

GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – CENTRAL TEXAS
Chapter Board Meeting
August 23, 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 Jennifer Define, Barbara Clark, Bobbie Wier, Pam Cook, Mike Waldon, Donna Seago, Sally McIntosh, Lana Henley and Bob Trapp. Tim Define was absent. Cindy Shirkey and Holly Waldon were guests.

Sally presented 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).

Glen reviewed the bylaw changes that were adopted at the membership meeting on August 15, 2005. Lana will make copies of the revised bylaws. Since recent bylaw amendment approval provided for the appointment of an Events Coordinator, Mike made the motion and Pam seconded that Cindy Shirkey be appointed to the position. The motion passed. Cindy accepted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Membership List – Glen said that he would be able to transfer the membership list to Lana by October 31, 2005. All address corrections are current, and renewals will be current by that time.
2. Galgos Coats – Fabric has been distributed and seamstresses enlisted. Mailing is targeted for mid September. Glen volunteered to pay for the postage to ship items to Spain.
3. Web Store – Jennifer distributed a first look at the web store. The shipping portion of the purchase still needs to be worked out. Bobbie volunteered to be the lead for the web store along with Jennifer and Holly. These three will meet before the September board meeting, along with any other interested parties, to establish an investment level and initial procedures. Bob made the motion and Donna seconded that no money be invested in merchandise until the results of the meeting are brought to the board. The motion passed.
4. Accounting Software – Barbara stated this is still a work in progress.

Bobbie discussed the upcoming Planet Day and enlisted volunteers from the Board.

Bobbie asked the status of the Petco Foundation grant application for library books. Pam has been unable to prepare the grant. Bobbie also announced a possible grant from PETSMART Foundation regarding spaying and neutering. Lana volunteered to look into both projects.

Glen asked if the chapter wanted to consider supporting The 100 Club of Central Texas which purchases knife-proof and bullet-proof vests for K-9 units. Based on negative information received from a K-9 officer at a previous membership meeting, the board decided against supporting this project.

Bob reported that he'd gotten a letter from the Chuy's Parade organizers informing him that there were to be "no walkers" in the November, 2005 parade. Bob will call them to clarify.

Lana reported that the AUSTIN Home & Garden Show had contacted her and invited the chapter to be a part of their January, 2006 show. A complimentary 10'x20' space was offered. The Board agreed that it would be a good event if there was a coordinator. Lana volunteered. She also passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the September TEXAS Home & Garden Show, September 9-12.

Lana informed the board that the six-month contract for listings with Austin Pets Directory had come to an end and requested the board's desire regarding renewal. Bobbie made the motion and Donna seconded that the advertising in the Austin Pets Directory be continued for another six months. The motion passed.

Bobbie also made the motion and Sally seconded that the ad in the Austin American-Statesman be reworded by Pam in order to be more informative about GPA-CT, and that the newspaper be approached regarding the cost for the new ad. Should the current ad come up for renewal before the newly-composed ad is acted upon, the old ad will be renewed as it. The motion passed.

Donna also reminded the Board of unfinished business in that the letter that was going to be written to Mark Ziller from GPA-CT had not been done. Pam was asked to compose another letter written to Diane Whiteley, TGA, regarding GALT's recent comments at a REI Meet & Greet that they were the official greyhound adoption group in Central Texas..

Glen then announced that he would be resigning his position as president of the board effective 10-31-05 due to work demands and increasing hours. After some discussion of his predicament and some solutions and suggestions offered by the board to alleviate his concerns, Glen withdrew his resignation.

Sally made the motion and Mike seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The motion passed.
Lana Henley
Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

Donna Seago, Cindy Shirkey, Bobbie Wier, Sally McIntosh, Mike Waldon, Pam Cook, Bob Trapp