

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

Tim Define, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm in the Mangia's Pizza meeting room in Austin, Texas. All board members except for Glen Bridge, Sally McIntosh and Mike Waldon were in attendance. Holly Waldon was a guest.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.(a) Membership list status – Donna reported that the list is current and ready to be transferred to Lana as soon as a data file can be selected and purchased. Lana will look at ACT!'s demo application online and order the software if she thinks it appropriate.

(b) Officer elections – The slate of nominees is complete, and will be mailed to the membership on Wednesday, March 22nd, with instructions to nominate additional candidates or register objections to Sally by March 31st. A vote will be taken at the April 1st Foster Training seminar/Membership meeting.

2. Upcoming Events –

(a) Speed Alley/Membership Meeting, DogBoy's, Pflugerville, noon-3pm

(b) TGA Spring Meet – cancelled

(c) Golden Retriever Speed Alley, Zilker, April 1st, 11:00 am – Tim will coordinate

(d) Spring trip to Ziller's Blood Bank – Tim will ask H.O.T. to arrange

(e) Foster Training/Membership Meeting, April 1st, Petco (Arboretum) – Sally & Pam to coordinate

(f) Meet & Greet, April 22nd, Petco (Arboretum) – need a coordinator for that day only

(g) PoppyFest, Georgetown, April 28-30 – status of a booth unknown

(h) May Speed Alley, DogBoy's, Pflugerville – possibly May 20 or 21 – Pam will confirm date

(i) Health Fair, April 12th – Pam will coordinate

(j) Board and Planning Meeting, April 23rd 1:00-5:00 pm

3. Petco grant – book selection and placement in progress. GPA-CT will purchase the books for area libraries, and donation stickers will be placed inside the books. (An aside: Bobbie was able to get \$430 from Petco for their Planet Day contribution.)

4. Misc.

(a) The 2 new table banners have been received and were at the meeting.

(b) The inventory of storage scheduled for April 8th was cancelled.

(5) Website – Donna reported that the website is current with all the dogs available for adoption. Jen reported that she can't go forward with the webstore until she has pictures of the items that will be offered for sale.

(6) Evotes since February meeting – Lana reported there had been none.

(7) New M&G Venues – Barbara reported that she had not contacted Cabellas yet.

(8) Senior/Special Need Dogs – A vote taken at the February board meeting placed the adoption fee for senior dogs aged 9+ at \$100. The board agreed that a broad definition of "special needs" was "medical or behavioral needs beyond the basic requirements for standard adoption". The board felt that the Adoption Coordinator is the best one to identify these dogs. April will be designated "Seniors Month" in the chapter, and Donna will configure the website in accordance.

(9) PawMatch is still presenting problems at Meet & Greets. The State of Texas is sending notification of their sales tax status.

(10) Town Lake Stroll – Pam continues to “stroll” and is working on the wristbands for those “on the go”. Donna has provided her with inexpensive outlets for ordering.

(11) Jen clarified the new Board repository and Board email addresses.

(12) Diversified Machinery Co. – Lana confirmed that the custom metal art was finished but still needed to be painted. The board suggested flat black.

(13) A.C. Linder Oil Painting Fund Raiser – Bob reported that Amy had made the trip to David Graves’ greyhound museum outside of Waco and that David had loaned her several items for the painting. She has also gathered some items from Ebay and progress on the composition of the painting is continuing.

NEW BUSINESS

(14) Placement/Foster Team Report (copy attached to these minutes) – Pam reviewed the report in Sally’s absence.

(15) Treasurer’s Report (copy attached to these minutes) – Barbara reviewed the report.

(16) Board Contact Info – Tim requested that the board send him their contact info.

(17) Galgos Coats – Bobbie requested \$100 to purchase additional waterproof materials/fleece to make coats for the Galgos. Bob made the motion and Jennifer seconded it. The motion passed.

(18) Bobbie is looking for the source of inexpensive embroidering for the donation coats worn by the dogs at special events. Bobbie will donate the materials. Lana will talk with Bobbie about using Janet Hardee.

(19) Lassos – In Mike’s absence Holly asked for dates when the Lassos could help out.

(20) Accounting Package – GPA National is standardizing their financial records on QuickBooks Pro and has strongly suggested that all chapters use QuickBooks Pro and adopt their schedule of accounts. Since GPA-CT currently uses no accounting package, Lana made the motion and Bob seconded that we purchase the software and that our Treasurer begin keeping our financial records in that manner as soon as possible. The motion passed. Pam will purchase the software.

(21) Newsletter – Donna requested that someone else take responsibility for the newsletter. She will be asking Julie Babler to volunteer.

Being no further business, Bob made the motion and Barbara seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 pm. The motion passed.

Lana Henley
Executive Secretary

