

GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – CENTRAL TEXAS
Chapter Board Meeting
October 18, 2005

President Glen Bridge called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm in the Mangia's Pizza meeting room in Austin, Texas. All board members were present. Holly Waldon was a guest.

Sally McIntosh presented the Placement Team Report which had been emailed to the members prior to the meeting (copy of which is attached to the hard copy of these minutes).

Tim Define reported that Speed Alley had been a great success at the recent S.N.I.P. Fest event making \$430.00 in total and clarified that the lure coursing equipment had been purchased with the GPA-CT credit card. Tim also clarified that the recently-purchased equipment is the same as is used in lure coursing events should our chapter desire to do lure coursing events. Bobbie Wier reported that merchandise sales were low but that the location of our booth was not the best.

A procedure to handle E-votes was discussed and agreed upon; namely, that Lana Henley, as Exec. Sec., would gather the votes taken via email and read them into the next board meeting minutes in order that they might become an official part of the business of GPA-CT and be available to the membership through the website. Email requiring a vote or urgent consideration should be labeled as such.

The board voted at its September meeting to send a letter to TGA regarding GALT's Meet & Greet at REI and their comments while there. Sally made the motion and Pam Cook seconded that every greyhound rescue group in Texas be sent a copy of that letter. The motion passed.

Donna Seago reported that preliminary cost estimates for mailing an interim postcard to members between newsletters would be about \$200 (this does NOT include postage). She has further research to do, but suggested that the cards be mailed during the same month as quarterly planning meetings but after the planning meeting beginning January, 2006.

Cindy Shirkey reported that pending activities included Greyt Greyhounds and Friends Fair 2005 in San Antonio (10/29) and the Georgetown Christmas Stroll (12/3). No word has been received from Barnes & Noble regarding Christmas gift wrapping, so Cindy will contact them for dates. Cindy reported that the Hill Country Christian School of Austin had contacted her regarding a visit during December. More details are required before making that commitment. Lana reported that the chapter has the opportunity to participate in a Home & Garden Show in both February and March, 2006. The board agreed to participate in the February show and decide about the March show later.

Bobbie contacted Petco regarding the grant submitted to purchase library books. No decision has been made.

In discussing the inventory of brochures, M&G items, etc. Pam made the motion and Cindy seconded to purchase two more table banners at a cost of approximately \$65.00 each. Bobbie will check with our storage facility about moving to a larger unit.

Issues with keeping the website current were discussed. Mike Waldon reported that he sometimes has difficulty getting pictures of new dogs but always works with Donna to keep it as current as possible. Jennifer Define has not been able to complete the webstore installation yet.

The board discussed adopting a policy for meeting cancellation. Pam made the motion that meetings should only be cancelled with 24 hour notice. Mike made a motion to amend her motion to increase the time to 48 hours. Pam accepted the friendly amendment, and Bob Trapp seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed. It was agreed that meetings will be cancelled by E-vote with a majority required.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara Clark presented the Treasurer's Report (copy attached to these minutes).

An advertising logo can be purchased and placed on the back of shirts to be sold at the Greyt Greyhounds and Friends Fair 2005 in San Antonio. Bob made the motion and Mike seconded that we purchase a \$35.00 size logo to include our name and website. The motion passed. Bobbie will get the information to Glen for transmittal to H.O.T.

Thanks to Bobbie who contacted the REI manager after the recent M&G by GALT, we now have a regularly-scheduled M&G at REI the first Sunday of every month. Cindy made the motion and Bob seconded that the M&Gs at Round Rock and Lakeline be dropped because of their lack of effectiveness. The motion passed. Robert Wagner and Donna Seago will co-host the REI M&G. An email will go to members and the website will reflect these changes. Related, but unrelated, was the procedure to be followed when M&Gs are cancelled. Sally will notify the store, Bobbie and Donna who will post the cancellation via email and on the website.

Sally was asked to order thirty-five 2006 desk calendars and seventy-five wall calendars for sale. This is down slightly from last year.

Sally made the motion and Pam seconded to name the emergency medical fund in honor of Dr. Ransom of Great Oaks Dr. Animal Hospital. The proposed name of the fund is "The Rea