club’s event.

**Performance:**

Agility:

Event chair Ava Higginbotham reported by email on the club’s first October agility trial at Fusion Pet Retreat in Minnetonka. . Karen read it to members.

While there were still available runs on Friday, all 330 runs were full on Saturday, and there were approximately 300 runs on Sunday. Next year, the club plans to offer more classes on Friday and Sunday to try to fill all runs.

The judge, Sandy Moody, from Delaware, received rave reviews, and Judy Campbell and Cathy Greninger provided outstanding food for participants. The club gave out two Master Agility Champion (MACH) bars and one Preferred Agility Champion (PACH) bar.

The club thanks committee members Ava, Becky and Kathy Eckert, Dick and Cheryl Loose, Judy Campbell, and Cathy Greninger, and others who helped make the event successful. Ava estimates the club’s profit as between $1,500 and $2,000.

The club’s next trials are planned, as well. The first will be fromJanuary 19 to 21, 2018, at On the Run Canine Center in Ham Lake. Chair is Alyssa Taylor. The judge is Mike Teh. The second will be from August 17 to 19, 2018, at Soccer Blast in Burnsville. Sarah Gaalswyk is chair.

Obedience:

The club’s next obedience trial will be from March 24 and 25, 2018, at Total Recall, and the club will need volunteers.

**Other public events:**  None

**Old business:** Susan Kluesner did the GTCGRC’s column in the GRCA magazine for 25 years, and the club will celebrate with cake at the December meeting. Judy Super will be taking over. The club will donated $100 to the Golden Retriever Foundation in Susan’s name.

There are a lot of 50th anniversary teeshirts available for purchase ($20.)

The club will celebrate its Christmas party at the next meeting, with Laurie and Rob Hanson graciously volunteering to chair it.. The event is a potluck, but the club has a lot of chips, so members shouldn’t bring those. Members are advised to watch the club’s website and Facebook page for further details.

Charney Petroske reported that there will be a painting party for the benefit of Helping Paws on March 4, 2018, at Helping Paws in Hopkins. Cost is $55. Each participant will send a photo of a pet and an artist will trace it and advise on how to paint it. Members and friends can sign up by emailing Charney at [cpetroske@comcast.net](mailto:cpetroske@comcast.net) Space is limited, and the event fills fast.

March 10 banquet: The club needs a chair and a venue. The club also needs volunteers for getting trophies collected and engraved, the program, certificates, and tabulating points. Everyone needs to send volunteer hours to Deb Rahm. No one can be considered for a traveling trophy without volunteering. Karen said she would tabulate points.

Nominating committee: Karen Ander reported that the club needs a nominating committee by November. Charney will be the board representative, but the club needs two general members. Karen asked if there were any volunteers at the meeting. There were none.

Several board members will be leaving. The secretary will be leaving after two terms. Conformation chair Gretchen Olson will be leaving after one term. Treasurer Sarah Gaalswyk’s plans are unknown. Charney will be willing to serve for another two-year term. Performance chair Bonnie Oian will be leaving after one term. Field chair Melissa Driggers will be leaving after one term. Vice president Jaci Carufel will be leaving after one term. Karen said that the secretary takes notes, the treasurer handles the club’s financial matters, and that the vice president arranges meeting venues. She pointed out that there is some time commitment, and that board members must be at 75 per cent of board meetings. She added that, to remain a club, there is a need for a board.

Judy Super reported that there will be an eye and microchip clinic at Fran Smith, DVM’s, clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 2. Cost will be $30 for eye exams and , $38 for microchipping.

Karen and Charney encouraged members to attend the February meeting featuring Jaime Modiano, VMD, Ph.D., of the University of Minnesota’s veterinary school. Dr. Modiano is renowned for his cancer research, particularly on hemangiosarcoma.. The current location is scheduled at Augusta Dog Training, but the club might move it to accommodate Dr. Modiano. Luann Runkle said having dogs at the meeting might be too distracting, and Karen Ander agreed. Luann said the club might think about inviting other clubs. Karen said she was thinking about purchasing a speaker and microphone for the club. Deb Rahm said the club might include information on the meeting in the Land o’ Lakes premium.

Jaci Carufel moved to adjourn the meeting, and Judy Super seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda S. Elledge

Secretary