

MINUTES of
Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas Board of Directors was held in The Cellar meeting room at Genuine Joe Coffeehouse (2001 W. Anderson Ln.) in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. The meeting convened at 7:20 p.m., President Sally McIntosh presiding, and Donna Seago, secretary.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENT

Amy Garcia, John Koonz, Sally McIntosh, Donna Seago, Angie Smith and Eric Wyatt

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ABSENT

Marc Boucher, Barbara Clark and Pam Cook

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President: Sally noted that the chapter needed to elect a delegate to the GPA National Board of Directors.

Motion: Moved by Sally and seconded that John be named GPA-Central Texas' delegate to the GPA National Board of Directors. **Motion carried.**

Action item: Donna will send the completed delegate forms to GPA National Executive Secretary Liz Ardell.

Noting that the cost of first-class postage is about to increase and that the chapter has several upcoming large mailings, Sally proposed that the chapter buy stamps at the "forever" rate.

Motion: Moved by Sally and seconded that GPA-CT purchase 400 "forever" first-class stamps at a cost of \$168 for 2010's dues and elections mailings.

Amended: Angie offered a friendly amendment to increase the number of stamps to 1,000 and to include 2010's Have a Heart 'Grey'la mailings.

Motion restated: Moved by Sally and seconded that GPA-CT purchase 1,000 "forever" first-class stamps at a cost of \$420 for 2010's dues, election, and Have a Heart 'Grey'la mailings. **Motion carried.**

Ellen Simmons has agreed to host The Domain Stroll on the 5th Saturday of May.

Sally is working with an insurance broker to obtain a quote on D&O insurance.

Vice President: John presented the board with the revised volunteer guidelines handout which he has edited and printed. Handout attached.

Re: the storeroom, John has sold some items no longer needed, and others are listed for sale.

John proposes that a formal debriefing occur between board members after each event in order to construct an events checklist more specific to each event.

Secretary: Donna read an e-vote into the minutes.

E-vote motion: Moved by Donna and seconded to purchase 336 "Keep Austin Grey" T-shirts (including 36 doggie T-shirts) from Outhouse Designs for a cost between \$1,750 and \$2,000 (art/ink and 2XL charges to be determined) for initial sale at TVMA's Woofstock and Waterloo event on May 2, 2009.

Motion carried.

Treasurer: Copy of report attached. Eric gave several updates on chapter financial issues.

The 2008 franchise taxes are still in dispute. The 2009 franchise tax form will be filed (subject to no penalties).

The deadline to file the 2008 Form 990 is May 15.

Motion: Made by Eric and seconded that GPA-CT pay up to \$350 for a professional tax preparer to assist in the preparation of the 2008 Form 990. **Motion carried.**

When 2008 Form 990 is filed, GPA National will give the chapter the most recent tax exemption letter, which is needed by the state comptroller to settle the franchise tax dispute and complete the excise tax exemption.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Placement Coordinator: Copy of report attached.

Events Coordinator: Copy of calendar attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Texas Association of Nonprofit Organizations / Greenlights membership

Discussion: Postponed.

- Membership database

Discussion: No update.

NEW BUSINESS

- New Meet & Greet location

Amey will host a Meet & Greet at the new Petco Tech Ridge on Saturday, May 16 from noon-2 p.m.

- Invitation to participate in Basset Rescue car raffle

Discussion: Board members feel that time and effort is best spent working on GPA-CT's next Have a Heart 'Grey'la and not selling raffle tickets that primarily benefit an out-of-state rescue group. The issue can be revisited next year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Donna Seago, Secretary

Approved: May 19, 2009