

**GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – CENTRAL TEXAS**  
**Chapter Board Meeting**  
**January 15, 2006**

Vice President Tim Define called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm in the Mangia's Pizza meeting room in Austin, Texas. All board members except for Glen Bridge were present. Holly Waldon was a guest.

Old Business:

1. After discussion by those present it was decided that the letter the board voted to send to GALT regarding their comments at a REI M&G in 2005 will not be mailed. The issue, however, will be addressed at the annual TGA Adoption Summit on Feb. 4, 2006.
2. Donna will mail a postcard to the membership announcing upcoming board elections and membership dues. After some discussion about the dues procedure, renewal dates, foster exemptions, etc. Lana made the motion and Bob seconded that chapter dues will be made due annually on February 14<sup>th</sup> effective 2-14-06, and that new adopters from the previous quarter will be grandfathered and their dues will not be due until the following February 14<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed.
3. Upcoming event were discussed as follows:
  - a) Hill Country Christian School, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bobbie Wier has assumed responsibility
  - b) Austin Spring House & Garden Show. Feb. 17-19 – Lana Henley
  - c) TGA Annual Adoption Summit, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – several board members will attend
  - d) Speed Alley/Membership Meeting, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>
  - e) GPA Officer elections
  - f) TGA Spring Meet, Lorena, Texas, March 25<sup>th</sup> w/sales booth
  - g) Ziller's Blood Bank – spring trip planned
  - h) Quarterly Foster Training, April 1st, Petco Arboretum
  - i) Ice Cream Social, Amy's Ice Cream, June - Pam
  - j) Speed Alley, May
4. Tim announced that our chapter's request for a \$500 grant from Petco for library books had been granted and increased to \$1,000. Barbara will contact Cindy Shirkey for the list she was compiling of age-appropriate books. Jennifer will print donation labels for inside the books.
5. An inventory of the storage unit is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>. Barbara will check on the two new table banners that were purchased. Sally has a greyhound Barbie she will donate for a raffle item.
6. Jen described difficulties she incurred with setting up the online store, and it was decided to scale down the project to include only those items currently on hand. Lana will take photos of the GPA shirts on hand and forward to her. Items to be included are the Fitz&Floyd boxes, wooden grey cutouts and/or patterns, cookbooks, key chains, statues, shirts, etc.
7. Donna reported that the REI M&G is going well. Email solicitation is working and providing enough attendees.
8. Lana passed around a sample of the embroidered logo which will be available on items for sale at Lorena.
9. There were no evotes since the last meeting.

10. Continued discussion of a Seniors Program centered on permanent fostering, fund raising, etc. One suggestion was that April be designated Seniors Month since that's when NGA does theirs.

11. No further information on the PawMatch M&Gs.

12. The first Sunday of every month Pam will be strolling Town Lake's walking trail with her dogs. She is working on an informational wristband for those "on the go" who inquire about the dogs. This opportunity will be placed on the website's schedule of events with Pam being the contact person for times.

13. An information repository was discussed. Everyone was encouraged to put their comments regarding successes/needs/failures on the gmail site for future reference.

14. The Christmas party at Petco Arboretum was evaluated. Sales were good and the food was excellent. A food sign-up might be considered. X-pens are needed as are belly bands.

15. Lana reported that the custom metal artwork being donated by Diversified Machining Co., in Leander is progressing at a rapid pace. She took Grappa by to introduce Diversified to greyhounds and was received warmly and enthusiastically. The art should be ready by Lorena's Spring Meet.

New Business:

16. Sally distributed the Placement Team Report.

17. Barbara reported on the treasury. Through December, 2005, income was \$3,486. Expenses were \$2,560.

18. Tim announced the resignations of Bobbie Wier, Corresponding Secretary, and Cindy Shirkey, Planning Coordinator.

19. Tim lead discussion of the election procedure. Sally, Robert Wagner and Holly Waldon will compose the Election Committee.

20. Donna reported that she was attempting to get the membership list from Glen. Sally and Lana gave her changes that will be checked again the file.

21. Artist A.C. Linder has volunteered to do an oil painting for us to use as a fund raiser. Discussion is still underway as to the best approach.

22. New venues were discussed: Cabella's? Bobbie Wier is contacting each Petco to inquire about their Greyhound Planet Day donations to GPA.

Bob made the motion and Sally seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 pm. The motion passed.

Lana Henley  
Executive Secretary

Approved  
Donna Seago  
Bob Trapp  
Sally McIntosh  
Tim Define  
Jennifer Debine  
Barbara Clark

No Vote  
Pam Cook

