

## **Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, January 10, 2008**

The meeting, held at the home of Jayme Melofchik was called to order at 7:54pm. Members in attendance were: David Ajemian, Kara Clark, Jackie DeLuccio, Mary Beth Gualtieri, Marlene Goldman, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Jayme and Neil Melofchik, Hermine Scolnik and Diane Snow-Posner.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Marlene presented the Treasurer's Report. We have \$7,034.12 in the Checking Account, and \$12,742.22 in the SOS Account which includes the Little Bear Fund (\$5869.70) for a Total of \$19,776.34. Expenses for December totaled \$7997.96, and Income was \$6,753.44 giving us a net loss of \$2,244.52. In January, there will be another bill for Little Bear in the amount of \$135.49. Part of the balance in our SOS fund of \$6872.42 will be transferred to the checking account to pay January's bills. Count Your Blessing grossed \$2228.00, less postage or \$69.29, for a net profit of \$2158.71.

In light of the Treasurer's report and the fact that we spent \$25,000 for boarding last year, we feel we need to look at other options. We did some brainstorming re: fund raising, including the idea of trying to locate a celebrity sponsor. Kara suggested advertising the Expo, this is not possible because we would have to be sure that the entire Expo was handicapped accessible. The beg letter was distributed for board consideration, and was approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Adoption** - It was reported that six dogs have been adopted since our last meeting. The dogs adopted are: Buddy, Little Shaq/Jack, Montana, Oscar/Rex, Bear/Bruiser, and Rascal, whose paperwork was lost in the mail.
- **Intake**- none reported
- **Foster** – There are currently six dogs in either foster care or at one of the vets' kennels. In foster-to-adopt homes we have Scoot with Charlie Canada, Brownie/Rocky with Matthew & Jess Roesener, Becky with Marie & Tom Foley, Max/Matt who will be with Jill & Rob Pontano, as of 1/11/08. In foster homes we have Duke & Prince with Jen Becker, Shaq with Barb Sheedy, Nick with Marci Froehlig, Max with Stacey Lopater, and Goldie is at the home of Jayme Melofchik. At Dr. Butzer's we have Ginger and Goliath. There are currently no dogs at Dr.Cordova's, Dr. Darko or at Last Chance Ranch.
- **Hotline** – no report
- **Membership** –Marie & Tom Foley and Jill & Rob Pontano, have become dues-paying members. Previously these families were interim members.
- **Sunshine**- A sympathy card was sent to Alan & Whitney MacEachern for Missy and to Joe Proto and Jim Vogelmann for September. A Get Well card was sent to Ellen Bloome following her knee surgery, Congratulations cards were sent to Jen Becker on receiving her PhD and to Bernie on becoming a great-grandma. A donation was made by Bruce Speck and Morgan, to honor Ken Korsin & Marci Froelig, who fostered Morgan
- **In Memoriam** – Missy (MacEachern) and September have gone to the Bridge.

- **Follow-up** – Kelly Ballister has contacted us to tell us the Jewel has terminal brain cancer. Marlene has been receiving the follow-up surveys by mail.

#### Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – Hermine reported not receiving the blast with the newsletter. We need to find out why some others did not receive it either.
- **Donation acknowledgments** – Marlene has proposed that this be done by postcard to save us money. She has been working on this and they will soon be ready.
- **Fund Raising**
  - **iGive** – No report. A link is needed on the website.
  - **Christmas cards** – We discussed whether we could send out Christmas, birthday, anniversary cards, etc. for a \$5 donation. This was put on hold.
  - **Beg Letter** – This will be going out ASAP.
  - **Other** – We need to continue discussion on ways to raise money. We need to get in touch with other organizations to see how they raise funds. Hermine read Stacey's report.
- **EXPO** – Expo will be held Sunday, April 6, and Tradewinds Park, at the Appaloosa Shelter. Members will start making contacts with businesses for donations.
  - **Recognition of Foster Parents** – Foster parents will be recognized and given a certificate at EXPO
  - **Vendor Contacts**- Everyone needs to start making contact with vendors. The EXPO is Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Vendors that need to be contacted include: Publix, Coke, BJs. Everyone needs to try to get sponsors. Jane suggested that we try do get members to donate baskets. We will contact the members in the Keys re: raffle trip.
  - **Breed Club grooming and demos** – Kara will handle this.
- **Volunteer Updates** –
  - **Coordination of volunteers** – Carmella Todaro has been receiving the volunteer releases from Marlene. Tracey needs to help her organize them.
- **Coordination with Breed Club** –
  - **EGRC Specialty** – Event is March 7<sup>th</sup> at the South Florida Fair Grounds. Volunteers are needed to steward for this event and to man the EGRR table as well.
  - **Grants** –
    - **Goldstock** – no report
    - **Photo File** –started by Jane Lipson
- **Website** – Changes to website are on hold until website reformat is completed. Discussion included ideas such a Tribute Page; with \$50 donations.
  - **On-line adoption application** – on hold
  - **Blog for Tributes, Happy Endings, Pictures** – on hold
  - **Adding "Thank You" to vets** – on hold
- **Fostering** –
  - **Foster Contract** – This was distributed and will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.
  - **Foster follow-up of adopted dogs**

- **NRC Foster Coordinator's Group**
- **NRC President's Group**
  - **Puppy Mill Auctions**
  - **Rescue & Breeders article from GRNews**
  - **Help Hank Go to Hollywood**
  - **Rescue Surrender Stories**
- **Adoption Process Revisions-**
  - **Home Visit Form** – The new form is ready and was tried out. It took one hour. We will continue to test it and report back at the next meeting.
  - **Adoption Application** – Revisions are complete.
  - **Adoption Contract** – input from Craig
- **Events**
  - **Barkapalooza** – Event is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Details are needed to be able to complete the paperwork. Ellen will look into this: time, registration, etc.
  - **Advertising-** no report
  - **Privacy Policy** posted to box.net
  - **Palm Beach County proposed legislation** – Kara will keep us apprised of the situation and any changes.
  - **Broward County vet(s)** – no reponse to date
  - **Certification /plaques for vets** – Jane will look into this when she has time.

**New Business:**

- **New Adopter-** It was suggested that we have a “new adopters” booklet
- **Hotline Coverage** – Hermine asked if anyone could man the intake hotline on weekends. Kara was available one weekend a month, but not a consistent weekend. This was not resolved.

**Next meeting will be held at the home of Hermine Scolnik on February 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Stacey Lopater, Secretary