

## **Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, December 11, 2007**

The meeting, held at the home of Eunice Bajart, was called to order at 7:30pm. Members in attendance were: Eunice Bajart, Sharon Bennett, Marlene Goldman, Teri Goldman, Jane Lipson, Stacey Lopater, Hermine Scolnik and Barb Sheedy.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last meeting were posted on box.net and accepted as posted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marlene presented the report as of November 30, 2007. Total income was \$11,725.99 and total expenses were \$10,223.84 for a net gain of \$1,502.15. Total in SOS Fund \$13,386.89. Checking Account Balance is \$8,633.97

**Correction to October Minutes, as per Kathi Fegers.** Barbara Baumann didn't foster Casey, only Kathi did.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Adoption** - It was reported that seven dogs have been adopted since our last meeting. The dogs adopted are: Rhett, Bailey, Buddy/Bugsy, Kaylee, Yeager, Sparky, and Elvis/Casey.
- **Intake** – Dogs coming into EGRR: Brownie-a young, intact male, and Oscar—an eighteen month old, intact male.
- **Foster** – There are currently nine dogs in either foster care or boarded at our vets' offices. Bear/Bruiser is with Kathy Keenan, Little Shaq/Jack is with Kristi Sachtleben, Duke and Prince are with Jen Becker, Shaq is with Barb Sheedy. At Dr. Butzer's there's Max/Matt, Max and Becky. At Dr.Cordova's there's Scoot, an 11 ½ month old, intact male. No dogs with Dr. Darko at this time. In Foster to Adopt Homes we have Buddy with Valentina Mayz and Rascal with Wendy Smith.
- **Hotline** – no report
- **Membership** – Our new members include: Anita & Dwayne Standridge, Jason & Karla Broad, Anna Sanders & Rob Holtry, Christopher Santamaria, Freddy & Sam Guzman, Donald & Carol Mordas, David & Lyndall Brownell, Patricia Rogers, Scott and Wendy Smith, and Don & Brenda Stimely (interim members)
- **Sunshine** – A sympathy card was sent to Ellen Lindenfeld for her mother, Jeanette Lamphier
- **In Memoriam** – Sent to the Rainbow Bridge this month was Zeus Bear

### **Old Business:**

- **Newsletter** – The featured volunteer next month will be Jen Becker and Becky will be the featured dog..
- **Fund Raising**
  - Count Your Blessing raised \$2,000.00
  - Mailings to Businesses, Coupons for Specific Items or General Donation, and Sponsoring a Dog will not be pursued at this time.
  - **Canisters** - Placement is not permitted at Starbucks and will not be pursued to place elsewhere.
  - **iGive** – We need to add a link onto the website. Barb will update Constant Contact
  - **Other** – see *Grants*

- **EXPO** – Expo will be held Sunday, April 6, and Tradewinds Park, at the Appaloosa Shelter. Members will start making contacts with businesses for donations.
- **Volunteer Updates** –
  - **Coordination of volunteers** – names of volunteers will be sent to Carmella Todaro as they come in.
  - **Recognition of Foster Parents** – Foster parents will be recognized and given a certificate at EXPO
- **Coordination with Breed Club** –
  - **Grooming Event and Santa** – Event held at Clint Moore on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>
    - **Financial Report** – Profit from event was \$139.00 to be split between EGRR and the Breed Club.
    - **Accident Report** – As a result of the “Accident” EGRR profit is reduced by \$139.00
  - **EGRC Specialty** – The event will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> at the South Florida Fair Grounds and includes a Parade of Therapy Dogs.
  - **Grants** –
    - **Goldstock** – no report
    - **Infrastructure grant** – A new banner was purchased for events. A new table for events will be purchased. Received \$150.00 rebate check.
    - **PETCO grant** – not awarded
    - **Bernice Barbour grant** – not awarded
    - **GRF** – We’ve reached our request for funds limit (\$5000.00) for fiscal their fiscal year
    - **Cookie Jars** – Cookie jars not sold will be sold by EGRR members
    - **Photo File** –started by Jane Lipson
- **Website** – Changes to website are on hold until website reformat is completed
  - **Change of webmaster** – Hermine will contact Tracy regarding Valentina’s work on new website. Tracy will work on new newsletter.
  - **On-line adoption application** – on hold
  - **Blog for Tributes, Happy Endings, Pictures** – on hold
  - **Adding “Thank You” to vets** – on hold
- **Fostering** –
  - **Training** – Kara is working on Adoption Handbook
- **NRC Committee President’s Group**
  - **Annual follow-up forms**
  - **Puppy Mill Auctions**
  - **Fund raising** –
    - **eBay auction** – FYI - Other rescue groups have sold items to make money for the organization
    - **Holiday Gift Wrap** – For Nov./Dec....Groups can set up a display at a gift wrap table and accept donations while wrapping gifts.

- **Adoption Process Revisions** – Hermine and Jane are working on this
- **Home Visit Form**
- **Adoption Application**
- **Adoption Contract**
- **Events**
  - **Storybook Festival** – did not participate this year
  - **Woodstock** – At this two day event we raised \$400.00
  - **Barkapalooza** – Event is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Privacy policy** – Hermine and Marlene are working on this
- **“The Maniac Triumvirate”** - We’re working to get them adopted soon
- **Food for Clint Moore Dogs** – Canidae will be fed to all foster dogs
- **Palm Beach Proposed Legislation** - County wants to impose mandatory spay/neuter requirements. EGRR has taken a stand against this.
- **Election of board** – Motion to accept slate-Jane Lipson, Second- Eunice Bajart
  - President** – Hermine Scolnik
  - VP and Adoption Coordinator** – Jane Lipson
  - Treasurer** – Marlene Goldman
  - VP of Fund Raising** – Stacey Lopater
  - Secretary** – Stacey Lopater
  - Board members** – Eunice Bajart, Barb Sheedy, Ellen Lindenfeld, Diane Snow-Posner, Kara Clark
  - Webmaster** – Tracy Eller

#### **New Business**

- **Broward County vets** – We’re pursuing a new vet for the South County area. Kara Clark has recommended Dr. Mitchell in Davie. Kara will speak to Becky.
- **Holiday Gifts for Vets’ offices** – It was decided that five Popcorn Cannisters will be purchased for the offices as cans of cookies. In addition, Ryan will receive a gift card.
- **Certificates/plaques** – Frames and certificates need to be made for Dr. Cordova, Dr. Darko and Dr. Butzer
- **Website in the Keys** – It was decided/resolved that if they can find how they set it up they will set up a URL to the EGRR website.
- **Denosyl for Prince** – Will be purchased at 1-800-PetMeds for lowest price if possible
  - **Brand name** – Price is listed at \$79.99
  - **Generic** – Price is listed at \$49.99
- **E-Mail lists** – Board members should have two e-mail groups –

#### **Adoption Committee:**

Jane Lipson  
 Ellen Lindenfeld  
 Diane Snow-Posner  
 Hermine Scolnik  
 Marlene Goldman

#### **Board Members:**

Hermine Scolnik      Jane Lipson  
 Marlene Goldman      Stacey Lopater  
 Eunice Bajart      Barb Sheedy  
 Diane Snow-Posner      Kara Clark  
 Tracy Eller      Ellen Lindenfeld

**Next meeting will be held at the home of Jayme Melofchik, January 8, 2008**

Meeting adjourned: 9:30pm

E-mail message from President – Jayme is unable to host the meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> ; therefore the meeting will be Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at her home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacey Lopater, Acting Secretary