

## GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA/CENTRAL TEXAS

Board Meeting, July 13, 2004

Glen Bridge, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at LaMadeline's in Austin, Texas. Board members present were Bobbie Wier, Donna Seago, Sally McIntosh, Bob Trapp, Michele Truhlik, Tim Define, Jennifer Define, and Barbara Clark. Hannah Baxter was absent. The minutes of the June 22, 2004 meeting had been approved electronically.

### Reports from Officers:

Tim Define, Vice President, reported that the August membership meeting would feature veterinarian Lisa Willis, Great Oaks Drive Animal Hospital. Tim is trying to get a K-9 unit for October, reminding the Board that there would be no September meeting because of the Labor Day holiday.

Barbara Clark, Treasurer, distributed a financial statement and reported that \$1,730 had been donated to the Emergency Medical Fund. Other account balances are as follows: Checking \$956.14, Savings \$5576.69, Kennel \$5699.58. Barbara made the motion and Sally seconded that the \$5,000.00 taken from the General Fund and placed in the Kennel Fund as seed money be moved back. The vote was unanimous. Sally made the motion and Donna seconded to authorize Barbara to gather information and make a recommendation regarding moving GPA funds to another location. The vote was unanimous. PayPal Status = ok. Bobbie said that the sale of 175 cookbooks would represent a break-even point, and she feels we've sold more than that.

Bob Trapp, Foster Coordinator, read the Placement Team report (copy attached to these minutes). Foster family qualifications were discussed as was the status of Spiderman. Bobbie reported that ASPCA had a program to set up foster care – furnishing crates & starter kits. The Board authorized Bobbie to request five foster starter kits to be stored in Michele's air conditioned garage. After discussion regarding GPA/CT's policy/procedure/guidelines for taking greyhounds from any source if we have no available foster homes, the Board agreed that we will take TLAC dogs into a temporary situation and then transport them asap. Bobbie agreed to continue her efforts at networking to get dogs placed in other areas. Glen submitted a sample letter to be placed in the August newsletter requesting help from members to get applications.

### Reports from Committee Chairs:

Jamboree – Michelle is soliciting volunteers. Bobbie will contact Petco. A planning meeting is urgently needed.

### Unfinished Business:

Status of Billy's medical reimbursement from National – Jennifer has not yet resent the request. Telephone acquisition status – Jennifer will continue her work on this in an attempt to acquire a permanent phone for imprinting on tags for Jamboree distribution.

Approval of final version of dues renewal notice – Donna will send to Glen and Lana. Glen will send them out initially until a final database is completed.

### New M&G sites:

1. Borders/Great Hills – Aug. 14, 12:00-3:00, limit 6 humans/dogs, invitation only.
2. Groovy Dog Bakery – Sept. 11, 1:00-4:00, need silent auction items, baked goods
3. Barnes & Noble/Arboretum – Donna has been unable to speak to the manager
4. Fala's Pet Boutique/Tarrytown – a weekday M&G is being considered

Sympathy Cards: Glen passed around a card he would sending to Slim's humans. As she has

time Donna will work on a nice sympathy card for the chapter to use.  
Storage Unit – Items have been transferred to the new storage. Bobbie gave the Board members the combination and code. Money for damages has been requested from the old unit.  
Free membership for foster families: The Board agreed.  
Fundraising: Sally will order the 2005 calendars (same amount as last year)  
Bobbie reported a pet blood bank has been put into operation in Lago Vista which could hold up to 200 dogs. Eight have been placed there to date. It was unanimous that members of The Board would visit the bank to endeavor to understand the facility's operation fully.

#### New Business:

Volunteer Coordination: Michele has volunteered

GPA National, Silent Auction item: Bobbie brought two stained glass greyhound suncatchers. One will be taken to the National convention for a silent auction item. The other will be used as a fundraiser with tickets selling for \$2.00 each.

Rescue Remedy: Rescue Remedy has supplied the chapter with a free case of product. It was agreed to place Rescue Remedy informational flyers in adoption packets and to use the Remedy for our foster dogs.

#### Events:

2004 Greyhound Jamboree (Oct. 23): Bobbie continues to plan the event.

Home & Garden Show (Sept. 24-26): Lana is coordinating.

Greyhound Planet Day (Sept. 18): GPA/CT will celebrate on a different day

SNIP Fest 2004, DogBoy's (Aug. 21, 2:00-6:00): Donna is coordinating

Pet-A-Palooza (Aug. 28, 11:00-6:00, Travis Co. Expo): Booth \$25. Donna is coordinating

Hill's Café: Lana is coordinating. The Board will have their 7-27 meeting there to look at the facilities.

#### Announcements:

1. Donna emailed SPOT Magazine regarding a greyhound feature. They will consider for 2005.
2. Glen will contact Hannah regarding her resignation from the Board as a result of her move.

Adjournment at 9:30 p.m. Next meeting: July 27, 2004. Hill's Café: 6:00 pm to eat, 7:00 to meet.

Lana Henley  
Executive Secretary

#### Approved Electronically:

Hannah Baxter	n/a
Glen Bridge	
Barbara Clark	7/27
Tim Define	
Jennifer Define	
Sally McIntosh	7/25
Donna Seago	7/25
Bob Trapp	7/25
Michele Truhlik	7/27
Bobbie Wier	

