

MINUTES of
**Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 21, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas Board of Directors was held in the community room at H-E-B Central Market (4001 N. Lamar) in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, August 21, 2007. The meeting convened at 7:17 p.m., President Pam Cook presiding, and Donna Seago, corresponding secretary.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENT

Doug Bevins, Glen Bridge, Pam Cook, Donna Seago, and Angie Smith

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ABSENT

Barbara Clark, Emily Hutson, John Koonz, and Sally McIntosh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Angie and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2007, meeting and July 22, 2007, planning meeting. **Motion carried.**

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President: Pam discussed Community Techknowledge's 5-7-5 Haiku Grant Award (www.communitytech.net), whose only requirements are to (1) write a haiku describing the role your nonprofit organization plays in the community, and (2) have an executive officer of your organization attend the awards presentation dinner.

Action item: Pam and Angie will write the haiku and submit the online application by the deadline of Thursday, Sept. 6.

Treasurer: No report was submitted.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Placement Coordinator: Copy of report attached.

Events Coordinator: Copy of calendar attached. Angie recommended that GPA-CT do not participate in the Triple Crown PetFest and Expo due to the number of other events to which GPA-CT is already committed. Angie will contact the Austin Kite Festival organizers for information on their annual event. Angie requested that photos for the Home & Garden Show be sent to Glen for printing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws Committee: Glen reports that input has been received on suggested bylaws revisions. He will update bylaws with suggested revisions and distribute at a later date. Glen will also investigate the use of "fees" vs. "dues" as it pertains to 501(c)(3) designation. Glen and Donna will check the new edition of Robert's Rules for its definition of email communications, and if email is included when communication is mentioned in the bylaws.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- GPA-CT records/property

Replies to the certified letter have been received from former officers Ryan Barden, Lana Henley and Bob Trapp. Lana and Bob challenged the ownership of several items. Lana also said that she never had the printed 2005 minutes. No response has been received from Tim or Jennifer Define.

Action item: Barbara will make copies of the expense reports relating to the ownership of the items questioned by Lana and Bob. Donna will send another letter to the previous board members with copies of these expense reports.

- Expanding the Placement Team

Volunteer job descriptions for respite coordinator, respite care providers, good guy haulers/delivery pals, foster friends, goodie bag maker and caterer were placed in the most recent issue of the newsletter. John has already volunteered to take on the role of respite coordinator, and members have been contacting Pam volunteering for other jobs.

- Attending the 2007 North American Greyhound Adoption Conference

Pam will not be able to attend the national conference. Unless someone else is available to go, GPA-CT will not have a representative at this year's meeting.

- Business cards/T-shirts/branding the chapter

We need to answer the question "Who, or what, is Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas?" in order to brand the chapter with an identity.

Action item: This item was tabled until next month's meeting due to the small numbers of attendees at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Greenlights membership

Donna presented information about Greenlights, a nonprofit whose purpose is to help other nonprofits fulfill their missions more effectively. They offer workshops on various topics (marketing, fundraising, finance), consulting services, meeting spaces, etc.

Action item: Donna requested that everyone look at the Greenlights' Web site (www.greenlights.org) and review what services are offered to see if it would benefit GPA-CT to become a member of Greenlights.

EMAIL VOTE

Motion was made on Aug. 6, 2007, by Sally via email and seconded via email that GPA-Central Texas offer \$5 off the adoption donation to anyone adopting a greyhound after donating blood at the Scott & White/Georgetown blood drive on August 13. This offer will be honored through Dec. 31, 2007, upon presentation of a coupon provided by GPA-CT. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made on Aug. 20, 2007, by John via email and seconded via email that GPA-CT pay an entry fee of \$50 plus 10% of earnings up to a total of \$75 (including the \$50 entry fee) to operate Speed Alley at Central Texas SPCA's Barktoberfest on Oct. 13, 2007. **Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug mentioned that he needs to get rid of some restaurant equipment and is willing to donate all proceeds from the sale of said equipment if GPA-CT is willing to host a garage sale. It was agreed to discuss further at a subsequent meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Donna Seago, Corresponding Secretary

Approved: September 18, 2007