

MINUTES of
**Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas Board of Directors was held in the community room at H-E-B Central Market (4001 N. Lamar) in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, July 17, 2007. The meeting convened at 7:14 p.m., President Pam Cook presiding, and Donna Seago, corresponding secretary.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENT

Doug Bevins, Barbara Clark, Pam Cook, Emily Hutson, John Koonz, Donna Seago, and Angie Smith

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ABSENT

Glen Bridge

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Angie and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2007, meeting.
Motion carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President: Pam delivered a letter and press release to the Austin-area TV stations regarding Lazarus. So far there has been no interest in his story. Pam would like to identify contacts at all the area media outlets and fax them the press release re: Lazarus and illegal greyhound racing.
Action item: Emily will identify contact names and fax numbers for all Austin-area media outlets who report on Austin- and Central Texas-area news and issues. Pam will send the faxes.

Corresponding Secretary: Donna is still working on the FileMaker membership database. The existing "database" in Excel is current.

The thank you postcards for donations to Lazarus' care and the emergency medical fund (EMF) have been received. Postcards to donors using PayPal have been addressed; a list of donors sending checks or cash is needed.

Action item: Barbara will send Donna a list of Lazarus/EMF donors who sent checks or cash. Donna will send thank you postcards to these donors.

Treasurer: Copy of report attached.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Placement Coordinator: Copy of report attached. Sally had one update to the report that occurred after it was distributed – Only one of the most recent TLAC dogs is in a foster home; two are still being boarded. Homes need to be found for them asap.

Events Coordinator: Copy of calendar attached. Detailed discussion of the events will occur at the quarterly planning meeting on Sunday, July 22, 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- GPA-CT records/property

Barbara and Donna reviewed previous expense reports from earlier Home & Garden Shows to verify the ownership of several items. Donna had Pam sign the finalized letters to the former Board members before the meeting.

Action item: Donna will send the letters certified mail/return receipt requested.

- Cost of replacing ID tags

Sally ordered new ID tags, cost approx. \$100. The new tags will have Sally's home phone number and Pam's cell phone number.

Note: Motion carried at October 17, 2006 Board of Directors meeting giving Sally authority to make purchases of merchandise (including tags) as required for foster dogs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Expanding the Placement Team

Frankly put, two people alone cannot fulfill all the needs of foster and placement. Pam and Sally need assistance taking care of some tasks, some of which can be scheduled, some of which are on an as-needed basis.

Action item: Pam will identify tasks that must be done, tasks that can be done by folks other than Sally or Pam, and start the process of recruiting volunteers from the membership to fulfill specific roles (e.g. transport dogs; deliver meds/foods/other items to special needs dogs; bring foster dogs to Meet & Greets when foster parent can't; organize food and goodies for training workshops).

- Attending the 2007 North American Greyhound Adoption Conference

Sally will donate her personal American Airlines frequent flier miles to send someone to the national conference if someone can attend. Pam believes she will be able to make the meeting as the GPA-CT representative.

Action item: Sally and Pam will investigate flights and make a reservation asap.

- Business cards/T-shirts/branding the chapter

We need to answer the question "Who, or what, is Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas?" in order to brand the chapter with an identity.

Action item: All board members are encouraged to bring ideas for logo, slogan, color, etc., to the next regular monthly meeting for discussion and action.

EMAIL VOTE

Motion was made on July 4, 2007, by Donna via email and seconded via email that GPA-Central Texas spend up to \$40 on the printing of color postcards to be used as donation acknowledgements for gifts made to the Real Ransom III DVM Emergency Medical Fund on behalf of Lazarus. **Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder was posted on the GPA National email list re: grants from the American Greyhound Council. AGC grants average \$1,250 (up to \$2,500 per fiscal year). Pam will investigate the criteria for receiving an AGC grant more thoroughly.

The next quarterly planning meeting is 2-4 p.m., Sunday, July 22, 2007, at Pam's conference room in Welch Hall on the UT campus. Directions were sent previously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Donna Seago, Corresponding Secretary

Approved: August 21, 2007