

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting May 14, 2008

The meeting, held at the home of Jane Lipson, was called to order at 7:50pm. Members in attendance were: Marlene Goldman, Bonnie Kimelman, Jane Lipson, Kim Lopater, Stacey Lopater, Hermine Scolnik, Barb Sheedy and Diane Snow-Posner.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Marlene presented the report as of May 2008. Total income was \$7,599.99. Total expenses were \$5,187.03 for a net gain of \$2,412.96. Total in Operating Account \$19,348.50, Little Bear Fund \$4,394.38, SOS Fund \$1,878.44 for a total in checking and savings of \$25,621.32. Raffle tickets – report will be presented in June.

Committee Reports:

- **Adoption** – It was reported that 11 dogs were adopted since our last meeting. The adopted dogs are: Daisy, Cody, Duke #454, Finn/Zinn, Wendy/Rosie, Logan, Dakota, Bella, Nelson, Duke #483, and Kodi.
- **Intake** – Molly Malibu, a home surrender. She's 6 ½ year old, spayed female.
- **Transfers:** Rusty was returned to Alan Babcock and Sophie went to GRRMF for hospice care.
- **Foster-to-Adopt** – Duke #461 and Prince #462 will be adopted as Special Needs by Jen Becker.
- **Foster** – At the time of this report there are 3 dogs in either foster care or at one of the vets' kennels. In foster homes we have Moose/Echo with Barbara Sheedy, Romeo is with Emilia Villati, and Scooby is with Brenda Stimely. Prince #487, the 9 month old puppy is currently at Dr. Butzer's.
- **Sunshine** – A Get Well card was sent to Dianne Snow-Posner. A sympathy card was sent to Anita & Dwayne Standridge for Tucker.
- **Follow-up** – A follow-up Home Visit needs to be done for Kaylee. Good news – Shasta, one of last year's rescued puppies is doing well.
- **Membership** – Welcome new members Megan & Patrick Ahern, Ricardo & Linda Yon, Harlee & Jesse Jackson, Harriet & Stanley Rabinowitz and Emile & Bruna Villati.

Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – The newsletter will be available on the web site in July. Ellen Lindenfeld will be our featured volunteer.
- **Fundraising**
 - **Scavenger Hunt** – Barbara Sheedy presented an outline of a proposed Scavenger Hunt idea for the summer. This is a *Just for Fun* for families. Additional information coming soon.
 - **Phantom Ball** – Information about the October event will be presented at future mtg.
 - **Keys Trip raffle** – Congratulations Joan Fair !
 - **“Stepping Stones to our Goal”** – The purchase of Stepping Stones will continue to be available on the web site as an ongoing fund raiser.
 - **Prince Sponsorship** – Many thanks to those who made donations for Prince's Hospice Care. Motion was made by Marlene Goldman: Once Prince is adopted by Jen Becker, any remaining monies will go into the SOS Fund. Motion was second by Dianne Snow-Posner.
 - **Benefit Concert** – It was agreed by the committee that we would not pursue this event at this time.
- **Grants** –
- **Expo** – Tentative dates for next year's Expo will be April 4th or 5th.
- **Coordination of Volunteers** – Stacey is working on this.

- **Coordination with Breed Club** – A request has been made by staff at Morikami Park Elementary School Program, for “Dogs at Day Camp”. This is strictly a Rescue activity. Funds donated will go directly into treasury. Further discussion at next meeting.
- **Website-** changes are on hold until new website format including on-line adoption application, blog for Tributes, Happy Endings, Pictures and “Thank You” to vets.
- **Fostering** – Hermine and Jane are working on a foster contract. We have a real need for more foster homes!
- **NRC Yahoo Groups-**
 - President’s Group
 - Donation refund request
 - Average time frame for adoptions
 - Promeris – reports indicate dogs and owners are getting sick from this new flea and tick prevention
 - Vet care check list
 - Age limits on adopters?
 - Reimbursement of vet expenses *after* an adoption and a problem appears
 - AKC registrations on incoming dogs
 - Heartworm and spaying
 - Vet check problems/ vets releasing information
 - Sponsorship/donor levels
 - Foster Coordinators’ Group- problem foster homes
 - Intake Coordinators’ Group
 - Bite policy
 - Senior dogs
- **Adoption Process Revisions**
- **Events**
- **Broward County vets** – An EGRR Board member will meet Dr. Galo in May
- **By-laws** –
 - General update and corrections – need to be worked on
 - Dissolution of corporation – needs to be worked on
- **Policy on dogs that bite while in foster care** – under construction

New Business

- **The Fur Seasons** – We’re still waiting for information from this boarding facility
- **Coral Reef High School fostering a dog** – The High School has a pre-vet program. They’ve inquired about fostering one of our Rescue dogs. The Golden boy or girl would live with the teacher and work during the day with the students. Hermine will get more information.
- **Seminar report** – Jane and Ellen attended a seminar about dogs that growl and bite out of fear. Recommendations included a gentle leader and/or clicker training. Information was also provided on the “Evaluating Canine Behavior” seminar. Motion made by Marlene Goldman to have EGRR pay \$175.00 for one board member to attend or a general member, if no board member wishes to attend.. Jane second the motion. All other expenses to be paid by member(s) who volunteer(s) to attend.
- **GRRITS report** – Barbara Sheedy has provided the website for pictures.
<http://picasaweb.google.com/wiggles180/GRRITS2008>

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

Next meeting will be held June 11th at the home of Bonnie Kimelman.

**Respectfully submitted by,
 Stacey Lopater**