

MINUTES of
Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 16, 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, December 16, 2008. The meeting convened at 7:28 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 November 18, 2008 meeting. **Motion carried.**

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President: Sally announced that Dr. Lisa Willis at Great Oaks Animal Hospital is having hand surgery and will not be able to do any routine intake packages for GPA-CT during her six-week recovery.

GPA-CT received a donation of \$201 from the Petco Foundation for Greyhound Planet Week.

Vice President: John reported on his research into other greyhound adoption groups' senior adoption incentive programs. Copy of report attached.

Treasurer: Copy of report attached. Eric had corresponded with GPA National Treasurer Robert Vinnacombe about our chapter's federal EIN. Copy of correspondence attached.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Placement Coordinator: Copy of report attached.

Discussion: The entire Board concurs that both TGA and NGA should be notified of any greyhounds that GPA-CT receives via Town Lake Animal Center, despite any actions that may or may not be taken by TGA or NGA.

Action item: Donna will create a letter template that can be easily filled out with appropriate information.

Events Coordinator: Copy of calendar attached.

- Georgetown Stroll: This event grossed \$950. for GPA-CT. Expenses were minimal.
- Barnes & Noble/Arboretum gift wrap: The remaining dates are fully staffed with volunteers.
- Holiday party at Camp Bow Wow Austin, 1-3 p.m.
- Play date: Pam will try to go by the facility sometime over the holidays to verify security of fencing before we publicize the event.
- Hang Town Grill fundraiser: The Board agreed that a fundraiser of this sort would be easy to do with adequate publicity.
- Have a Heart 'Grey'la: Donna gave a brief update on the status of 'Grey'la planning.

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. Donna had also sent Barbara an email requesting a copy of the 2007 tax return for the official correspondence files. Re: item #2, this requirement is in progress. Re: item #3, Sally will call the bank to confirm that she has been added as a signer to the checking account. Re: item #4, Eric has given the online services login to Sally.

- Meet & Greet guidelines

Discussion: Tabled.

- Adoption policy/contract: Additional language re: corporal punishment

Discussion: Pam's research shows that most greyhound groups' adoption contracts do not address re: corporal punishment. She did find another breed rescue group's contract which had a "will/will not use" question concerning corporal punishment.

- Chapter insurance

Discussion: Tabled.

- "Keep Austin Grey" T-shirts

Discussion: Donna has ordered the T-shirts; they should be ready for pick-up in a week or so.

- Membership database

Discussion: Tabled.

- Texas Association of Nonprofit Organizations / Greenlights membership

Discussion: Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- Possible fundraiser: Selling the book "Greyhound" by Barbara Karant

Discussion: Sally will get pricing from the publisher.

- Possible event: TVMF's Woofstock in May 2009

Discussion: Sally is still awaiting info from Dr. Susan Culp, DVM. The web site for the event can be found at woofstockatwaterloo.com.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Donna Seago, Secretary

Approved: Jan. 20, 2009