

GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – CENTRAL TEXAS
Chapter Board Meeting
November 15, 2005

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tim asked if the letters to TGA and Mark Ziller that the board approved at its September 20, 2005 meeting had been mailed. No one knew positively, so Pam made the motion and Bob seconded that the letter to TGA regarding Greyhound Adoption League of Texas be mailed over Tim's signature as Vice President. The motion passed. Copies will be mailed to all Texas adoption groups.
2. Donna had no report on the matter of postcard mailings to the membership pending further information and research.
3. Cindy led the discussion regarding upcoming events, i.e. the Georgetown Christmas Stroll, the four gift wrapping dates, the Hill Country Christian School of Austin, the Home & Garden Show, and the purchase of two 10'x10' tents previous approved by the board. Mike made the motion and Donna seconded to purchase only one tent. The motion passed. Mike also made the motion and Pam seconded that we only participate in the February H&G Show and not try to do the March show. The motion passed.
4. Bobbie was absent, so there was no report on the progress of the Petco grant for library books.
5. Bobbie had reported to Tim that a larger storage unit would cost \$106 per month. Bob made the motion and Barbara seconded that the decision to move to a larger unit be tabled until the contents could be evaluated and redistributed. The motion passed. Lana reported that Bobbie had told her the two additional banners had been purchased and were ready for pick up.
6. Donna reported that her computer woes seem to be under control and that her ability to update the website was finally in place. Jennifer had no report on the progress of the online store.
7. A discussion of the first new M&G venue at REI revealed that there was a lot of excitement among the membership about the new location which resulted in too many dogs our first time out. It was recommended that only foster dogs be featured at this event. Donna will assume the leadership for recruiting participants at the December event.
8. The board decided that the thirty-five 2006 desk calendars to be sold for \$15 and seventy-five wall calendars to be sold at \$12. Sally reported that they had been ordered.
9. Lana reported that she was continuing discussion with the Janet Hardee the embroidery artist who will be doing our sales items and that new items would be available shortly. Mike made the motion and Bob seconded that the chapter's existing supply of shirts be held until after the Lorena meet in March, 2006 before they are disposed of. The motion passed.
10. Donna reported that The Real Ransom III DVM Emergency Medical Fund would continue to be included in the website and would appear in the newsletters. The board also discussed placing the

announcement of its creation in The Communique and in a letter to the family. (Pam will compose a letter and send it to Tim for his signature and mailing.)

11. Discussion of a central repository for documents, certificate templates, designs, and artwork continued. Jennifer told the board about an email account that might possibly be used for this purpose. She will bring more information.

12. Lana read into these minutes an e-vote that had been taken since the last board meeting, namely, that the board had approved \$26 for the rental of an 8'x5' trailer to be taken to the Heart of Texas Fair in San Antonio.

13. The board discussed our concern for senior dogs and what this chapter could do to assist them. One suggestion was that they be placed in permanent foster homes. Other suggestions included special fund raising items/venues to specifically benefit fosters. This will be an ongoing discussion item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sally presented the Placement/Foster report which is attached to these minutes.

2. Barbara Clark presented the Treasurer's report. Mike had some questions. Barbara will clarify.

3. The board is always looking for new venues in which to showcase our hounds. Bobbie will have a Two Greyt Friends booth at the Round Rock Stroll on Dec. 1 and in Hutto on Dec. 10. Another fun event at Amy's Ice Cream is being planned.

4. PawMatch has injected itself into the Petco-Hancock M&G to the consternation of Pam who is the leader of that event. The management of the Petco seems unconcerned about the intrusion. Pam will contact the area supervisor to determine Petco's interest in having GPA-CT. Petco is an annual contributor to the efforts of our chapter and their financial contribution should be considered before making a final decision. Bob made the motion and Mike seconded that the M&G be suspended pending further investigation. The motion passed.

5. Pam often walks with her hounds around Town Lake and is stopped by walkers and runners to inquire about greyhounds. She had the idea of handing out informational wristbands for those "on the go" instead of ¼ sheets or brochures. She will get more information on the wristbands.

6. The Christmas Party will be December 10 at Petco-Arboretum's Community Room from 6-8pm.

7. In addition to the letter to TGA regarding GALT, the board had approved a letter to Mark Ziller. Since the content of that letter is now stale, Donna made the motion and Bob seconded to re-write the letter asking for an appointment to re-visit the blood bank in the spring. The motion passed.

8. Holly Waldon suggested the board might think about fund raising items to benefit either the general fund or the emergency medical fund. Lana reported that she and Bobbie had visited Diversified Machining Co. in Leander and had arranged with them to donate a custom metal art piece for a fund raiser.

Donna made the motion and Bob seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. The motion passed.

Lana Henley
Executive Secretary

APPROVED:
Pam Cook
Barbara Clark
Bob Trapp
Donna Seago
Mike Waldon