

MINUTES of
**Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 15, 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, July 15, 2008. The meeting convened at 7:10 p.m., President Sally McIntosh presiding, and Donna Seago, secretary.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ABSENT

Barbara Clark

GUESTS

Ana Jackson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2008 and June 17, 2008 meetings, and the May 27, 2008 quarterly planning meeting. **Motion carried.**

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President: Sally reminded all the board members to pay their membership dues if they have not done so.

Vice President: John proposed cleaning the storeroom and selling the patio furniture stored in same in an attempt to downsize and rent a smaller, less expensive unit. The current unit costs \$86 per month. John, Amy and Donna will visit the storeroom Saturday after the board retreat, set up and photograph the patio furniture, and advertise it for sale.

Secretary: Donna volunteered to get the online store functional again, and a storeroom inventory would be a good first step. Donna asked for board members to bring any merchandise that they have stored at home to the upcoming board retreat to be included in the inventory. Amy has agreed to handle fulfillment for any future online store orders.

Donna entered GPA-CT in the Austin Parks & Recreation Dept.'s facility rental lottery for the Zilker Clubhouse for the Have a Heart Grey'la. Saturday, Feb. 14 is the preferred rental date, but two alternative dates were also submitted. The lottery is the last week of July.

Donna asked the board to consider hiring out the initial mailing of the Grey'la silent auction item donation request letters. This printing and mailing, which Donna handled last year, took over 30 hours to complete.

Motion: Made by Donna and seconded that GPA-CT spend an estimated \$325 to print and mail the Have a Heart Grey'la silent auction item donation request letters. Estimate does not include actual postage costs. **Motion carried.**

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Placement Coordinator: Copy of report attached. Sally was notified late today of a fawn female stray greyhound at TLAC.

Great Oaks Animal Hospital has instituted a "one greyhound per day per adoption group" policy due to the increasing number of greyhounds being brought to the clinic for services by other greyhound adoption groups.

Events Coordinator: Copy of calendar attached. Angie is still working on the possibility of using a show barn for a play date. The Travis Co. Expo Center wants a \$900 daily rental fee. Angie will ask if they will let us use the arena for a couple hours for free. The contact person at the Williamson Co. show barn thought the dogs would be able to fit through the arena fence. Angie will go look at the fence.

The Lofty Dog Meet & Greet only has space for three dogs inside, but as many as possible can be outside the store. Angie will go visit the store and see if the outside space will be in the sun or shade during the meet & greet time.

Angie compiled a list of volunteer opportunities for all known upcoming events. She will track volunteers and send email reminders prior to events.

Marc confirmed that the New York Life/Avery Ranch Child Safety & Protection Festival is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27. He will check with Lakeline Mall management about another meet & greet on Saturday, Aug. 16.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Board retreat

The date, time and location is Saturday, July 19, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at New York Life, 6200 Bridgepoint Pkwy. (near Courtyard Dr.), Suite 300. Parking is free and in the garage across the street from the building.

- GPA National directive to all chapters re: financial documentation

Reasonable progress was expected on the following tasks, agreed upon at the June 17 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

No progress was reported.

NEW BUSINESS

- Meet & Greet guidelines

Discussion: Sally proposed compiling meet & greet guidelines encompassing appropriate behavior, FAQs, etc. Donna remembers a similar document from several years back which she will attempt to find before the next meeting.

- Newsletter submissions

Sally encouraged everyone to submit items for the newsletter.

- Adoption policy/contract

Discussion: Sally was contacted twice in the last week by families with toddlers and infants inquiring about adopting a greyhound. Board members agreed that the policy re: adopting to families with children – “GPA-CT will generally not place greyhounds with families who have children under five years of age” – is OK as is.

Action item: Board members agreed to add language to the adoption contract re: not using corporal punishment on greyhounds. Pam will investigate similar language on other adoption group’s contracts and Donna will modify the documents on the Web site.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Donna Seago, Secretary

Approved: August 19, 2008