

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, June 5, 2007

The meeting, held at the home of Hermine Scolnik, was called to order at 7:35 P.M. Members in attendance were: Marlene Goldman, Teri Goldman, Laura Kelly, Jane Lipson, Stacey Lopater and Hermine Scolnik.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last meeting were sent via e-mail, and accepted as sent.

Treasurer's Report: Marlene presented the report as of May 31, 2007. Total income was \$8343.75; expenses were \$10,028.31. There was a net loss of \$1684.56 for this period.

Committee Reports:

- **Adoption** – It was reported that 4 dogs have adopted since our last meeting. These are Harley, Honey/Sienna, Bailey, and Sugar.
- **Intake** – There is a young Male in Broward ACC but due to our moratorium on shelter dogs we will not be able to take him. We will try to see if we can find a way to save him.
- **Foster** – There are 13 dogs that are either in foster or being boarded at our vets' offices. Gracie and Pebbles are in foster-to-adopt homes; Morgan, Pudder, Riley, Murdock, Max, Jerry, and Cozmo are in foster homes. Buddy and Sunny are being boarded at Dr. Butzer's and Ginger is being boarded at Dr. Cordova's. Captain is at Last Chance Ranch.
- **Hotline** – Nothing to report.
- **Membership** – We have 3 new member families since our last meeting. These are Megan Healy, Victor and Angela Stern, and Tom Volpe. Cecelia Weaver, who adopted Cherokee is an interim member.
- **Sunshine** – A get well card was sent to Bernie Thomson.
- **Follow-up** – Sunny has been returned to us.

Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – Starting with our next issue, we will have a training column written by Josh Abrams, who ran our puppy kindergarten.
- **Expo** – We need to coordinate dates with the Breed Club,
- **Fund Raising**
 - **Raffle** – Gross income was \$1765. Marlene did not have a record of our expenses. 1st prize winner of the trip to Key West is Elaine Donaghue; 2nd prize winner of the trip to Islamorda is Paula Fistel; 3rd prize winner of the trip to Singer Island is Linda Rhodes.
 - **Addison Mortgage Group Open House** – The group outcome was \$450. Stu Jacobson's donation was \$175, plus additional donations, and raffle ticket purchases yielded \$125.00. Thank you letters were read.
 - **Golf Tournament** – Discussed. What would we sell? Would there be a raffle. This really is not feasible for our organization.
 - **Count Your Blessings** – Individuals will be asked to "Count Their Blessings" and make a donation in the amount of # X some dollar amount to be determined. This would be a November fund raiser, for Thanksgiving. Further discussion will be necessary to develop a list of "blessings".

- **Volunteer Updates** – We need someone to coordinate the volunteers. Applications come in and the volunteers are never contacted.
- **Coordination with Breed Club**
 - **California Bill AB1634** – In the absence of Pat Andrews, the results were not presented.
 - **Form & Function Seminar** – To be held on July 1st at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$65 which includes lunch and a snack. A flyer will be sent to the membership.
 - **EGRC Membership** – We would like to encourage members of EGRR to also become members of EGRC. The cost is \$20, and prospective members must be sponsored by 2 club members and attend 2 events. We also want to encourage our membership to join GRCA at the cost of \$55 per year. GRCA helps us through the National Rescue Committee and the Golden Retriever Foundation. Stacey will look into grants to help pay for membership in these organizations as a form of education.
- **Grants** – Stacey submitted her written report, which will be attached separately.
- **Website** – Tracey will have one person give her all the updates (Hermine) and these will be done weekly, on Saturday, except in the case of an emergency.
- **NRC Committee President's Group** – Hermine reported on the topics discussed in the past month. These included:
 - **Home Visits** – We were included in the majority, in that we do home visit before allowing an adoption.
 - **Puppies** – Hermine submitted information in response to the questions on how we handled puppy adoptions with regard to spaying/neutering. This included our provisional adoption contract and our spay/neuter deposit.
 - **Sunny** – In light of the problem we had with Tom Volpe and Sunny, Hermine tried to find out if contracts of other groups include a “co-owner” clause. Most groups have eliminated this clause
 - **Intake Procedures** – Several groups do temperament testing before accepting dogs into their programs.
- **Home Visits** – Home visit form revision is still on hold.

New Business:

- **Sunny** – Voting was done prior to the meeting via e-mail. The following decisions were made:
 - 100% of the adoption fee for Sunny will be returned to Tom Volpe.
 - Sunny will not be returned to the Volpe's.
 - EGRR is not responsible for damages caused by Tom Volpe's negligent behavior. He ignored advice of the foster mom and it was this behavior that caused injury to the neighbor's dog.
- **Boarding Kennel for Shelter Dogs** – This facility will be viewed and considered once it is completed.
- **Janet John** – Her request for a reduction in the adoption fee for Gracie will be considered once she presents us with vet bills.
- **Woodstock** – This art exhibit will give us great exposure and we are considering participating.

The next meeting will held on Wednesday, July 11th 7:00 P.M., at the home of Ellen Lindenfeld. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Lopater, Acting Secretary