

GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – CENTRAL TEXAS
Chapter Board Meeting
January 11, 2005

President Glen Bridge called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM at La Madeleine's French Bakery & Cafe meeting room in Austin, Texas. Board Members present were Tim Define, Jennifer Define, Barbara Clark, Donna Seago, Mike Waldon, Pam Cook, Sally McIntosh, Bobbie Wier, and Bob Trapp. Holly Waldon was a guest.

Treasurer Barbara Clark reported that there was money in the bank. A written report was unavailable.

Adoption Coordinator Sally McIntosh discussed the Placement Team report. Glen suggested that the Placement Team make an effort to keep some stats during 2005 on reasons dogs are returned.

Vice President Tim Define reported that the February general membership meeting at TLAC will feature "greyhound grooming" with nail trimming and ear cleaning, with demos on teeth cleaning. Instructions will be given for grooming and basic care of the greyhound.. Tim hopes to feature a behaviorist at the March meeting.

The newspaper ad in the classifieds of the American Statesman newspaper was up for discussion. It had inadvertently been cancelled during the holidays. Sally advised that she does get calls of inquiry from this ad. Bobbie will handle getting the ad back in the paper. Barbara will be the contact person and will attempt to renew the ad for the most economical time.

Mike Waldon will be prepared to give a report on the planned Dog Wash at the February meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Bobbie Wier brought the Board some valuable information on incorporation (a copy of her memo is attached to these minutes). Glen will fill out the form required by the Secretary of State. Bobbie will get a release from the Texas GPA chapters so that we might keep the name "Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas". An inventory of goods is needed asap.

Barbara reported that she had contacted the IRS in order to give them our change of address. Another notice is therefore expected.

Bobbie announced that the newsletter from TGA announced Spring Meet on Saturdays, March 12 & 19. Vendors are being encouraged to attend. The chapter might consider bringing the kissing booth. Details will follow.

Bobbie also volunteered to inquire about a public service announcement on BOB Radio.

Jennifer passed out a 2005 calendar showing the chapter's activities through September.

Sally inquired as to the procedure for sending thank you notes to people making donations. The procedure is that Sally opens the mail and sends the money to the Treasurer. Bobbie will be notified, and as Corresponding Secretary will send the postcard. Pam Cook will work to design and print cards for Bobbie.

Donna has asked Julia Miller (a graphic designer) to begin work on a basic identity package design. It was decided that the chapter would not attempt to capture all the 2004 donations for the newsletter but would begin printing them in 2005. The Emergency Medical Fund will be featured along with its current dollar amount in the February newsletter.

Lana passed out a list of names from the January 2002 membership list who are not listed on our current membership list. There was not sufficient time to discuss our handling of this data, so it was tabled until the February, 2005 meeting.

Pam led the discussion of the proposed foster/adoption application. After some discussion and amendments, Donna offered to format the new application and send it to the Board for their approval before placing it on the website and printing.

Tim made the motion and Bob seconded that the meeting adjourn at 9:10 p.m.