

MINUTES of
**Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas Board of Directors was held at H-E-B Central Market's community room (4001 N. Lamar Blvd.) in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. The meeting convened at 7:10 p.m., President Pam Cook presiding, and Donna Seago, corresponding secretary.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENT

Marc Boucher, Glen Bridge, Barbara Clark, Pam Cook, John Koonz, Sally McIntosh, and Donna Seago

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ABSENT

Emily Hutson and Angie Smith

GUESTS

Tami Wooliver

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President: Pam is the lead organizer for the March membership meeting. Donna will bring the door prizes.

Treasurer: Barbara reports that all accounts total approx. \$20,000 at the end of February. The \$5,000 CD was renewed on March 1 at 2.71%, which yields approx. a \$200 return each year.

Discussion: Dripping Springs Animal Hospital boarded three GPA-CT foster greyhounds over spring break. They have agreed to an advertising trade in the newsletter in lieu of a boarding fee.

Discussion: The Austin American-Statesman ad has expired. The board agreed not to renew the ad at this time. Marc suggested ads in smaller community newspapers be investigated; he has contacts and will pursue free ad space.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Placement Coordinator: Copy of report attached.

Foster Coordinator: A stable foster home is desperately needed for Lenny. His GI problems are directly related to stress from being boarded and moved between foster homes.

Events Coordinator: Copy of calendar attached.

Discussion: GPA-CT will participate in the Health and Human Services Health Fair on Wednesday, April 30 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.) if enough folks can volunteer. Pam will be the lead for this event.

Discussion: GPA-CT will not participate in the Mighty Texas Dog Walk.

Discussion: GPA-CT would like to participate in the Deutschen Pfest Parade on May 17 if we can participate as a "float" and not as walkers since the parade route is long and the temperatures more than likely hot. Barbara will ask around about flat-bed trailers. Donna will investigate the towing capacity of the VW Eurovan.

Discussion: GPA-CT will plan on holding a Speed Alley fund-raiser three times per year – (1) March membership meeting; (2) Greyhound Planet Day; and (3) October membership meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws Committee: Glen mailed the proposed bylaws amendments to the membership in accordance with the bylaws.

Elections Committee: If you are running for re-election or for another officer or director position, please email Glen a short, concise bio for the ballot. Glen will solicit nominations from the membership at the March 29 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- John's questions and comments from December email: Take stock of where we are and what resources we have; how to move forward; how many members do we have?; what can National do to move dogs to other states; what events actually raise the most money/awareness/foster opportunities?; how much time should we spend on each of those events?; how can we cooperate with other rescue groups?

Discussion: Agreed to place on May agenda after new board is seated.

- Membership dues renewals

Discussion: Donna will draft the letter to be sent to the membership reminding members to renew their annual dues of \$25. Glen will take care of the actual mailing.

- New Meet & Greet locations

Discussion: Suggestions for new Meet & Greet locations were discussed. Several board members volunteered to call businesses about holding a Meet & Greet.

NEW BUSINESS

- GPA National treasurer indicates that Central Texas chapter has not turned in its consent form re: Form 990.

Discussion: Barbara stated that the consent forms were faxed to the GPA National treasurer in January 2008 and that this report was in error.

- Quarterly planning meeting

Discussion: A tentative meeting date of Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. was identified.

- Comments made re: GPA-Central Texas on NationalGPA Yahoo! group list

Discussion: Donna suggested that a letter be sent to GPA National President Rory Goree expressing the board's displeasure at the negative comments made on the NationalGPA Yahoo! group list regarding the Central Texas chapter. All agreed; Donna will draft the letter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Donna Seago, Corresponding Secretary

Approved: April 15, 2008