

GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA/CENTRAL TEXAS

Board Meeting, June 22, 2004

Glen Bridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at LaMadeleine's in Austin, Texas. Board members present were Bobbie Wier, Donna Seago, Sally McIntosh, Bob Trapp and Michele Truhlik. Tim Define, Jennifer Define, Barbara Clark and Hannah Baxter were absent.

Glen requested everyone to send whatever they had regarding membership renewals, membership lists or newsletter mailing lists to him for compilation. He will send his list to Donna for the printer to use in the mailing of our July newsletter.

He also reminded those in attendance that he was taking over the responsibility of sending thank-you letters until Corresponding Secretary Bobbie Wier has had a chance to get the Jamboree 2004 underway. He, therefore, requested information on anyone needing to receive a letter.

Because GPA/CT does so many outdoor activities, Glen suggested the chapter buy two box fans to have in inventory for use during hot months. The group agreed. He will purchase the fans in time for Burnet Rail Days, June 26 & 27, 2004.

The Heartgard mailing the first of June was delayed because of an inadequate supply. Glen requested that the Placement Team always have on hand enough for a month's supply in order to keep the foster dogs protected. It was suggested that Sally compare the price of Heartgard at Great Oaks (our present supplier) with internet vet suppliers to see if money could be saved in this area.

Glen requested clarification of the chapter's policy regarding dogs being returned from other chapters. Sally outlined the following steps: The group from whom the dog was adopted should be contacted regarding a return to ask if they will take the dog back. If not, a release should be obtained from that group, if possible, or the current owner/breeder in order that we can take responsibility for the dog. Glen asked to review the chapter's release form.

GPA/National has requested the Board's names, addresses, etc. Glen verified that he had the permission of the Board to do that.

After some discussion of concerns regarding PayPal the group was assured by Donna that internal checking account issues with PayPal had been resolved and everything is in order.

Regarding any lingering issues with G.A.L.T. and the Brodie Meet & Greet incident, Glen reported that he and Sally had both attended last weekend's Meet & Greet and found those involved to be cordial. An official letter from the chapter has not yet been mailed.

Various places to be considered for greyhound adoption promotion were discussed. Bobbie had been busy contacting several businesses (including the Borders at Great Hills Blvd. which looks promising), but her biggest accomplishment was an invitation to the Texas Home & Garden Show to be held in Austin, September 24-26, 2004. She is awaiting a packet of information regarding requirements for attending. Bobbie also presented several opportunities for the chapter to consider for fund raisers at our activities. She reported that she had been working on the Jamboree and that her committee needed to meet.

Greyhound Planet Day is September 18. The Board briefly discussed whether to have an event, but no decision was reached.

Sally has gotten GPA/CT a spot on FOX 7 to appear in the "Pet of the Month" slot. The first airing will be Monday, June 28 at 7:30 a.m. She is trying to turn this one-time appearance into a monthly occurrence. Sally will be interviewed. Glen will take pictures and be available for interview. It was decided that foster dogs should be spotlighted.

Those attending the National convention in Richmond, Va. in September are Glen Bridge, Barbara Clark, Sally McIntosh and Bobbie Wier.

Sally asked permission to have Champ II evaluated by Sandra Hudson, a dog physical therapist, in order to suggest anything that would make him more adoptable. The Board approved.

Michele reported that she had found a man in Georgetown that blended spices and have bottled them for sale. She suggested we might consider selling these at our functions. Proceeds are split 50/50.

Donna reported that the July newsletter had been taken to the printer. She needs more pictures of foster dogs, chapter activities, etc. for future issues.

Bob asked if the chapter had decided to automatically include Frontline in the monthly HeartGuard mailing. It was decided to enclose a note in the July packet that Frontline was available if requested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with the next meeting being July 13, 2004. There will be no regular membership meeting in July.

Lana Henley
Executive Secretary

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| Bobbie Wier | 6/25/04 | Glen Bridge | /04 |
| Bob Trapp | 6/25/04 | Michele Truhlik | /04 |
| Sally McIntosh | 6/25/04 | | |
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