

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting, April 15, 2008

The meeting, held at the home of Marlene Goldman was called to order at 7:33 pm. Members in attendance were: Kathi Roberts, Marlene Goldman, Teri Goldman, Stacey Lopater, Hermine Scolnik and Barbara Sheedy.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Marlene presented the report as of April 8, 2008. Total income was \$6,226.45. Total expenses were \$2,821.16 for a net gain \$3,405.29. Total in Operating Account \$15,633.98, Little Bear Fund \$5,696.82, SOS Fund \$1,877.56 for a Total in checking and savings of \$23,208.36.

Committee Reports:

- **Adoption** - It was reported that 6 dogs have been adopted since our last meeting. The dogs adopted are Hogie, Gugu, Misty, Redford/Bud, Kitkat/Cassie, and Athena. Pending adoptions include Daisy, Cody and Duke.
- **Intake**- A stray 1 ½- 2 year old intact male is scheduled to be taken in at Dr.Cordova's.
- **Foster-to-Adopt**- Wendy/Rosie is with Doris Bernstein, and Logan is with Harlee and Jesse Jackson.
- **Foster** – At the time of this report there are 7 dogs in either foster care or at one of the vets' kennels. In foster homes we have Duke & Prince with Jen Becker (Prince is receiving Hospice Care), Moose/Echo is with Barb Sheedy, Nelson is with Emilia Villati, Duke is with Kathi Roberts and Finn is with Megan Ahern (a non-EGRR member who had rescued him herself). Sophie, 7 ½ year old female, is at Dr. Butzers.
- **Sunshine**- Sympathy cards were sent to Maria & Henry Calderon for Little Bear and to Linda & Dave Rappaport for Alli. A Get Well card was sent to Mary Ellen Metros's husband Patrick.
- **Follow-up** – Sharon Bennett's "Bear" has been diagnosed with lymphoma and Laurie Kardon's "Lucy" is exhibiting classic signs of distemper symptoms.
- **Membership** – We welcome new and returning members Bob Lampe, Emilia Villati and Tony & Suzanne Natella

Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – The newsletter will be available on the web site next week.
- **Fund Raising**
 - **iGive** – now on web site
 - **Beg Letter** – We've received \$6,186.00 so far.
 - **Stacey's Report**- no report
 - **Keys Trip Raffle**- We raised \$165.00 ! The drawing will be held at the May meeting
 - **Valentine launch of "Stepping Stones to Our Goal"**- At this time we have raised \$225.00
 - **Prince Sponsorship** – To date we have raised \$1,085.00 for Prince.

- **Grants** – no report
- **EXPO** – Expo was successfully held at Tradewinds Park on April sixth. \$3855.76 was raised at the event. Discussion for next year's event will be held at the May meeting.
- **Volunteer Updates** – Coordination of volunteers – Carmella Todaro did not do the job properly, and then returned the forms to Marlene. Barb and Stacey volunteered to take over the project.
- **Coordination with Breed Club** –
 - **EGRC Specialty-** \$200.00 was raised at the March 7th event.
- **Website** – Changes to website are on hold.
 - **On-line adoption application** – in progress
 - **Blog for Tributes, Happy Endings, Pictures** – (on hold)
 - **Adding “thank you” to vets** – (on hold)
- **Fostering** –
 - **Foster Contract** – (discussion postponed until next meeting)
- **NRC Yahoo Groups** –
 - **Insurance**
 - **President's Group**
 - **By-laws:** Dissolution of an Organization was discussed: In the event that a member has willed monies to EGRR and EGRR is no longer an organization at the time monies are to be donated, what happens to the money? Further discussion is needed at next meeting.
 - **Foster coordinators' Group**
 - **Intake Coordinators' Group**
- **Adoption Process Revisions-**
 - **Home Visit Form**
 - **Adoption Application**
 - **Adoption Contract** – We're currently waiting for input from Craig Eller
- **Events**
- **Broward County vet(s)** We are waiting to hear back from Dr. Gallo re: and appointment in May, after GRRITS.
- **By-laws** – need to be completed
- **Policy on dogs that bite while in foster care** – (discussion postponed)

New Business:

- **Concert Fund Raiser** – The possibility of doing a concert as a fund raiser was discussed and will continue and the next meeting
- **Dogs wearing EGRR tags** – This is a very serious concern. When an EGRR Golden is adopted he/she needs to keep the EGRR numbered tag on their collar. This is a key to recovery if the Golden is lost. Foster families are also required to keep the blue AVID chip on the fostered Golden.
- **Boarding & day care** – Information was presented about **Family Dog Central.com** and their offer for one free day for rescue dogs. Jen provided us with this information. Hermine will contact **The Fur Seasons**, a day care/pet resort in Stuart to learn more about their offer. **Mark McWilliams** graciously offered horse stalls at his Wellington residence to EGRR as a doggie day care

situation. The concern is that if we use volunteers what happens if someone isn't available.

- **Adopters change dogs' name** – There was a concern addressed regarding the effect of a name change on an adopted Golden. If EGRR knows the name of the Golden it was suggested that it's in the best interest of the dog not to change the name. It's not going to be a mandatory rule however members who do adoptions will discuss this with the adopting family.
- **Applications from out of the area** – If an application is submitted from out of the EGRR service area the Adoption Committee will recommend a rescue in their area. It's difficult to find EGRR members who are able to do a Home Visit beyond the counties we serve.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 14th at the home of Jane Lipson.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Stacey Lopater**