

## MINUTES

The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto  
General Meeting #3 – 2008/2009  
Sunday, November 23, 2008  
Mississauga, Ont.

- 1) Call to order at 2:55 p.m. The membership welcomed a new member, Linda Kitson. Linda gave a brief summary of her experience in Goldens for the other members.
- 2) Acceptance of the Agenda
  - a) Location of meeting changed from Palgrave to Mississauga
  - b) Add meeting at Credit Valley to old business
  - c) Motion to approve as amended by Bruce, seconded by Michele
- 3) Minutes of the last General meeting – September 14, 2008 – posted on website
  - a) Motion to approve by Cathy, seconded by Michele
- 4) Reports:
  - Secretary's report – Anna Morison – nothing to report
  - (a) Treasurer's report - Bruce Russell
    - (i) Bruce provided a written summary of the current bank balance and status of the GIC. He indicated that the old bank account will be closed when the GIC rolls over in the new year. Motion to accept the report by Cathy, seconded by Sandy Hillier.
  - (b) Membership report – Danuta Booth
    - (i) Danuta received a new membership application from \_\_\_\_\_. The membership voted to accept the application and welcome her as a provisional member.
    - (ii) Danuta indicated that she will be updating the membership list and the related information shortly as some of the info is outdated.
  - (c) Eric Strickland Handling Seminar Report - Carol Lee
    - (i) No report from Carol Lee. Sandy Brodie related that Carol wanted to thank everyone that helped out. Michele Rebelo reported that she felt the seminar was very successful and the number of attendees was just about right.
- 5) Old Business:
  - a) Awards program update (Gord Kerr)
    - i) Gord sent a brief report on his activity to date including a number of options. The Directors had earlier recommended that Gord be asked to just go ahead with the option he feels will work out best.
  - b) Revision of Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Ethics (Gord Kerr)
    - i) There has not yet been a meeting of the committee, but a number of constitutions from other clubs have been reviewed. One fairly common feature is that most clubs do not have probationary memberships where, for example, voting or holding office is limited. Discussion was held about what is the purpose of the probationary membership. The general consensus seems to be that the current system should be retained as a way of screening new members and retaining control over the membership in the club and the breeders list.
  - c) 2009 Obedience Trial Update Feb 7-8, 2009 (Danuta Booth)
    - i) Dates are 7-8, 2009
    - ii) Judges are approved

