

Greyhound Pets of America – Central Texas
Chapter Board Meeting
August 18, 2006

Tim Define, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at Mangia's Pizza in Austin, Texas. All board members except for Sally McIntosh were in attendance. Holly Waldon, Cathy Ransom and Rachel Barden were guests.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Membership list – ACT!
 - (a) Meeting scheduled for August 28th at noon at Lana's house
 - (b) Bobbie Wier has volunteered to call members who have not renewed their dues. A list may be possible after the transfer of info to the Act! database.
 - (b) Barbara asked the board's input on the number of 2007 calendars to order.
2. Previous events – none
3. Petco grant
 - (a) Work continues. It was suggested that library visits might be reinstated for the summer of 2007 including a news release targeted for the spring in which Petco will be acknowledged for providing the grant for library books.
4. Website
 - (a) Donna reported the website is current
 - (b) Jennifer distributed an example of the web store which is ready to go live. There was discussion as to other items to include.
5. Evotes – Lana reported that the Evote taken to give Bobbie Wier \$25 to transport the San Marcos dog passed.
6. New M&G venues –
 - a) Donna suggested that the REI M&G be suspended for the foreseeable future due to REI's management company's refusal to no longer allow animals inside the store.
 - b) Bob reported on his contact with Gallery of Pets. They welcome a M&G at any time.
 - c) Charles Maund Jaguar – Since their traffic pattern is light, there was agreement that the M&G should be timed to coincide with their advertising or a special promotions event
 - d) Red Barn Nursery – Barbara reported that we are welcome. It will be an outside event.
 - e) Rachel reported that we are also welcome to have a M&G at the Great Outdoors nursery.
 - f) Angie suggested we look into some of the many outdoor music events held in Austin.
 - g) Barbara suggested we participate with our sales booth in the Annual Christmas on Mercer Street held in Dripping Springs on December 9th from 9:00-5:00. A \$30 entrance fee is required. Pam made the motion and Bob seconded that we authorize the expenditure and participate in the event. The motion passed.
 - h) Jennifer announced that the Speed Alley will be at Barktober Fest at Old Settlers Park on Oct. 14 from 10:30-2:00. A \$75 entrance fee is required. Jennifer made the motion and Donna seconded that we pay the entrance fee and participate in the event. The motion passed.
7. Pam reported that Pawmatch is still offering dogs for adoption at Petco stores. There was no update on Ziller's Blood bank.
8. Diversified Machining – The metal art will be displayed and offered for sale for \$750.00 at the upcoming Home & Garden Show to measure interest.
9. Linder Oil Painting – Bob had no update but will contact the artist before the next meeting.
10. Donation Coats – in progress
11. Newsletter – Donna needs articles. Special needs hounds will be the feature.
12. Contact Info – Tim will be creating and providing contact info for all board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Event Coordinator's Report –

- a) Home & Garden Show – Lana reported everything in order. More volunteers were needed.
- b) Half Price Books Grand Opening – Pam will coordinate. Volunteers are needed.
- c) Greyhound Planet Week –
 1. Jennifer sent a proclamation to the City of Austin for their signature. Cathy Ransom will send it to media.
 2. PETCO events
 3. Planet Day
 - a. Time of event: 12:30-3:30
 - b. Food for sale: hot dogs, chips, sodas, water
 - c. Contests – Emily Hutson will coordinate
 - d. Dr. Willis will receive a personal invitation
 - e. Mike will contact the Lassos/Orange Jackets to enlist volunteers
 4. Barktober Fest
 - a. Date/Time/Place: October 14, 10:30-2:00, Old Settlers Park, Round Rock
 - b. SPCA Event – GPA invited to run Speed Alley
 5. Lassos “Thank You” Event – Mike will coordinate
 - a. What will it look like?
 - b. What's the best time?

14. Vice President's Report –

Ryan's working on the article for the newsletter regarding wills and greyhounds.

15. Placement/Foster Report –

Aside from the printed report (attached hereto), Bobbie is picking up 2 dogs in Corpus Christi.

16. Treasurer's Report – (attached hereto)

- (a) Barbara continues her QuickBooks Pro training
 - (b) An audit needs to be scheduled as soon as our financial info is placed on QuickBooks. What will the cost be? Rachel will check.
- 17) Shelter dogs/Breeder dogs Discussion (no discussion at this meeting)

18) Public Relations –

Cathy Ransom provided several suggestions on ramping up our communications.

19. Anything Else?

- a) It was decided to give Bobbie Wier her “thank you” gift when she attended the H&G Show as a volunteer since we've not been able to coordinate the presentation since she left the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Lana Henley
Executive Secretary

APPROVED: Pam Cook, Ryan Barden, Mike Waldon, Bob Trapp, Angie Smith, Emily Hutson, Donna Seago