

1 **Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club**
2 **Membership Meeting**
3 **February 9, 2025**
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5 **Date, Time, and Place of Meeting**

6 President Linda Ertsgaard called the Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club (GTCGRC) meeting to
7 order at 1:50 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at Augusta Dog Training Center, 2250 Daniels St., Long
8 Lake, MN. Secretary Alice Chapman was in attendance.
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10 **Attendance**

11 Introductions of members were made, and a sign-in sheet was distributed.
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13 **Minutes**

14 The December 7, 2024, minutes was approved as distributed.
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16 **Officer Reports**

17 President—Linda Ertsgaard read the thank you note from Cindy Myhre, the judge for the January
18 Specialty Show.
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20 Treasurer—Kathy Rasinowich reported that as of January 31, 2025, the checking Account Balance was
21 \$17,488.19; Saving Account Balance was \$5,027.71; and the CD maturity, December 19, 2025, was
22 \$40,528.27 leaving a Grand Total balance of \$63,044.17. There are two outstanding checks totaling
23 \$271.33. Kathy met with a Wells Fargo banker in Florida and renewed the CD in December 2024.
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25 Linda Ertsgaard noted that judges are increasingly hard to secure for any event and invited members to
26 let the Directors know the names of judges if there is someone who should be considered.
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28 **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

29 **Conformation**—LuAnn Runkle reported that the January 2025 Specialty went off well. The paperwork
30 for the August 2025 Conformation, Obedience, and Rally is underway and work on the January 2026
31 Specialty will follow.
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33 **Performance**—

34 Obedience—Judy Campbell reported that the March 22 & 23, 2025 Obedience Trial at Total Recall in
35 Hugo is on-track; the judges are Susan Emerson and Karen Anderson; and volunteers are needed. Kathy
36 Rasinowich is Chair. Stewards are needed; if interested, please reach out to Kathy or Krista Trempe. It
37 was mentioned that Nancy Carlson was interested in being a Steward
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39 ScentWork—Judy Campbell reported that there will be a ScentWork Trial, Detective only, May 10 & 11,
40 2025, held at MN Pioneer Park, Annandale. Entries open March 31, 2025; it is a random draw; Ava
41 Higginbotham is Chair; and the judges are Holly Bushard and Brenda Ittner.
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43 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

44 Banquet—Linda Ertsgaard reminded everyone that the GTCGRC banquet is March 9, 2025, at the Lost
45 Spur Golf and Event Center. It will be brunch, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Rob Hanson reminded everyone
46 that Jaci Carufel is printing certificates for titles that were earned last year; please email that information
47 to Jaci (jaci.carufel@gmail.com).
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49 Nominating Committee—Linda Erstgaard noted that requests for volunteers to form the nominating
50 committee has been repeated during the last two meetings. Currently the only open position on the board
51 is for Field Director. According to the GTCGRC Bylaws, “Additional nominations may be made at the
52 January or February meeting by any Member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does
53 not decline such nomination, and provided further that if a nominee is not in attendance at the meeting,
54 the Member making such nomination shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the
55 nominee, agreeing to the nomination.” Linda Ertsgaard asked if there were any nominations from the
56 general membership today for any of the positions. There were none.

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58 Calendar—Laurie Hanson noted there are 6 calendars still available and are \$15 each.

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60 BOD Planning Meeting—There will be a planning meeting with the new board at the end of
61 March/beginning of April 2025. If any member has anything they want the board to consider for this
62 year, please contact a board member. Paula Ellis suggested having a grooming day. Other suggestions
63 included having a presentation from the grief group through the U of MN Veterinary Clinic and a
64 presentation on how to incorporate dog needs in estate planning.

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66 May Meeting—On May 17, 2025, at Animal Inn, Ellen Harden will do a presentation on the Standard
67 and How To Evaluate A Dog. Two adult dogs will be needed to use for demonstration.

68 69 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

70 **Events—**

71 All Breed Rally, Obedience: March 22 & 23, 2025, Total Recall School for Dogs, 17285 Forest
72 Blvd N, Hugo, MN

73 ScentWork, Detective: May 10 & 11, 2025, MN Pioneer Park, 725 Pioneer Trail, Annandale, MN

74 Agility Trial: August 16 & 17, 2025; at Cloud 9. Committee members are needed. Details tbd

75 Conformation/Obedience/Rally: August 22, 2025. Susan Emerson will be the judge. Details tbd.

76 ScentWork, Detective: September 5, 2025, Jackson Township Hall, 1091 130th St W, Shakopee,
77 MN

78 ScentWork: September 6 & 7, 2025, Camp Eden Wood, 6350 Indian Chief Rd, Eden Prairie, MN

79 **Meetings—**

80 **Banquet**: March 9, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at Lost Spur Golf and Event Center, 2750 Sibley Memorial
81 Hwy, Eagan, MN.

82 **Meeting**: May 17, 2025, Ellen Harden presentation on History and Form & Function of breed;
83 details tbd

84 **Picnic**: July 12, 2025, at Waters Edge Dog Training, 4173 15th St NW, Buffalo. BOD meeting,
85 **10:30 a.m.**; general meeting, **12:00 p.m.**; and picnic to follow.

86 87 **Adjournment**

88 The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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90 Alice Chapman, Secretary

91 Date Adopted: March 9, 2025