- iii) Debbie DeCoates, Paul Oslach, Paul Townshend
  - iv) Premium List is almost ready and Danuta will be e-mailing it out.
  - v) Liz is Chief Ring Steward/Chair - she asked for volunteers – Sandy B., Anna & Don Morison, Betsey, Judy, Michele, plus others offered to help. Danuta has a full list.
- d) Booster at Credit Valley – We will be limiting the budget for prizes so that we don't spend more than we take in for the show. The limit will be no more than \$200. Liz will be getting the prizes. The judge for the booster will be Everett Dean. The preferred judging time is just before noon. There was a discussion about having a potluck as in past years and the Club members agreed that we will do this on the Saturday, December 13th. The Saturday is Credit Valley's 100<sup>th</sup> show and there will be many special things going on.
- 6) New Business:
- a) 2010 CKC Priority Dates (Michele Rebelo)
    - i) Michele related that CKC sent a letter indicating the new priority dates. There were some errors in the dates
    - ii) No decisions were made due to errors in dates (e.g. GRCGT & GRCC specialty dates reversed; WC dates in September are Hunt Test dates) and problems with locations. Bruce is to send in the letter after the corrections are verified with Michele & Danuta.
  - b) Health Clinic – April 3-5, 2009 (Michele Rebelo)
    - i) Shelly indicated that we should try to get people to have dogs tested genetically (blood test) for PRCD.
    - ii) Ad to go in Dogs In Canada in December for appearance in February issue.
    - iii) Clinic is arranged and the specialists have also been contacted and are all set up. Joel Edwards will not be doing the clinic after this year due to health problems. The cardiologist taking over his practice has offered to come up in subsequent years. Michele suggested that perhaps both Joel and his protégé might come up to offload Joel from auscultations. The only consideration is cost for having the two cardiologists. There will be no consultations this year. Cathy Park moved that Michele should contact Joel to see if this will work out. Seconded by Anna. All in favour.
    - iv) This year, we will make it clear that the Doppler fee includes the auscultation fee (we are charged for this by Joel).
    - v) Michele has yet to determine what the fees will be for ophthalmology exams.
  - c) Connie Cleveland Seminar – May 9-10, 2009 (Carol Lee)
    - i) Carol e-mailed a note with a copy of the flyer and suggested members should take them to shows. She also pointed out that there are only 24 working places and there are only a few people registered so far. Anna suggested that she will forward the flyer to Club members. Michele suggested that it should be sent out to obedience schools. Location has not been finalized as the planned venue is up for sale.
  - d) AGM – April 18, 2009 (Anna Morison)
    - i) Nothing has been arranged yet, but the plan is to go back to the Delta Meadowvale. Members will be subsidized for the dinner as last year. Anna to make all the arrangements.
  - e) GRCGT Specialty & GRCC Regional Specialty – July 17-19, 2009 (Danuta Booth) regarding change of date and venue.
    - i) Danuta reported that the result of the member poll is that the show should be held in conjunction with Kilbride (8-9 August). Regarding judges, Kilbride has wants us to select our preferred judges from their contracted panel. The choices are \_\_\_\_\_. We will tell them we prefer \_\_\_\_\_

- ii) They are holding all breed shows all three days, and will not be restricting Golden Retrievers. There will obviously be a potential for conflicts. The GRCGT will make it clear that we will not hold up a class for a handler, only a dog. CKC rules dictate that the all breed show takes precedence over the Specialty. The suggestion from Danuta is to hold the Golden classes first thing in the morning to minimize conflicts. The club agreed that we will not hold agility due to the limitations of holding the show along with the all breed show. In addition, we will not hold sweepstakes due to the potential conflicts with the all breed show.
  - iii) Danuta has volunteered to be Show Chair. We will need to write to CKC to tell them we will not use our priority dates due to the National Specialty being on the same weekend. Danuta offered to do this.
  - iv) One option for us is to use Kilbride's show secretary (Canine Show Services) for the specialty. We prefer to stick to Vicki as she has our past exhibitor list and we will have to have our own catalogue done anyway.
  - v) Conformation Chair – Danuta Booth volunteered.
  - vi) Obedience Chair – The Kilbride Show does not hold obedience at its show, so the consensus is that we should not try to hold trials ourselves. Obedience is typically a money-loser for the club at Specialties.
  - vii) Agility Chair - not required
  - viii) WC Chair
    - (1) Not to be held in conjunction with the Specialty.
    - (2) The suggestion is to hold the WC Test with the Hunt Test in September, but only to hold Junior or Senior. There was discussion about us only running the lower stakes and asking HHRC to run the Master on one day.
    - (3) The suggestion also is to have WC judges that can do all three stakes and run MH on the same day. The next day run JH/SH. This will minimize conflicts with judges/exhibitors.
  - ix) Hunt Test Chair – see above.
  - x) Rhonda Hovan Seminar – RH offered to give a seminar in conjunction with the Specialty. Betsey to coordinate this, to select a topic, and to arrange to use the barn on the site.
- 7) Other
- 8) Next Director's Meeting –
- a) Sunday, January 18, 2009
  - b) Time: 12 pm
  - c) Location: Carol Lee's
- 9) Next General meeting –
- a) Sunday, January 18, 2009
  - b) Time: 2 pm
  - c) Location: Carol Lee's
  - d) Type of Event: Chile/Salad/Dessert Pot Luck.
- 10) Adjournment – motion to adjourn by Tony, seconded by Michele, all in favour.