

GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – CENTRAL TEXAS
Chapter Board Meeting/Planning Meeting
April 23, 2006

Tim Define, President, called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm in the Mangia's Pizza meeting room in Austin, Texas. All board members except for Ryan Barden were in attendance. Holly Waldon was a guest. Tim welcomed new board members Angie Smith and Emily Hutson.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Administration

(a) Membership List – Donna is still in possession of the only officially current membership list. The list available on Google is not current, but Donna will send out an updated list for informational purposes only.

(b) Software – Lana has tried the demo of ACT! and likes it, so Pam will see if she can order the software for less than the current sale price from ACT! of \$199.99. Donna and Tim will work with Lana to get the data transferred, formatted and operational when the software arrives. Pam has not yet ordered QuickBooks Pro because NGA has not yet confirmed its usage by member chapters.

2) Previous Events

(a) Speed Alley/Membership Meeting, 3-26-06 at Dog Boys. Tim reported a tremendous attendance and enthusiasm among humans and dogs who attended. Dog Boys returned their 25% of the gate to the chapter netting us \$340 in proceeds from the event. The lure coursing equipment is now paid for and further events will be all profit. Dog Boys was very supportive of the event and invited us back any time. A postmortem was done revealing that (1) more volunteers are needed, (2) a better in/out flow might be achieved, (3) merchandise did not sell, and (4) snacks/drinks could be placed so they'd be more accessible. Consideration should be given to scheduling different dog groups to help with flow.

(b) Golden Retriever Rescue picnic/speed alley at Zilker Park, 4-1-06. Tim reported that our share of the take was \$125, and that having help from the Lassos was very beneficial. Donna will send a note of appreciation to them. Tim said the picnic was very well done with raffles, food and lots of volunteers. He feels like a lot of good will was built.

(c) Foster Training, 4-1-06: Sally reported that it was a successful event although there were few attendees. Another session is scheduled for July. Discussion centered on how to make the meeting have more appeal to a wider section of our membership. It was felt new adopters should certainly be invited along with long-time members who might be interested in furthering their education of the breed. Pam and Sally will discuss how to better make this happen.

(d) Health Fair – Pam attended this annual event and felt it was very successful.

3) Petco Grant

Pam has not been able to compile a listing of books for possible purchase for the libraries. Cindy Shirkey will be asked to help with the list for discussion at the next board meeting.

4) Website

(a) New dogs, pictures – Donna reported that everything she's received is on the web

(b) Webstore – Jennifer reported that this project is in the works.

5) Evotes since last meeting – Lana read two.

6) New M&G Venues – Angie will research marathons/dog walks in the Austin area to see about GPA participation. She will also contact Lowes-Round Rock about holding a M&G. Bob will

contact the management at the Sears Grande. The Cabellas site is still undetermined. Everyone was encouraged to think of new venues – even if they are one-time-only events.

7) Seniors – The board had previously designated April as Seniors month to coincide with NGA. Donna reported that NGA has nothing on their site except a dead link. Since April is almost over, the board decided to focus on seniors and special-needs dogs in September which will coincide with Greyhound Planet Day. Donna will contact Celebrating Greyhounds regarding articles for our newsletter and website for the September focus.

8) Pawmatch – Pam reported that other adoption groups have become aware of Pawmatch and their unethical practices and have begun to apply pressure. Barbara Clark has also talked with the State Comptroller regarding their sales tax exemption status.

9) Town Lake Stroll – Pam reported that the Stroll would resume in May. Work on the wristbands is continuing.

10) Diversified Machining Co. Metal Art – Lana reported that she had received a call that the piece was finished. She will bring it to the next meeting when there will be discussion of the fund raising effort.

11) A.C. Linder Oil Painting – Bob reported that it's ongoing – no word lately from the artist.

12) Donation Coats – Lana has sent Bobbie the info regarding her embroiderer. There's been no further word.

13) Newsletter – Donna reported that Julie Babler will be unable to do the newsletter. The next deadline is May 10. Tim will write a President's column which will include a plea for volunteers. Everyone was encouraged to contribute.

NEW BUSINESS:

14) Welcome to new board members – (done at opening of the meeting)

15) Vice President's Report – Ryan was on his honeymoon, so there was no report.

16) Placement/Foster Team Report – Sally reviewed the report and asked for specific instruction as to two dogs currently at TLAC. Pam will provide a spreadsheet for board meetings to help track individual dogs. There are currently 19 dogs in foster. There have been NO applications.

17) Treasurer's Report – Barbara will email her report to board members. She reported that the dues payments are coming in good.

18) Updated GPA-CT Board Info – Tim requested that all board members email him their contact info.

19) Anything Else?

(a) The Cara Vacchiano Proposal – no action was taken.

(b) Expenditures – Jennifer requested that there be consistency in expenditures. After some good discussion that there be guidelines established for medical versus other adoptable expenditures, Tim requested each board member consider this for discussion at the May board meeting.

20) Planning Meeting – Tim turned the meeting over to Jennifer who distributed an events calendar through 2006. Additional items such as Planet Day, Home & Garden show, storytimes, giftwrapping, Georgetown Stroll, SNIP, summer library program, Pet-a-pa-looza, speed alley events, ice cream social, and Chuy’s parade were added for consideration and inclusion.

21) Wrap up –

- (a) Donna will order more brochures
- (b) Lana asked for help in pricing new merchandise as well as whether the board should be offered new merchandise at cost.

Emily made the motion and Bob seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Lana Henley
Executive Secretary