Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club
Membership Meeting
October 12, 2025

Date, Time, and Place of Meeting
President Linda Ertsgaard called the Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club (GTCGRC) meeting to order at 4:17 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at Bark and Bond, 690 Commerce Drive, #100, Woodbury. Secretary Alice Chapman was in attendance.

Attendance—LuAnn Runkle distributed a sign-in sheet for members to sign. Linda Ertsgaard reminded everyone that the sign-up sheet is used at the end of the year in determining trophies and awards so it is important for members to sign-in.

Minutes—The July 12, 2025, membership meeting minutes was approved as distributed.

OFFICER REPORTS
Treasurer—Kathy Rasinowich reported that, as of September 30, 2025, the Checking Account Balance was $16,585.58 and the Saving Account Balance was $5,028.04 for a total of $21,613.62. The CD, which matures in January, is $41,529.54. There remains $380 in outstanding checks due to the ScentWork Trial refunds. Kathy noted the process used for establishing the financials for events—1) financial information is sent to the committee for review, 2) a second notice is sent if there is no reply, 3) the financial report is sent to the BOD. It is preferred for the committee to acknowledge they received the notice even if there is no need for a correction/edit. As of today, the profit for the August Agility Event is $37.43

Although Kathy Rasinowich will be out of town for the next few months, she will be available through email. Please contact her at: 3NOC400@myctl.net

DIRECTOR REPORTS
Conformation—LuAnn Runkle reported that the January 2026 show will be January 2 & 3, 2026, and will be concurrent shows. The judges are Honey Glendinning, Specialty & Jrs, Friday; Becky Lloyd, Sweepstakes, Friday; and Shelley Miller, Specialty, Saturday.

Field—Judy Super reported that there are potentially three dates for having the WC and WC/X 2026—September 12th or 19th or August 30th. As soon as the date(s) and judge(s) can be established the application will be sent in.

Performance
Obedience/Agility—Jaci Carufel reported that January 16, 17, 18, 2026 is the Agility Trial and March 21 & 22 is Rally & Obedience. Ann Reynolds is the Trial Chair for January 2026. Kathy Rasinowich noted that the committee members for the March 2026 Trials include Kathy Rasinowich, Chair; Kathie Galotti, Co-Chair; and Krista Trempe, Ring Steward; along with Ann Reynolds, Ed Pheifer, and Jaci Carufel volunteering. Ann Reynolds noted Ann Lindsley will be the judge for the January Agility Trial and will be mentoring Danielle Wagner. Mary Leonard noted that Ann Hussa can do novice judging.

ScentWork—Linda Ertsgaard noted that Ava is retiring. Ava and her husband, Ken, got and received a round of applause in appreciation of chairing GTCGRC ScentWork Trials for the past eight years. If anyone is interested in taking over this position, please reach out to Linda or any board member.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Website—Alice Chapman reported that the GTCGRC is interested in a new website. WIX and SquareSpace are potential platforms to host the website. A committee is needed to investigate the details for design, development, and implementation of a new GTCGRC website. LuAnn Runke reported that Marcia Thomasson was interested in website administration for the club. Please contact Alice or any board member if interested in being on this committee

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations—Linda Ertsgaard reported that new officers and directors will be elected at the 2026 Banquet (March 8, 2026, at the Lost Spur). Linda noted that Krista Trempe agreed to step in for Judy Campbell until March 2026. To-date, nominations are open for Vice President and Performance and Field Directors. Mentorship is also available and encouraged. Two members are needed to be on the Nomination Committee along with one board member. Please contact Linda Ertsgaard or a BOD member if interested.

Donations—Linda Ertsgaard asked if members had any requests for where/to whom GRCGTC donations should be given. Linda noted that donations have been given to—GRCA National, $1,000; the Angel Fund, $250 (in honor of Gilbert, for the care of police dogs injured in action); and the K9 police, $500. The BOD approved donations to the Morris Foundation, $1,000; MN Foundation (Dr. Modiano), $1,000; and the Golden Retriever Foundation, $1,000. Total donations for 2025 will be $4,706.95.

Holiday Party—Linda Ertsgaard reported that the party is December 6, 2025, at Augusta Dog Training Ctr. The BOD will meet at 3 p.m. and membership at 4:30 p.m. followed by party and games. LuAnn Runkle and Deb Rahm are organizing it. LuAnn noted that food will be provided, please bring chairs, and there will be games with dogs.

February meeting—Kathy Rasinowich reported that someone from the Morris Foundation is willing to give the GTCGRC a presentation sometime in February, possibly via Zoom. Details tbd.

Banquet—Linda Ertsgaard reported that there are new requirements for the field, obedience & rally trophies this year. Information can be found on the GTCGRC website. LuAnn Runkle has volunteered to do memorials for those dogs lost this year. A Chair is still needed for this event. Please contact Linda or a BOD member if interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events—

Conformation: January 2026. Location, St. Paul. Details tbd.

Agility—January 16, 17, 18, 2026; Location, On The Run Canine Ctr. Details tbd.

Rally & Obedience: March 21 & 22, 2026; Location: Total Recall. Details tbd.

Meetings—

Holiday Party: December 6, 2025. Augusta Dog Training Center, 2250 Daniels St., Long Lake. BOD meeting, 3:00 p.m.; general meeting, 4:30 p.m.; party to follow with food provided.

February—tbd.

Banquet: March 8, 2026. Lost Spur Golf and Event Center, 2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Eagan, MN. Details tbd.

Planning Meeting: March 15, 2026 (tentative)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Alice Chapman, Secretary
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