

GREYHOUND PETS of AMERICA - Central Texas
Chapter Board Meeting
November 11, 2004

Glen Bridge, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM at the Whole Foods Market meeting room in Austin, Texas. Board Members present were Tim Define, Jennifer Define, Barbara Clark, Donna Seago, Mike Waldon, and Bob Trapp.

The Placement Team's report had been previously submitted to the Board by email, but it was looked over again. There were no questions. Barbara Clark said that there had been no significant changes in the Treasurer's Report since the previous week's general membership meeting presentation.

Donna Seago requested that the newsletter deadline be moved up to the tenth of the month to further expedite its timely disbursement. The Board voted in favor.

Glen had received a list from Alane Schultz with the National GPA. It concerned four Chapters that were requesting funding to upgrade or help in the placement of dogs. GPA-Daytona Beach was seeking help with the purchase of a trailer - \$10,000. GPA- Keystone Greyhounds was seeking help with the purchase of a van - \$3,000. GPA- Tampa Bay was seeking help with the purchase of a van - \$5,000. GPA- Wheeling Downs was seeking help with the purchase of a van/truck - \$5,000. Mike wanted to know about screening of the applications and their authenticity. He was assured by both Glen and Bob that there were several checks and balances that the application goes through before it goes to a National vote. The applications also had the approval of the National Finance Committee and the National President. The requests were unanimously passed.

Donna reported that she had come in contact with GPA-CT member Dave Cody, FOX 7 sports director. He expressed interest in using several greyhounds for his holiday promo spot for the station. Donna was going to follow up to see how we might help him with this.

Glen went over the Jamboree list for sending "Thank You" letters to see if we'd left anybody off. We added Dr. Willis, The Lassos Service Organization, the UT Pre-Vet Association and David's Collision to Donna's list previously sent to Glen. Donna will also compile a list of vendors for thank you letters. Mike was awaiting further input from the other University of Texas service groups.

Donna had spoken previously to the manager at Half-Price Books on Research Blvd. regarding holiday gift wrapping. Donna wanted to know if the Board was still interested in this opportunity. All were in agreement that this was a good idea, so Donna was going to check with Half-Price Books and get back to the Board on her recommendation.

Donna reminded the group that the Barnes & Nobles Book Store story time was Friday, Nov. 7 at 7:00 PM. Pam Cook was not going to be able to attend and Mike volunteered to take her place.

Glen discussed the Heart of Texas Greyhound fundraiser and mentioned some of the ideas that we might incorporate into our next one. There were some events or activities that generated a lot of money along with a quick analysis of just how much. He went on to mention a list of items that Bobbie Weir had asked for us to donate to an auction on E-bay run by Ms. Karen Haynes. The auction is to help with the expenses incurred by the group in Florida that took "Momma Tex". The expenses have reached approximately \$2,000. The items were a cookbook, a key chain, a greyhound shirt, and a jamboree shirt. The Board voted in favor. Mike suggested that we also include the vase that was left over from the Jamboree. That was voted in favor of as well.

While we were on the subject of "Momma Tex", Glen went on to say that Bobbie had asked if we could also make a financial contribution to offset the vet bill as well. After much discussion, it was decided that we'd put the contribution and the amount on hold until the issue with IRS is resolved.

Barbara presented the letter she'd received from the IRS. It was brought to light that the filing of Form 990 for our Chapter had not been done last year. They were talking about serious penalties and interest if not complied with. She was going to get with Lee, the National Treasurer, IRS, and see what needs to be done. She will update us with progress.

Glen asked that we have a storage unit organization party on Saturday, November 13. It was decided that ten am would be a good time. He also informed us that Ms. Hanna Baxter had donated two greyhound statues to the group.

Town Lake Animal Center rescue procedure was next on the discussion. The email by Sally McIntosh was discussed and both Glen and Bob assured the Board that we were on top of any greyhound that comes in to Town Lake. They went on to say that there is notification by email and phone that there is a greyhound in the shelter. It is automatically assigned to our organization for processing.

Donna asked for ideas and suggestions promoting fosters that have been in our group for an extended period of time, such as Champ II, Honeycomb and Grayson. Also, it was mentioned that the special needs fosters would fall into this category as well. We discussed Meet & Greets, changing venues, and special needs of the dog interfering with the adoption process. Also discussed was an increased effort to get fosters out to the Meet & Greets. Donna mentioned that she had asked Lee Mannix to do a video interview on Grayson. She is going to put it on the web site to see if that might spark some interest. If it proves successful, we might want to look at doing it for the other dogs as well.

It was voted on and approved to cancel the Meet & Greet at the Lakeline Petco on December 19 and the Arboretum Petco on December 27.

Glen mentioned that the link he emailed to the Board was very informative on the subject of lure coursing. We might want to put some type of stipulations on who can run, age of dog that can run, and the amount of physical activity that the dog receives daily. We could come up with some type of eligibility for dogs that can run.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Trapp

Acting Secretary