

Everglades Golden Retriever Rescue Meeting October 16, 2008

The meeting, held at the home of Bonnie Kimelman, was called to order at 7:42pm. Members in attendance were: Sharon Bennett, Marlene Goldman, Teri Goldman, Bonnie Kimelman, Jane Lipson, Stacey Lopater, Valentina Mayz, Hermine Scolnik, Barbara Sheedy, and Diane Snow-Posner.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last meeting were posted on box.net. A motion made by Marlene Goldman to accept the Meeting minutes. Motion was second by Diane Snow-Posner.

Treasurer's Report: Marlene presented the report as of September 30, 2008. Total income was \$2,797.46 and total expenses were \$7,584.02, for a net loss of \$4,786.56. There's \$15,739.11 in the checking account, \$5,612.67 in the savings account for a total of \$21,351.78.

Committee Reports:

- **Adoption** – It was reported that three dogs were adopted last month. Layla/Ginger #478 was adopted by Pamela Elliott and Benjamin Dilliner, Brady/Gizmo #503 was adopted by Marisela and Cliff Poirier, and Murphy/Booda #510 was adopted by Stuart Sawdon and Stephanie Winters.
- **Intake** – Coming in soon will be Floyd, an 8 year old, neutered male, home surrender. The family is moving to Europe in November.
- **Foster** – There are three Golden Retrievers in foster-to-adopt homes. Java #479 is with Bridget and Josh Beer, Ginger/Tess #519 is with Jean and Ronald Shindler, and Hogan #509 is with Juan Olaya and Katherine Ayendano. There are currently three dogs in foster homes. Bo #504 is at the home of Barbara Sheedy, Wilson is with Kathy Keating-Kay and Marvin Kay, Sunny #516 is with Kathi Keenan, and Blossom #517 is with Emilia Villati. Luna #518 and Fred #520 are at Clint Moore.
- **Sunshine** – Get Well cards were sent to Peter Clark and "Bruiser". Sympathy cards were sent to Wendy Ketchum for the loss of her father, the Beer family for "Freckles", Jeri Guise for "Nick", Carol Johnson for her husband, Jane and Saul Lipson for his father, and Sharon Bennett for "Bear".
- **Follow-up** – EGRR recently learned that Billy/Rocky #467 has possible kidney problems and Bear/Bruiser has an inoperable kidney tumor.
- **Membership** – Welcome new members Bridget and Josh Beer and Kathrun Keating.
- **In Memoriam** – Our fur friends who went to the Bridge include "Freckles" Beer, "Nick" Guise and "Bear" #337.

Old Business:

- **Newsletter** – The newsletter should be out soon. It was due on October 15th.
- **Fundraising**
 - **Phantom Ball** – Minimal donations have been received.
 - **"Stepping Stones to our Goal"** – The purchase of Stepping Stones will continue to be available on the web site as an ongoing fund raiser.
 - **Calendar** – The beautiful calendars are now available on line. Thru CafePress we made \$350 plus \$145.50 for calendars which were sold at the EGRC Picnic for a total of \$495.50.
 - **Grants** – APRIL Grants written for Kia and Hogan. GOLDSTOCK grant written for Hogan.
 - **Expo** – Expo will be held on Saturday, April 4th at Tradewinds Park.
- **Coordination of Volunteers** – Stacey will forward list of names of members who can "transport" to the Board. Volunteers are needed for Nutts for Mutts event, Nov. 1st and Stacey was asked to send out an email to those volunteers who said they would help at events.

- **Coordination with Breed Club** – Grooming event will be held on November 2nd, at Clint Moore Animal Hospital from 11am to 3pm. Posters will be made. Hermine will make copies of the grooming release.
- **Website** – Additions continue to be worked on at this time.
- **Fostering** – Motion made to have Jane keep the foster contracts. Marlene made the motion and it was second by Diane Snow-Posner.
- **NRC Yahoo Groups-**
 - President's Group
 - Board members – how many and what are the positions
 - Puppies – how they affect applications, adoptions, etc.
 - Board Coordinator positions – conflict of interest?
- **Events** – The Nutts for Mutts fund raiser to purchase oxygen masks for canines will be held on November 1st. Volunteers are needed. Grooming Event is November 2nd and Woodstock will be held the weekend of December 6 – 7th.
- **Rescue Conference** – Barbara and Dianne will be attending this conference.
- **Temperament testing** – Barbara Sheedy gave a brief presentation and will arrange to Test Fred.
 - **Committee formation** needed to assess dogs when they come in.
 - **Policies** will be outlined by the executive board as well as Training information.
- **Pet First Aid Class** – postpone discussion until January
- **GRRITS** – more information about this fun event forthcoming.
- **Nominating Committee-** Marlene announced 2008-2009 slate of officers::
President – Hermine Scholnik, VP – Jane Lipson, Secretary – Diane Snow-Posner, Treasurer- Marlene – Goldman, 4 Directors – Ellen Lindenfeld, Kara Clark, Barbara Sheedy and Valentina Mayz. The general Board includes Stacey Lopater –grant writer and Tracy Eller – web master. These last 2 are appointed, not elected positions.

New Business

- **United Way** – Stacey will check to see if we can receive hello and/or funds via United Way.
- **Dues Statements** will be sent in mid-November.
- **New Brochure** – A rough draft was presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

The next meeting will be held November 12th at the home of Valentina Mayz.

Respectfully submitted by,
Stacey Lopater