

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas Board of Directors was held in the New York Life Insurance Co. conference room (6200 Bridge Point Pkwy. #300) in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, November 18, 2008. The meeting convened at 7:04 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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting and the October 28, 2008 quarterly planning meeting. One correction was noted and accepted. **Motion carried.**

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Vice President: John reported that the project to clean out the storeroom is ongoing.

Treasurer: Copy of report attached.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Placement Coordinator: Copy of report attached.

Events Coordinator: Copy of calendar attached.

**Discussion:**

- The holiday party is confirmed for Camp Bow Wow from 1-3 p.m. on December 27.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 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. QuickBooks conversion
3. Add Sally as signers to checking account
4. Add at least one board member in addition to treasurer to online services login

**Discussion:** Re: item #1, Eric will follow up with Barbara re: the filing of the 2007 tax return. Re: item #2, this requirement is in progress. Re: item #3, Sally has returned the paperwork to the bank needed to add her to the account. Re: item #4, Eric will share the online services login with Sally.

- Meet & Greet guidelines

**Discussion:** John is in the process of editing the document.

- Adoption policy/contract

**Discussion:** Pam is still researching language re: corporal punishment clause in adoption contracts. Results are pending.

- Chapter insurance

**Discussion:** Marc will review chapter insurance policy for adequacy of coverage, board protection, omissions and errors, etc. Pam reminded everyone that purchasing insurance through TANO (if GPA-CT becomes a member) is a possibility.

- “Keep Austin Grey” T-shirts

**Discussion:** Donna confirmed the board’s preferences with regard to T-shirt color, design, etc., and will proceed with Outhouse Designs order.

- Membership database

**Discussion:** Consideration of several software programs is ongoing. Donna will get back in touch with The Raiser’s Edge to inquire about pricing and web hosting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Creative ways to deal with seniors and special needs dogs

**Idea:** Adopt a senior/special needs greyhound and receive a finite amount of reimbursable vet bills over the hound’s lifetime.

**Idea:** “Sweat equity” – You volunteer, GPA-CT pays a portion of your vet bills.

**Action item:** John will investigate the GPA National program and report back to the Board at a later date.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Donna will be undertaking a redesign of the GPA-CT web site as part of a Webmaster Certification. She would appreciate feedback from board members re: the current site, as well as their likes and dislikes about web site features in general.

- John may be starting a new business putting on adventure races in the area, and if GPA-CT members will volunteer at the events, he will make GPA-CT a beneficiary of some of the funds raised at the races.

- Marc would like GPA-CT to participate in Avery Ranch Pet Days in March 2009. He will get more information about the event.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Donna Seago, Secretary

Approved: Dec. 16, 2008