

**Greyhound Pets of America – Central Texas**  
**Chapter Board Meeting**  
**October 17, 2006**

Tim Define, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm at Mangia's Pizza in Austin, Texas. All board members except for Angie Smith and Barbara Clark were in attendance. Holly Waldon and Rachael Barden were guests.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Administration – Tim is continuing to work on the ACT! software to be used for the membership list.
2. Previous Events –
  - a. GPA National Conference:
    - 1) Status of QuickBooks conversion – Barbara was absent, so there was no report.
    - 2) Prison Dogs – Tim will follow up to get more information
    - 3) T-Shirts – 50 have been ordered at \$6 each. The Board decided to sell them for \$15.
  - b. Greyhound Planet Day –
    - 1) Speed Alley – Not much money was made, possibly due to the extreme heat of the day, and/or the conflicting UT football game.
    - 2) Contests, food, and memorial service – all went well.  
\* There was considerable discussion about how to improve the event next year. Some ideas included the consideration of a different venue, possibly moving it Sunday, and a special mailout.
  - c. Barktoberfest –
    - 1) Speed Alley was a hit. \$377 was taken in.  
\*General discussion concluded that a banner or sign was needed in the Speed Alley area to attract attention.
  - d. Red Barn Fall Festival M&G –
    - 1) Barbara was congratulated for a splendid event. The venue was excellent with lots of interested folks petting and asking questions. Red Barn will hold a Spring Fest 2007, so we are hopeful of being invited back at that time.
3. Website –
  - a. Donna reported that everything is current, but she needs pictures and bios of ALL foster dogs.
  - b. Web store – Jennifer asked for suggestions of other items that might be included in the web store in order that she might include them. Jennifer requested that the PayPal notifications go directly to her instead of Barbara in order that she might mail the merchandise timely.
4. E-votes Since Last Meeting – Lana gave the results of the two evotes taken, as follows:
  - a. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Tim be given \$200 to purchase 25 burnt orange tshirts from GPA-Minnesota.
  - b. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Sally be allowed to purchase purchases of collars and leads, breakaway collars, muzzles, tags and DirectStop as required for foster dogs and for sale. (Although new tags have been ordered, Sally will call the manufacturer in an attempt to get the new phone number printed on the new tags.)
5. New M&G Venues – Discussion continues of new and different M&G venues that will expose our greys to different people. The Red Barn Nursery was such a good experience that we

decided to continue to work to get M&Gs at area nurseries. Austin has such a wide variety of outdoor events that many could be considered. It was decided to postpone meeting at The Gallery of Pets because of the hectic season we are entering.

6. Donation Coats – Coats have been distributed to all M&G boxes. Thanks, again, to Bobbie Wier for her work.

7. Newsletter – The current newsletter is at the printer. Pam will ask Michelle Belisle if she is willing to take over responsibility for the creation and mailing of the newsletter beginning with the next issue.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

8. Events Coordinator's Report – Jennifer reported that Dog Boy's have invited us to do a Speed Alley event any time. It was suggested we might combine it with another group (i.e. Goldens, Bassets, etc.) to increase the publicity, participation and monies.

9. Placement/Foster Team Report – Sally distributed her written report (a copy of which is attached to the hard copy of these minutes).

10. Treasurer's Report – Barbara was absent, so there was no report.

11. Membership Email List – Discussion of the responsibility for membership emails revealed that Donna, Sally and Pam are the three who are currently sending out emails; however, anyone may send information to the list to [gpact@yahoogroups.com](mailto:gpact@yahoogroups.com). One of the three persons listed above approves the message before it is posted. Tim felt that all board members should have the ability to send email to the membership. There was discussion of transferring the list from Yahoo to Google.

12. Fund Raising –

a. Lana reported that she was donating 34 chrome clocks that Henley Homes had used as gifts at their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary party to be converted to “greyhound” clocks. The only cost would be for the image of a greyhound within a gold circle that would be affixed to the clock. Bob made the motion and Mike seconded that the board spend the money to convert the clocks which would be offered for sale in the webstore.

b. Lana also reported that she had sent a letter to all the bingo halls in the yellow pages offering to partner with them for a special night in which the chapter would bring our greys in exchange for a part of the proceeds for that night.

c. It was also suggested that we consider a pledge drive in early December.

13. Moffatt's Farm Closing – More information needs to be gotten on this.

14. NGA Bans US dogs to Juarez – More info needs to be obtained

15. Chuy's Parade – Bob will email the board the estimated cost of the renovation of the float to be voted on at that time.

16. Petco Grant – The \$1,000 given to GPA-CT for the donation of library books is being held since we currently have no library program in place. Rachael Barden is interested in

coordinating such a program for next summer, and based on the results of her inquiries, it was proposed to spend the monies to support that program at that time.

Bob made the motion and Ryan seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 pm. The motion passed.

Lana Henley  
Executive Secretary

Approved as corrected:  
Sally McIntosh  
Pam Cook  
Donna Seago  
Bob Trapp  
Mike Waldon  
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