

GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – CENTRAL TEXAS
Chapter Board Meeting/Planning Meeting
May 15, 2006

Tim Define, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Luby's Cafeteria in Austin, Texas. All board members except for Emily Hutson and Barbar Clark were in attendance. Holly Waldon was a guest.

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 asap.

(b) Software – Lana has tried the demo of ACT! and likes it. The manufacturer has offered a purchase "deal, so Lana will buy the software and install it on her computer. Pam has purchased the Quickbooks Pro software and will be delivering it to Barbara Clark.

2) Previous Events

(a) Unofficial M&G @ Amy's Ice Cream – Those attending reported it was a fabulous event with lots of interest shown.

(b) Kids' Pet Care Fair – Those members attending reported that it was a waste of time and would not recommend attending in 2007.

3) Petco Grant

Tim is working with Bobbie Wier on this project. Mike Waldon will check with Cindy Shirkey as to the status of the book list. Member Lonnie Lapp has expressed his interest in helping with the summer library program.

4) Website

(a) New dogs, pictures – Donna reported that everything is current

(b) Webstore – Jennifer reported that this project is in the works. Lana volunteered to manage and mail out inventory when purchased. She also volunteered to take digital pictures for Jen of the items in her possession for placement on the web.

5) Evotes since last meeting – None

6) New M&G Venues – Angie contacted Lowes-Round Rock about holding a M&G. The answer was "no". Bob reported that the management at the Sears Grande had changed, so he's holding off asking. Angie will contact the HEB on Hwy. 79.

7) Pawmatch – Nothing new to report

8) Town Lake Stroll – Pam reported that work on the wristbands is on hold.

9) Diversified Machining Co. Metal Art – Lana brought the metal art for everyone to see. She will give the information to Cathy Ransom for promotion and will take it to Speed Alley and M&Gs when possible.

10) A.C. Linder Oil Painting – No report

11) Donation Coats – A sewing circle is working on coats.

12) Newsletter – Donna reported that she will be out of town for a few days, but that the newsletter will be to the printer in early June.

NEW BUSINESS

13) Vice President's Report – none

14) Placement/Foster report – Sally reported we'd reached the plateau of 100 adoptions. The board decided to celebrate the event (report is attached to the hard copy of these minutes). Pam will write a newsletter article w/pictures and prepare a gift basket for the 100th adopter.

15) Treasurer's Report – Barbara was absent, but there was clarification of the Kennel Fund for the benefit of new board members. It was decided that Tim should address the subject of the Fund in the next newsletter, i.e. absorbing it into general funds or ear marking it for the Emergency Medical Fund.

16. Events Coordinator – Jen reported that Speed Alley at Dog Boys in Pflugerville, May 21st is planned. A bullhorn is needed. Cathy Ransom was successful in getting Dave Cody, Fox 7 News, to attend to announce the event. Camera crews will attend, also.

17) Diamond Update – Sally reported Diamond's warning about unhealthy dog food.

18) GPA-CT Board Info – Tim again requested everyone's current contact data.

19) Public Relations – Cathy Ransom was unable to attend to report on her efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Lana Henley
Executive Secretary