

GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – CENTRAL TEXAS
Chapter Board Meeting
February 21, 2006

Jennifer Define, standing in for Vice President Tim Define who was ill, called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm in the Mangia's Pizza meeting room in Austin, Texas. All board members except for Glen Bridge, Tim Define, Barbara Clark and Mike Waldon were in attendance.

Donna reported that the postcard mailing to members was ready, and that she had received and updated with changes the membership list from Glen. The postcard will announce the need for the election of board members in April, the fact that dues are due, and dates of upcoming events. Donna will research the best software to buy for the Executive Secretary to house the membership list.

The TGA Adoption Summit and the Austin H&G Show were discussed. Those present felt like the communication that has been established with TGA is important and should be continued. The H&G Show was another success and met our goal to educate the public about greys as pets.

Speed Alley/Gen. Membership Mtg. will be held March 26 from noon-3:00 pm at Dog Boy's Dog Ranch in Pflugerville with the Lassos assisting. We will sell drinks, snacks, calendars, puppets, etc.

Other upcoming events: TGA Spring Meet has been cancelled. Discussion of a trip to Ziller's blood bank was tabled. The Foster Training Round II will be held April 1, place TBA. Pam is working on an ice cream social for May or June. Possible dates for another speed alley event would be May 20 or 21 from 9:00 a.m.-noon. TGA is planning an amateur racing venue on May 6.

There was discussion of the books to be purchased for area libraries as a result of the Petco grant. Bob made the motion and Donna seconded that the chapter purchase the books and donate them. Jennifer will provide bookplates indicating they were donated by GPA-CT.

The scheduled inventory of the storage unit on April 8 was tabled because Barbara Clark was absent.

Donna reported that pictures of dogs available for adoption that she's received are on the website. Discussion of the webstore was tabled.

Lana read into the minutes the three evotes taken since the last meeting, as follows:

1. Sally's motion that we lower the prices of the daytimers/calendars from \$15 to \$12 and \$12 to \$10 respectively. An email vote was taken, and the motion passed.
2. Donna's motion that the bid of \$98 for printed 500 postcards from Allstar be accepted and mailed to the membership to inform them of upcoming elections, dues and events. The motion passed.
3. Pam's motion that Buddy's Chance be offered a one-time free ¼ page ad in the next newsletter in exchange for her assistance with a foster dog named Shiner. The motion passed.

Since Barbara was absent, there was no report on the prospect of using Cabella's for a M&G venue.

The board reviewed its decision regarding the adoption fee for senior dogs (age 9+). Pam made the motion and Bob seconded that the adoption fee for seniors will be \$100. The Placement Coordinator will make the decision regarding adoption fees for VERY senior dogs. The motion passed.

The problem with PawMatch is continuing.

Pam is continuing her strolls along Town Lake's hiking trail. Donna will ask Allstar about the cost of bracelets for those "on the go".

Lana brought the Board up to date on the wrought iron greyhound artwork being donated by Diversified Machining, and Bob spoke of his visits with Amy Lindner regarding her oil painting to be donated as a fundraiser. New embroidered items will be ready soon.

Sally presented the Placement Team Report. Pam requested an appeal in the newsletter and on the email list for donated funds to assist Rufus's permanent placement. She also suggested that some of the vets' pharmaceutical suppliers be contacted for flea control meds.

Barbara provided the Treasurer's Report for board review even though she was ill.

Lana distributed copies of the latest Austin Pets Directory in which an article about Grey2K had been included. It was decided to not comment to the editor about the inclusion of the article but to keep advertising with them per our contract.

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

Submitted,
Lana Henley
Executive Secretary

Approved:
Bob Trapp
Sally McIntosh
Pam Cook
Donna Seago
Jennifer Define