

GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – CENTRAL TEXAS
Chapter Board Meeting
July 19, 2005

President Glen Bridge called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm in the Mangia's Pizza meeting room in Austin, Texas. Board Members present were Tim Define, Jennifer Define, Barbara Clark, Bobbie Wier, Pam Cook, Mike Waldon, Lana Henley and Bob Trapp. Absent were Donna Seago and Sally McIntosh. Cindy Shirkey was a guest. Pam Cook had Donna Seago's proxy, and Barbara Clark and Sally McIntosh's proxy.

In Sally's absence Glen distributed the Placement Team Report which had been sent to the Board via email earlier in the day (copy attached to the hard copy of these minutes). After some discussion and agreement that we have an interest in the individual dogs we bring into the group, Bobbie made the motion and Bob seconded that Sally be asked to include in future reports the names of the dogs that had been placed. The motion passed.

Barbara distributed the Treasurer's Report (copy attached to the hard copy of these minutes). Barbara reported that a large vet bill is pending which will affect the totals. With regard to donations received it was affirmed that Bobbie will continue to send thank you notes.

A discussion of the collars and leads provided to new adopters ended with Glen charged to ask Sally to research the cost of our current collars & leads versus the cost of the leads with built-in shorter traffic leads. Jennifer suggested we return to the 1" instead of the 1-1/2" collars.

Tim had no report.

Glen asked the status of the Petco grant for library books. Pam will get the form off the web. Cindy will create a bibliography complete with additional websites for the next board meeting. Bobbie will use this list as she works to place greyhound-related books in the Austin Public Libraries.

Cookbooks for Ann Finch, England: Bobbie made the motion and Bob seconded that we send five cookbooks with measuring cups via air asap. If the cookbooks sell, we can follow up with another order sent more economically. Bobbie will attend to the mailing. The motion passed.

Coats for galgos, Spain: Bobbie will send an email to the members requesting assistance to make coats for the hounds to be shipped before the weather becomes bitterly cold. She will also request that used coats and collars be brought to Planet Day for recycling and sending to the galgos.

Glen distributed proposed amendments to the bylaws (copy attached to the hard copy of these minutes). After discussion Pam moved that the proposed bylaw changes be submitted to the membership in writing to be voted on at the next membership meeting on August 15. The motion passed.

Cindy Shirkey passed out event calendars revised from the recent planning meeting. Regarding events:

1. Jennifer made the motion and Tim seconded that the float be recycled for the Chuy's parade continuing with the Texas Christmas theme. The motion passed.

2. Foster Appreciation Party – Pam made the motion and Bob seconded that the Foster Appreciation Party be held on Sunday, October 23. The place is TBA. The motion passed.

3. San Marcos Pet Fest – Bob made the motion and Mike seconded that we do not participate in the Pet Fest and reinstate the Tomlinson's Westlake Meet & Greet on Saturday, October 8. The motion passed.

4. August Membership/Board Meetings – Mike made the motion and Bob seconded that the next membership meeting be held on Monday, August 15 at Mangia’s Pizza. The motion passed. In order that the Board is not required to meet again the following night Mike made the motion and Tim seconded that the August Board meeting be moved to Tuesday, August 23 at Mangia’s. The motion passed.

5. SNIP Fest – Mike made the motion and Pam seconded that we purchase materials not to exceed \$200 to make our own Speed Alley for SNIP Fest and future events. The motion passed.

6. H&G Show – Lana made the motion and Bob seconded that her current budget of \$200 for the Show not include the cost of materials to redesign the four display panels previously used by GPA-CT which will hopefully be used by other events during the year. The motion passed.

7. Storage Unit – Jennifer made the motion and Barbara seconded to purchase six additional totes to be used for merchandise/materials kept in the storage unit. The motion passed. Glen will purchase.

8. Bobbie asked that Board members make the Heart of Texas’ Greyt Greyhounds & Friends Fair in San Antonio on Saturday, October 29 a priority.

Cindy distributed a list of “Questions & Answers for July 19” regarding duties of the Events Coordinator. Since the hour was late and the Board had not had time to consider the items on the list Bob made the motion and Tim seconded that the discussion of the Q&A be tabled until the August Board meeting. The motion passed.

There was some discussion of the upcoming National convention. No information has yet to be received regarding items for consideration at that time. Lana and Bob will be able to attend the convention in September in Tampa, Fla.

Bobbie made the motion and Mike seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lana Henley
Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

Pam Cook, Bob Trapp, Mike Waldon, Barbara Clark, Glen Bridge, Bobbie Wier, Tim & Jennifer Define