

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting September 9, 2008

The meeting, held at the home of Valentina Mayz, was called to order at 7:30 pm. Members in attendance were: Kara Clark, Marlene Goldman, Bonnie Kimelman, Ellen Lindenfeld, Jane Lipson, Valentina Mayz, Patti Rogers, 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 August 31, 2008. Total income was \$2,170.69, total expenses were \$2,182 for a net loss of \$11.48. The total in the checking account is currently \$18,942.97 and there is \$5,451.50 in the savings account, for a Grand Total of \$25,394.47.

Committee Reports:

- **Adoption** – It was reported that five (5) dogs were adopted since our last meeting. The adopted dogs are Ginger #507, Buddy #508, Ginger #499, Yogi #500, and Shakira/Carleigh #505.
- **Foster** – At the time of this report there are seven (7) dogs in either foster care or at one of the vets' kennels. In foster homes we have Brady/Gizmo #503, Murphy/Booda #510, and Java #479, as foster-to-adopt, Bo #504, and Layla #476 as regular fosters, and Hogan #506 and Wilson #509, at Clint Moore.
- **Sunshine** – Sympathy cards were sent to Barbara Sheedy for Molly, Jayme and Neil Melofchik for Murphy, Carol Johnson for Magnum and Kim Wessling, for the loss of her mother, Donna Davis. A get well card was sent to Hermine.
- **Follow-up** – Sophie #485 was adopted out by GRRMF, again. Pat Ellis has informed us that Wallace #67, and Tori #124, are both doing well.
- **Membership** – New member families are Marisela and Clifford Piorier, Marissa Vanbuskirk and Steve Varisco, Ronald and Jean Shindler, and Michael and Barbara Pilgrim.

Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – The newsletter will be sent out on or about October 15th. Members are asked to submit ideas to Hermine. The featured volunteer will be Kara Clark and the featured Golden will be Bruiser.
- **Fundraising**
 - **Phantom Ball** – Barb has taken over the Phantom Ball. The first announcement will go out in an e-mail blast later this month.
 - **Halloween Photo Contest** – Barbara suggested this contest, and agreed to accept responsibility for running it. She will send out the contest Information later in the month. Prizes will be awarded. First prize, donated by Barb is a new 8GB IPOD. Second prize is a basket of doggie toys. Members who plan on attending the October meeting are asked to bring a toy for the basket. Third prize is a \$25.00 gift certificate from Build-a-Bear. Breed Club members will be invited to participate.
 - **Calendar 2009** – Tracey has received pictures from EGRR and EGRC members. Once she has finished making her selections and formatting the calendars, they will be available online from Café Press. A link will be added to our website. EGRR will make \$5.00 on each calendar sold online.
- **Grants** – Stacey is working on a Goldstock and April grants to help defer the cost of Hogan's surgery.
- **Expo** – The finalized date is Saturday, April 4th. Nothing new to report.

- **Coordination with Breed Club**
 - **Grooming & Santa** – Our annual joint fund raiser is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 2nd, from 11 – 3, at Clint Moore Animal Hospital
 - **EGRC Picnic** – Members of EGRR have been invited to attend this event on Sunday, October 12th from 12:00 – 4:00pm., at Quiet Waters Park.
 - **EGRC Holiday Party and Awards Dinner** – EGRR members have also been invited to attend this event tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 19th
 - **EGRC Specialty** – Friday, March 6th. Volunteers will be needed for the EGRR table, as well as to serve as stewards.
- **Other Events** – Volunteers are needed for the following events, if we are to participate.
 - **Storybook Festival** – The event will be held on November 10th. It does not look like we will be participating this year.
 - **Woodstock** – This is being held on December 6th and 7th. Jane will coordinate the details. Volunteers are always needed for these events.
 - **Mutts in Boca** – This event, sponsored by the Boca Raton Dog Club, will be held at the new Sunset Cove Dog Park on November 1st. This fundraiser is to raise money for the purchase of canine oxygen masks for PBC Fire Rescue trucks.
- **Website** – Our new website is still in development.
- **Fostering** – The foster contract is now complete and signed contracts will be a requirement to foster.. Copies of the new contract will be e-mailed to foster families for signatures.. All Board members are being requested to sign the foster contract as well, so that in the event of an emergency, they can serve as a foster home. The mentoring program has not been utilized.
- **Yahoo Groups**
 - **New Groups** – The NRC has started two new groups, one for Adoption Coordinators and one for Fundraising Chairpersons. Jane and Stacey will be receiving invitations to join the appropriate groups.
 - **Presidents' Group**
 - Accepting dog aggressive dogs – EGRR is in the majority, in that we accept these dogs into our program.
 - Very few groups require paid memberships for adopters. We will maintain our policy of a one year interim membership.
 - Vet checks – We, along with most other groups, have not had a problem with vets refusing to provide information. At the time of this discussion, Ellen advised us, that due to time constraints, she would like to be relieved of this job. Patti Rogers will now be doing our vet checks. Our vet checks include inquiry about annual visits, vaccine history, flea and heartworm preventatives.
 - **Adoption Coordinators' Group**
 - Adoptive families and age requirements – EGRR maintains its policy of not adopting puppies to families with children under 5, and of not adopting at all to families with children under 3. Many groups have similar policies, but every case can and should be reviewed. We have no upper age limit on adoptions, although some groups do.
 - Expiring applications – Some groups state that applications expire 6 months after receipt. EGRR has no policy on this nor do we feel we need one.
- **Vet Updates** – Dr. Butzer has agreed to match Dr. Cordova's prices on vaccines. To date, Hermine has been unable to meet personally with Dr. Gallo. This meeting must occur before we can begin using his services.
- **By-laws** – voting was postponed until the October meeting.
- **Temperament Testing** – Barb has successfully temperament tested 3 dogs. We have no formal policy in place yet a requirement for temperament testing. We used to ask the foster homes to do this on the third day, but Barb feels dogs should be tested before going to their foster homes.

New Business.

- **Nominating Committee** – The Committee must meet prior to the October meeting and be ready to present the proposed slate of officers. The 2008 Nominating Committee includes:
 - Marlene Goldman – Advisor/Chairperson
 - Dianne Snow-Posner and Jane Lipson – Board members
 - Bonnie Kimelman – General membership
 - Stacey Lopater – Board alternate
 - Valentina Mayz – Non-Board Alternate
- **Rescue Conference** – This conference, sponsored by Good As Gold Golden Retriever Rescue, will be held on October 25th, in Chicago. Barb will represent EGRR, if she has someone to go with her. Dianne will try to accompany her.
- **GRRITS** – This will be held May 15th – May 17th, at the Faraway Inn in Cedar Key. All EGRR members are invited to attend. The Faraway Inn is already full, but there is space at the overflow motels.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16th, at the home of Bonnie Kimelman.

Respectfully submitted by,
Stacey Lopater