

Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club
February 3, 2018
General Minutes

President Karen Ander called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. at Helping Paws in Hopkins. The roll was called.

Secretary: December's minutes approved as posted.

Treasurer:

Checking:	\$15,296.05
Savings:	\$10,048.81
CD:	\$27,436.89

Outstanding:	\$ 4,548.00 (agility trial, secretary's fee, refunds)
	\$ 21.46 (paper for printing)
	\$ 1,325.00 (tax preparation)
	\$ 1,500.00 (Donation to Dr. Modiano's research fund at University of Minnesota)
	\$7,394.46

The club has \$45,387.89. The board decided to make charitable donations at the end of the year, not at the beginning to make sure the club has funds to cover them. Other than donation to Dr. Jaime Modiano's cancer research program at the University of Minnesota, the board elected to make no further donations this year.

Membership:

Membership chair Deb Rahm pointed out that memberships are \$20/individual and \$25/family. Deb said she received a letter from a Mr. Klemmer, whose wife died of breast cancer. He wanted to thank the club for the joy it brought his wife to run her Chesapeake Bay Retriever at one of the club's field events. He sent photos of the two. Deb returned his photos with a nice note.

Deb reported that a number of people have applied for membership, but have failed to attend two meetings, as required by the club's bylaws. They are: Judy McKurski, Pam and Kevin Van Meter, Jan Craig Dugas, Diane and Paul Weidler, Denise Babcock, J. Jackelen, and Andi Leonard. Deb reiterated that, if she hasn't heard from prospective members after a year, she sends their checks back with a nice letter acknowledging that it might not have been a convenient time for them, but that the club would invite them to reapply. Deb suggested that, if members know any of these people, to remind them they have to attend two meetings to become members.

Conformation:

Laurie Hanson reported that the January specialty shows were successful. She thanked show chair Kathy Godlewski, and Gretchen Olson, for all they did. Laurie said that both back-to-back specialties filled, and that the club likely will make at least \$1,000. She said the club hasn't yet received its money from show superintendent Onofrio. The raffle, ably run by Kathy and Jessica Anlauf, made \$645. Laurie thanked members who provided \$355 in trophy sponsorships. This meant the club only had to pay for a few trophies. The AKC has approved the club's August specialty, and approved the judges. Judges are: Eva Berg, conformation, Jeff Bauer, sweepstakes, and Barbara Wedekind Selton, obedience. Judy Campbell is

conformation show chair, and Ed Pfeifer is obedience chair. Laurie asked members for judge recommendations for the two January, 2019, specialties.

Field:

Melissa Driggers reported that Jessica Anlauf has set up a field training seminar in May, and that it's almost filled. Field chairs are trying to set up monthly field events. The club will have a WC/WCX, this fall.

Performance:

Bonnie Oian reported that the club's stand-alone obedience trial will be on March 24 and 25 at Total Recall in Hugo. As always, the club needs volunteers for stewarding. Three stewards are needed for utility. Ed and Mary Pfeiffer are show chairs. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the club lost a judge, but Ed and Mary got things back up and running with a new judge. The premium should be up this week. Bonnie has volunteered to make food, but will need helpers to serve. Bonnie said that, since the club will run three rings, the day will go pretty fast. The events should be done by 3 to 3:30 p.m. Mary Pfeiffer noted that the club changed prizes to lunch bags. The club increased the price to enter by \$2. Bonnie said there are no competing shows going on that weekend, so the trial should have a good turnout.

Unfinished business:

Charney Petroske reported that there are six spaces left for the club's painting party at Helping Paws, and that it's a lot of fun. An artist prepares a canvas to help people paint your pet. The cost is \$55. If not enough members sign up, the event will open to others. The event benefits Helping Paws.

Laurie Hanson said that the club's 50th anniversary teeshirts are available in all sizes for \$10.

Nominations:

Karen again reiterated that the club has had great difficulty filling board positions, this year, and that members simply aren't stepping up to help. A person had agreed to be vice president, but backed out. Charney volunteered to be nominated for that position, leaving an opening for another conformation chair. That left an opening for a performance chair. Despite a lot of recruiting, the board has found no one willing to be treasurer, and is out of time for nominations.

Dar Yohe, said that the club is a busy one, and sponsors a lot of events every year, including three conformation shows, nine agility trials, and three obedience trials. The club hosts field events and training, and is looking into other venues, such as nosework. The treasurer touches all of this, he said.

Because no one agreed to be nominated, the board was forced to look at other options:

Option 1: A paid bookkeeper could do this for \$175/month. What the board learned, though, is that the treasurer needs to be at agility trials to write checks. A bookkeeper would not do that. The bookkeeper would not do financial reporting or what the club needs for the IRS.

Option 2. There could be two people, a treasurer and a bookkeeper. There are challenges to this, and the two positions would be hard to coordinate.

3. A paid position. Sarah agreed to stay on as treasurer for \$250/month, thus costing the club \$3,000 a year. The board thinks that it would be comparable to what it would be for a bookkeeper, but that a

bookkeeper wouldn't know the club or dog events. It is likely the club will have to amend its bylaws. Ava Higginbotham said she thinks it's a good idea, because no one wants to do it. Luann Runkle said the club would have to amend its bylaws. Karen said the board will have to set up a bylaws committee, but that, under the club's bylaws, nominations must be made by today's meeting.

Karen asked members whether anyone wanted to volunteer to have his or her name put into nomination. No one volunteered.

Banquet:

Banquet chair Judy Super said, "Come one, come all!" The banquet is on Saturday, March 3, at the new Holiday Inn on the southeast corner of Highways 494/100. She said the location was a little more central than some have been. The cost is \$28 for the buffet. The club will be paying tax and gratuity. Only 20 have signed up, so far. Applications for annual trophies have closed. Judy encouraged members to get their reservations in as soon as possible, because she must let the restaurant know the number attending by February 20.

New business:

Ava asked if the club would send forms to AKC to hold scent work trials. Karen said the board had approved that unanimously through an email vote.

Mary Phelps said that the St. Paul Dog Training club will be doing an introduction to AKC scent work trials on March 10.

Alissa Wold moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and passed.

The meeting was adjourned 6:45 p.m.

President Karen Ander reopened the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Joann Dalby agreed to be nominated for performance chair, and Judy Super, for conformation. The meeting was again adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda S. Elledge
Secretary