

MINUTES of
Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas
Quarterly Planning Meeting
Sunday, July 22, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

A quarterly planning meeting of the Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas Board of Directors was held in Pam Cook's office in Welch Hall on The University of Texas campus in Austin, Texas, on Sunday, July 22, 2007. The meeting convened at 2:20 p.m., President Pam Cook presiding, and Donna Seago, corresponding secretary.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENT

Barbara Clark, Pam Cook, Emily Hutson, John Koonz, Sally McIntosh, Donna Seago and Angie Smith

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ABSENT

Doug Bevins and Glen Bridge, Jr.

GUESTS

Lara Gale, Austin Humane Society (AHS) Board of Directors

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Greyhound Planet Day/Speed Alley/Fall membership meeting

Action item: At Angie's request, Pam will visit Romp 'N Run Ranch to verify the facility is OK for Speed Alley and finalize the date and time (tentative Saturday, Oct. 20; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.). Pam will also inquire about electricity and water at the site.

Discussion items: Greyhound Planet Day ceremony; costume contest with 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes; massage therapist (post-Speed Alley); ask Great Oaks to do microchipping; food and drinks

Action item: Lara Gale will ask Paige Morrison (photographer) and Cardinal Ridge Barkery about donating prizes; Pam will ask Cara Vacchiano at Buddy's Chance Training Center for same.

- Foster recruitment event aka "Fosters for Fosters"

Discussion about this event turns to the idea of having a "Grey Day" – a bake sale/meet & greet held at several locations around town on the same day, with the goal to raise awareness about greyhounds and greyhound adoption. A press release will be sent prior to the event to Austin-area media outlets. Foster families and foster greyhounds will be prominent at each venue. Lara has spoken to Body Business about this event as she already holds a similar AHS event. Saturday, Nov. 3 is the target date for the "Grey Day" event.

Action item: Lara will talk with Body Business (two locations) about the specific date; Pam will contact Book People and Angie will contact RunTex about the possibility of holding the event at their locations.

- “Gala” event

Before a large fund-raising gala is planned, GPA-CT will hold a “practice gala” at someone’s house. Target date for the event is February 2008. Wine, food and auction item donations need to be solicited. Board members should think about their invitation lists.

Action items: Lara will send Donna a sample package used to solicit AHS donations. Lara will also identify types of business from which to solicit donations (e.g. restaurants, spas, fitness, family entertainment, etc.) Donna will send letters (or complete online forms, as some business require) in August requesting donations.

NEW BUSINESS

- Texas Home & Garden Show: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-9

Until the former Board members make contact regarding the equipment/supplies used at the home & garden shows, there isn’t much to be discussed.

Action item: After GPA-CT re-takes possession of the home & garden show furnishings from previous Board members, a portion of time during the August 2007 board meeting will be devoted to home & garden show planning.

- Harcourt Animal Adoption Event: Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 25-27

GPA-CT has been asked to participate in this event. It will only be one day during the three-day event.

Action item: Pam will confirm the date and will head up the event.

- Santa Paws/Yappy Hour/Winter membership meeting/holiday party

Target date is Saturday, Dec. 8. Target time is noon-2 p.m. for photos with Santa Paws (aka Michael Gale), with official membership meeting/holiday party from 2-3 p.m.

Action item: Pam will talk to Cara V. at Buddy’s Chance about holding the meeting at her training center.

- John will investigate sponsoring a water station at the 3M Half Marathon in January 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Donna Seago, Corresponding Secretary

Approved: August 21, 2007