

MINUTES of
**Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 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, June 17, 2008. The meeting convened at 7:20 p.m., President Sally McIntosh presiding, and Donna Seago, secretary.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENT

Marc Boucher, Barbara Clark, Pam Cook, Amy Garcia, John Koonz, Sally McIntosh, Donna Seago, Angie Smith and Eric Wyatt

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ABSENT

John Koonz

GUESTS

Ana Jackson

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President: Sally discussed amending the adoption contract to include language stating that no corporal punishment is to be used on greyhounds adopted through GPA-CT. Sally had received suggested language from Cara Vacchiano at Buddy's Chance which she will email to the Board for review and suggestions. Sally will also look at adoption contracts from other GPA chapters, the Austin Humane Society, etc., for similar language.

Treasurer: Eric understands from Barbara that there is approx. \$24,000 in all GPA-CT accounts. He has not received the treasurer records yet.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Placement Coordinator: Copy of report attached.

Events Coordinator: Copy of calendar attached.

Discussion: The Austin Public Library says we now need to contact them in February to participate in the summer reading program.

Discussion: Inquiries are being made about the possibility of holding play dates at horse arenas.

Discussion: Craig, current Petco Arboretum manager, said to get back in touch with him closer to Greyhound Planet Week to arrange to be their designated adoption group.

Discussion: Angie is still having trouble reaching the Dogadillo management.

Discussion: Angie suggests sending a request to the membership with specific volunteer jobs. Angie will draft the email and Donna will add the Greyla information.

Discussion: New member Chuck Renshaw (Harley) has a contact with the owner of Lofty Dog on 2nd St. He thinks they would let us host a Meet & Greet. This would be a good venue as we have several new adopters who live in the downtown area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Board retreat

The date, time and location is confirmed for Saturday, July 19, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at New York Life, 6200 Bridgepoint Pkwy. (near Courtyard Dr.), Suite 300.

- Heart Link Network

Pam reported on her visit to the Heart Link Network meeting. The Heart Link Network is a women's national networking community with a local group which meets twice each month. At each networking meeting, they hold a raffle to raise funds for a featured non-profit. GPA-CT was one of their featured non-profits at a recent meeting which Pam, along with foster dog Izzy, attended. Pam was given the email addresses of local HLN members which we are allowed to use to solicit for donations for the Have a Heart Grey'la.

NEW BUSINESS

- Foster reimbursement

Motion: Made by Angie and seconded to reimbursement Elizabeth Gibson \$15 per day for up to 5 days for pet sitting for foster dogs Buzz and Lucy. **Motion carried.**

- GPA National directive to all chapters re: financial documentation

Discussion: Donna read Rory's email to the members present; transparency of chapter finances is of utmost concern; board members agreed to the following tasks with reasonable progress to be completed before the July 15 board meeting:

1. Copy of 2007 tax return provided to chapter secretary for official records
2. Monthly income/expense report to be presented at each board meeting
3. Add Eric and Sally as signers to checking account
4. Change bank statement mailing address to the chapter's P.O. box
5. Investigate credit card with cash back option
6. Add at least one board member in addition to treasurer to online services login

A long-term goal of finishing the QuickBooks conversion and filing tax return as part of GPA National was agreed upon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The upcoming newsletter deadline has been moved up to July 7 to accommodate Christine's travel schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Donna Seago, Secretary

Approved: July 16, 2008