

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting July 9, 2008

The meeting, held at the home of Diane Snow-Posner, was called to order at 7:28 pm. Members in attendance were: Kara Clark, Marlene Goldman, Teri Goldman, Bonnie Kimelman, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Stacey Lopater, Valentina Mayz, Patti Rogers, Hermine Scolnik, Barb Sheedy, and Diane Snow-Posner.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last meeting were posted on box.net and a link was sent out in an e-mail blast. A motion made by Marlene Goldman to accept the Meeting minutes and it was seconded by Jane Lipson.

Treasurer's Report: Marlene presented the report as of June 30, 2008. Total income was \$1,962.37 and total expenses were \$3,095.95, for a net loss of \$1,133.58. There's \$19,605.90 in the Operating Account, \$4,569.83 in the Little Bear Fund, and \$1880.03 in the SOS Fund for a Grand Total in checking and savings of \$26,055.76.

Committee Reports:

- **Adoption** – Nine lucky Goldens went to their Forever Families since our last meeting: Rusty #492, Moose/Echo/Bo #470, Tank #495, Romeo #492, Cesar #493, Dakota #475, Bear #496, Lion #497, and Bailey #477.
- **Intake** – There's a young, 2 year old, intact female at Animal Care and Control who may be coming into our care after the tenth of this month.
- **Foster-to-Adopt** – Duke #461 and Prince #462 are with Jen Becker, Rusty #498 is with Anita & Dwayne Standridge, Shadow #476 is in the care of Diane and Joe Wolak, and Boone #501 is with Shari Goldstein.
- **Foster** – There are currently two Goldens in foster care. Ginger #499 and Yogi #501 and staying with Barbara and Brad Carpenter, and one, Layla #478, at the Clint Moore Animal Resort.
- **Sunshine**–Sympathy cards were sent to Dianne and Jeff Perlman for the loss of Casey and Susie Scribner for the loss of Piper. Get Well cards were sent to "Phoenix" Donelson and Peter Clark.
- **Follow-up** – At this time Bear #337 has had his third cycle of chemo. The last treatment will be in mid-August. While he's lost his eyebrows, whiskers and some feathering he has not lost his appetite. Casey Jane #441 is doing very well. She's on several medications and she's been seen by an ophthalmologist. Concerns about Kaylee #428 have been resolved and she's getting the care she deserves. Phoenix #152 has hepatic micro vascular dysplasia of the liver, which is a congenital disease. Shasta #389, the last of the four female puppies rescued last year is starting to show signs of a decline in her health.
- **Membership** – We welcome our new members Brad and Barbara Carpenter, Nancy and Mike Lally, Kathy Pierson, and Diane and Joe Wolak.

Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – Will be available on the web site July fifteenth.
- **Fundraising**
 - **Scavenger Hunt** – The winning picture were sent in by the Foley family. Congratulations!
 - **Phantom Ball** – Information about the October event will be presented at future meeting as well as a “Virtual Costume Ball”
 - **“Stepping Stones to our Goal”** – The purchase of Stepping Stones will continue to be available on the web site as an ongoing fund raiser. A stepping stone was added In Memory of Richard Strassner from his friends and family.
 - **Monthly Pledges via PayPal** – A motion was made by Kara to promote monthly donations in e-mail blasts. A PayPal option will be offered, but not encouraged.
 - **Grants** – Build-a-Bear paperwork was sent in and we should receive a check shortly.
- **Expo** – The date of next year’s event will be held Saturday, the fourth of April. Fee for use of park pavilion has increased to \$175.00.
- **Coordination of Volunteers** – This list is complete and available as needed. A copy of volunteers who can transport will be forwarded to the Adoption Committee.
- **Coordination with Breed Club**
 - **Morikami Park Elementary School Day Camp Program** – Students in this summer program have already enjoyed two visits from their furry Golden friends. They’ve been learning about Dog Safety through presentations, hands-on activities and videos. It’s been a rewarding way to educate children in our community.
- **Website** – Once the revised adoption application is ready, the new website will switch over to the new blog format. Watch for updated information.
- **Fostering Contract** – on hold at this time
- **NRC Yahoo Groups-**
 - **President’s Group**
 - Everyone is sharing the concern of the increase of the cost of gas as it relates to transporting dogs. We’ll address this by making contacts with local businesses to try to obtain gas cards.
 - In response to how we handle long term health problems/terminal cases, EGRR keeps our Golden comfortable in foster-to-adopt homes and/or adopts them out as Special Needs dogs. This appears to be the approach used by most other groups.
 - There is an adverse interaction between Comfortis, a new drug used for flea protection, and heavy doses of ivermectin used to treat demodatic mange
 - The Board agreed that while some groups may opt to have a vet on their Board, and we do consult with our vets quite often, we don’t feel it’s a necessary position.

- Marlene replied to the question as to where there are attorneys who specialize in charitable organizations. There are such specific attorneys, but their fees are larger than an organization our size can handle. We are seeking pro bono advice for our legal issues..
- As a direct result of the massive flooding in the mid-west, the Golden Retriever Foundation has modified the grant requirements for those who've helped with animal rescue in the area..
- **Foster Coordinators' Group** – The “how to” of Adopter Education was discussed.
- **Intake Coordinators' Group** – No activity.
- **Adoption Process Revisions** – Valentina and Patti will present copies of the Adoption Contract to two individual lawyers for assessment.
- **Broward County vets** – Valentina volunteered to present billing information to Dr. Gallo in an effort to add him as our Broward County contact.
- **By-laws** – Hermine has prepared the current EGRR By-law for review. Once the by-laws have been revised, they will be presented to the board for approval. The revisions will be done in committee. Finalized by-laws will be available on box.net.
- **Seminar Report** – Barb presented a great deal of information about Temperament Testing. Highlights of the seminar will be e-mailed to all Board members for review. It was suggested that a small committee be organized to determine which information meets the needs of the organization and what is the best way to focus our goals and incorporate this testing into the evaluation process of our incoming Golden Retrievers
- **GRACE Awards** – Applications were made available to any member who wishes to submit the name of a Golden boy or girl for this award. Information is available on the Rescue a Golden of Arizona website.. Entries must be submitted by July thirty-first.

New Business

Ryan – It's important that we recognize people who go above and beyond when it comes to our Golden Retrievers. Ryan is one of those people and the Board agrees that a token of appreciation would be appropriate at this time. A motion was made by Stacey to send Ryan a “thank you” \$50 gift card and the motion was second by Dianne.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Hermine Scolnik on Thursday, August 14th.

Respectfully submitted by,
Stacey Lopater