

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, February 7, 2008

The meeting, held at the home of Hermine Scolnik was called to order at 7:35pm. Members in attendance were: Sharon Bennett, Jacquie DeLuccio, Marlene Goldman, Teri Goldman, Bonnie Kimelman, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Howard & Stacey Lopater, Valentina Mayz-Jurisc, Jill Pontano, Herb & Hermine Scolnik, Barbara Sheedy, and Diane Snow-Posner.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Marlene presented the report as of January 31, 2008.

Total in Checking Account is \$11,576.73. There's \$1,875.69 in the SOS Fund and \$5,734.31 in the Little Bear Fund. Total for the month is \$19,186.73. Total Income was \$7,798.36 and total expenditures were \$8,334.97 for a net loss of \$536.61.

Committee Reports:

- ?? **Adoption** - It was reported that 7 dogs have been adopted since our last meeting. The dogs adopted are Scoot, Brownie/Rocky, Goliath/Dupree, Nick, Max/Ronan, Becky, Goldie
- ?? **Intake**- In January we were contacted to take in Rudy, an 8 year old, neutered male, as a home surrender. To date he has not come in.
- ?? **Foster** – At the time of this report there are 10 dogs in either foster care or at one of the vets' kennels. In foster-to-adopt homes we have Billy/Rocky with Jill & Rob Pontano, and Ginger with Bates Stoddard. In foster homes we have Duke & Prince with Jen Becker(Prince is receiving Hospice Care), Shaq with Barb Sheedy, Redford/Bud and KitKat/Cassie with Marci Froehlig, Gugu with Stacey Lopater, Ryan with Nicole Cruikshank, and Misty is with Kathy Keenan. At Dr. Butzer's we have none and there are currently no dogs at Dr.Cordova's or Dr. Darko. Goldie Sr. is at Last Chance Ranch.
- ?? **Hotline** – no report
- ?? **Membership** – New members include Nicole Cruikshank and Bates Stoddard. Interim members include Doug & Mary Armentrout, Billy & Christina Grandy, Mike & Sonseeahray Orenstein, Jesse & Brent Padon, Jason Rodriguez & Dennis Dawson
- ?? **Sunshine**- Sympathy cards were sent to the Kramer's for Casey and the Beaubien's for Sunday. Get Well cards sent to Carmella Todaro for back surgery and Pam Strickland for foot surgery.
- ?? **In Memoriam** – Max/Matt and Amber/Casey went to the Bridge in January.
- ?? **Follow-up** – Jewel is still doing well and a new picture is available of Little Bear.

Old Business:

- ?? **Newsletter** – completed and available on web site
- ?? **Fund Raising**
 - ?? **iGive** – Barb provided information to Valentina as to how to add this link to the web site.

- ?? **Beg Letter** - Bonnie Kimelman included our January Beg letter in her business mailing. To date, her business has presented EGRR with \$2,783.00 in donations.
- ?? **Stacey's Report-** The following businesses were contacted for EXPO donations: Delray Affair, Florida Marlins, Jan's Chocolates, Florida Panthers, Hard Rock Café, and rep. from Coca-Cola. Question posed – Do we want to participate in the Nov. LPGA. Hermine will check Breed Club calendar to make sure there are no conflicts. Suggestion made to host a virtual Phantom Ball in October.
- ?? **Keys Trip Raffle-** raffle tickets will be sent out in the next mailing
- ?? **Valentine launch of "Stepping Stones to Our Goal"**- Idea was proposed and agreed upon. Donations can be made to purchase virtual Stepping Stones: \$25.00 for a puppy paw print and \$50.00 for dog print.
- ?? **Merchandise to sell-** It was suggested that we sell candy although the plan to do this was declined.
- ?? **EXPO** – Expo will be held Sunday, April 6, and Tradewinds Park, at the Appaloosa Shelter. Members will start making contacts with businesses for donations. Hermine will contact Publix. Everyone needs to start making contact with vendors and try to get sponsors. Hermine is composing a Business Donation Request letter for all members to distribute.
- ?? **Volunteer Updates** –
 - ?? **Coordination of volunteers** – Carmella Todaro
- ?? **Coordination with Breed Club** –
 - ?? **EGRC Specialty** – Event is March 7th at the South Florida Fair Grounds
 - ?? **Grants** – no new grants
- ?? **Website** – Changes to website are on hold until website reformat is completed.
 - ?? **On-line adoption application** – in progress
 - ?? **Blog for Tributes, Happy Endings, Pictures** – in progress
 - ?? **Adding "Thank You" to vets** – in progress
- ?? **Fostering** –
 - ?? **Foster Contract** – in progress
 - ?? **NRC Foster Coordinator's Group** – Jill Sayer has volunteered to be our first Foster Mentor to help new Foster Families understand responsibilities and be there to answer questions. A request was made for more volunteers.
- ?? **NRC President's Group**
 - ?? **Rescue Seminar** – will be held in October.
 - ?? **Trademark & registering in a second state**
 - ?? **Medical Care-** EGRR does a great deal for our intakes
 - ?? **Homeopathic Heartworm prevention-** Board has no interest in pursuing at this time
 - ?? **Newsletter names**
 - ?? **Grants for adopted dogs-** Stacey advised us that Goldstock does award grants to dog owners who have a rescued dog.
 - ?? **Non-payment of adoption fees-** EGRR already requires payment prior to an adoptee leaving with the dog
- ?? **Adoption Process Revisions-**
 - ?? **Home Visit Form-** in progress
 - ?? **Adoption Application-** in progress

?? **Adoption Contract** – We're currently waiting for input from Craig Eller

?? **Events**

?? **Barkapalooza** – Event is scheduled for February 9th and 10th. A big thank you to Ellen Lindenfeld for coordinating this event.

?? **Car Maintenance Opening, Traditions, February 8th and 9th**-

Eco-Lube is having a Grand Opening. Tracey along with Stacey and Howard Lopater will coordinate.

?? **Palm Beach County proposed legislation**- Legislation was passed.

?? **Broward County vet(s)**- Valentina made a recommendation. Kara has yet to get a response from Dr. Mitchell. Jane will pursue contact with a South County vet.

?? **Certification /plaques for vets**- Valentina will work on these.

New Business:

~~SES~~ **PBC Dog Beach**- Board members, living in Palm Beach County were asked to sign a petition for a Dog Beach.

~~SES~~ **Changing area covered on web site**- Hermine checked with Jan from national Committee regarding making changes in the counties we serve. It was proposed by Hermine Scolnik and a motion was made by Marlene Goldman "To drop Lee and Collier Counties". Jane Lipson seconded the motion. All Board members agreed.

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~~SES~~ **Policy on dogs that bite while in foster**- Hermine will gather information and e-mail the Board.

~~SES~~ **Prince & Duke – adoption vs. "forever foster"**- Jen Becker, the foster mom, has asked the Board to discuss and make a suggestion as to whether Duke and Prince should be kept in her care as fosters or adoptees. Duke is healthy, however, Prince is not. It was discussed and a motion was made by Stacey Lopater "To have Duke be adopted and Prince stay in Foster Care." Marlene Goldman Seconded the motion. All Board members agreed.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Kara Clark on March 4th.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm

Respectfully submitted, Stacey Lopater, Secretary