

MINUTES

The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto
General Meeting #1 – 2008/2009
Saturday, June 7, 2008
Palgrave, Ont.

Present: Carol & Jim Lee, Anna & Don Morison, Michele Rebelo, Danuta Booth, Liz Russell, Gord Kerr, Nancy Cosburn, Betsey Ryan, Sandy Hillier, Sandy Brodie

- 1) Call to order at 7:00 p.m. after a delicious BBQ feast
- 2) Acceptance of the Agenda: motion to approve Sandy H, seconded by Danuta. All in favour.
- 3) Reading of the minutes of the last General meeting – February 9, 2008. Danuta moved minutes not be read since they were emailed out and everyone had a chance to read them. Motion to approve Sandy B, seconded by Danuta. All in favour.
- 4) Reports:
 - a) Secretary's Report – Anna Morison see attached. Motion to approve by Nancy, seconded by Danuta. All in favour.
 - b) Treasurer's Report - Bruce Russell. See attached report. Discussion was held about the format used for the Treasurer's report. Don suggested that we should have more formal reports; for example, a monthly statement of income and expenses, year to date, and detailed statements for each event. Gord added that, if possible, a comparison to the previous year's event could be included. This type of reporting would allow everyone to see what type of expenses are made and the Club can determine if the amounts are reasonable as a way of planning for the next year. Members were asked to send suggestions to Bruce. Gord indicated that these types of statements could be printed using the accounting software (Quickbooks?) that Darryl Bergman purchased earlier for the Club. There was also discussion about the setting up of the money market account (approved at the last general meeting) and the change of bank. Michele indicated she would try again this week to find a time to get together with Bruce to try and arrange these items no later than the end of June 2008. Signing authorities also need updating. Motion to approve Financial statement as is Don, seconded Betsey.
 - c) Membership – Danuta Booth just received the renewals, needs to go through them to do updates. There are no new applications, and it doesn't look like anyone new qualifies for Ordinary Membership. Currently, there are 42 members, 32 ordinary 10 probationary. Membership forms are available online.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Health/Clearance Clinic (MR). See the attached report.
 - b) Educational Seminar (CL). Carol reported that the seminar was very successful. Total attendance was 25 dogs with handlers (one was absent) and 20 spectators. Bruce will provide financial report for seminar. Eric is willing to come and give a handling seminar in the fall to coincide with his handling video. Date for the

- handling seminar is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of October 18th, 2008. Location TBA. Carol suggested that the handling seminar be open to all retrieving breeds.
- c) Connie Cleveland seminar is booked for May 9th and 10th, 2009. Location TBA. See minutes from executive meeting. Connie Cleveland booked 9th and 10th of May, 2009. Top Dogs for a location.
 - d) Specialty update (MR). Michele along with Gord, Anna and Don met with Meg at Halton Place on May 13th at 4:30 p.m. Purpose of the visit was to observe the grounds and determine ring sites, parking etc. Set will be on Friday, July 18th in the afternoon. Halton Place is open for exhibitor set up at 7:30 a.m. and all exhibitors must leave by 7:00 p.m. Port-a-potties have been ordered along with the water tank. Michele will contact Jim Lee regarding the use of Credit Valley baby gates. She will also contact Cedar Grove Community Centre to borrow some tables, and chairs. She will order a golf cart with a carry compartment at a cost of \$275.00 for the weekend. Catering Tent will be available for breakfast & lunch. It is shared with the horse show. Judges lunches will be ordered from the caterer. Michele will have a specialty committee meeting sign up sheet at our next general meeting. To date the following members have volunteered to be on the committee: Sandy Hillier, Sandy Brodie, Carol Lee, Danuta Booth. Liz Russell has agreed to get prizes and ribbons. Bruce Russell will bring the trailer. Judges confirmed, Janice's flight info not available yet. Danuta offered to pick up Ainslie, Vickie picking up agility judge. Michi will hold a committee Saturday, July 5th at 2:00 p.m. Post a list of jobs. Helping Gunners, marshalls, set up Friday, break down Sunday, 2 obedience ring stewards each day, set up obedience, Raffle table, parking attendants, grounds keeper, walkie-talkies, Liz & Danuta ribbons and prizes, agility 1 person in am and 1 in pm. Anna to e-mail Sheila to ask if she can get pens to go with the catalogues.
 - e) WC/Hunt Test update (AM). See WC/Hunt Test Reports attached.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Dates for Executive meetings and General meetings. These are set and have been posted on the club website. Dates for Executive Meetings: Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, September 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.; Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 12:00 noon; Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 22, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the home of Carol Lee. Dates for General Meetings: Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. B.B.Q./Pot Luck. Club will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, members to bring salads/desserts. Location: Carol Lee's; Sunday, September 14, 2008 at 12:00 noon. Pot Luck Brunch. Location Carol Lee's.; Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. High Tea Pot Luck. Location Carol Lee's. Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Chili Pot Luck. Location Carol Lee's. Sunday, March 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Location Carol Lee's. AGM & Awards Banquet, Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Delta Meadowvale. Meeting 4:30 dinner 6:00 p.m.
 - b) Dogs In Canada GRCGT advertisement need volunteer to do ad for club. Club will pay cost of ad. Deadline July 3rd. Betsey volunteered to look after completing the application and submitting the ad. She will contact breeder members to see who is interested in participating.

- c) Awards program (GK) – Presented ideas for new award plaques. Idea is to have a member plaque. Anyone who becomes an ordinary member gets a plaque. The club logo, lettering, etc. would be done by laser engraving as a cost saving method. Plaque blank samples passed around; sample had round or beveled edge. The plaque is made from three pieces of red oak, joined so that the plaque will not warp. Small red oak award bars would be given for each dog that earns a title. Small laser engraved and cut medallions made from a veneer would be provided listing the new title. The award bars could hold 4-5 of the medallions. Additional award bars for other dogs or more titles would be suspended below the main plaque on brass hooks/eyes. Optional paw print details could be added, for example, one for each year of membership. Cost \$0.60 per square inch and \$10.00 for layout. About \$16.00 each for each member, dog bars \$5.00. Plaques now cost about \$17.00. Gord also suggested that the silver tags designed by Suzi Beber could be awarded for special achievements, such as SDHF, OS, etc. Gord will continue to develop the concept
 - d) 2009 Obedience Trial (DB) – Date has been moved from January because entries were not great in 2008. The new dates are Feb. 7th and 8th. 2009. Cathy P is unfortunately is not going to be available to chair in February 2009, so Liz is willing to chair. Tentatively booked at Campaign for these dates.
- 7) Other
- a) 2010 National Specialty. The Club received an e-mail from Kim Bryk, GRCC Ont. Director inquiring whether the GRCGT was interested in hosting the 2010 National. Discussion was held about the level of interest and willingness to help out. All members present (12) unanimously agreed to support hosting the event; however, it will still be put to a vote by all of the members (internet and newsletter). There will be a big need to organize fundraising for this event.
- 8) Next General meeting – Sunday, September 14, 2008 at 12:00 noon at Carol Lee's – Potluck Brunch – RSVP to Sandy Brodie by September 13.
- 9) Adjournment - Motion by Gord, seconded Jim at 9: 39 p.m. All in favour.