

MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING
The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto
General Meeting #2 – 2008/2009
Sunday, September 14, 2008
Palgrave, Ont.

Attendance: See list

- 1) Call to order at 1:15 p.m.
- 2) Acceptance of the Agenda. Motion by Jim seconded by Danuta
- 3) Minutes of the last General meeting – June 7, 2008 – posted on website since June. Motion by Danuta to have minutes not read. Seconded by Michele.
- 4) Reports:
 - (a) Secretary's report – Anna Morison
 - (i) Priority dates. Anna had contact from CKC (Kelly Corrigan) regarding maintaining priority dates. New dates have not yet been decided upon. This will occur in the Fall.
 - (ii) 2010 Specialty venue lost due to sale of hotel. Anna proposed that we inquire later to see if the new management will change their mind about accepting dogs.
 - (iii) Barrie Kennel Club inquired if we want to hold a booster this year.
 - (iv) Credit Valley Kennel Club inquired if we want to hold a booster this year.
 - (v) Danuta Booth sent in a revised membership application to Anna M. To be added to web site.
 - (b) Treasurer's report - Bruce Russell
 - (i) Bruce inquired about the deposit at the Milton Fairgrounds, which the fairgrounds is apparently still holding. The Club will inquire about getting the deposit back, just in case we go to another venue.
 - (ii) Current bank balance is \$15679.15, however, there are numerous cheques outstanding. Deposits for PayPal portion of the Hunt Test were deposited electronically. The balance of the cheques to be deposited.
 - (iii) Discussion was held about opening a money market account or GIC with the Club funds. To be looked at when new bank account opened.
 - (c) Membership report – Danuta Booth
 - (i) Presently 39 members. The following members are now eligible for ordinary membership: Tim Marshall, Judy Doyle. Nancy Hatch has been a member since December 2006 but has not fulfilled her membership requirements to achieve Ordinary membership.
 - (ii) Received an application from Lynda Kitson who has one Golden from Vicki. Also a membership application was sent into GRCGT by Rob Paterson, however, it was sent to Molly Barber and it has not

made it to Danuta. The Club has voted to accept the application "in abstentia" anyway.

- (iii) The new application form will be posted on the website.
- (d) Specialty Show report (Michele Rebelo/Bruce Russell)
 - (i) In the financial statement, "Printing" covers premium list, catalogue, etc. Michele suggested that we should not have premium lists mailed out to save money. They should be made available only on the website with a few available for mail-out.
 - (ii) Michele discussed some of the expenses that were uncommon this year. For example we paid for the grounds, for a dumpster for garbage, for the golf cart. Although these are new for us, they are expected with the type of venues we have at our disposal.
 - (iii) There was a discussion about the costs for judges because their statements lump travel and fees together. This is common for most judges but can still be used as a guideline for choosing whether to ask a particular judge.
 - (iv) For 2009, we have booked the Fairgrounds in Milton again; also tentatively for 2010 in the event we don't get another venue. Aside from the weather, the show went well. One issue was the proximity of the washrooms. Next year we should bring in portable toilets.
 - (v) There was discussion about costs versus the entry fees. One option suggested was that we should raise the entry fees slightly. In addition, we could switch sweeps to GRCC to reduce our cost of ribbons & prizes. Also adding Rally might be a way to raise additional revenue.
 - (vi) Bruce inquired about availability of rooms in the area. We would probably need 100+ if we ran the National at the same site. Only local hotels were looked at, but there are many hotels in Mississauga, Cambridge, Brampton. Also the local campgrounds will accommodate many people.
 - (vii) Sheila suggested that the Club should thank Janet McLean for her donations to the raffle at the Specialty.
 - (viii) Sheila also suggested that the Club should look at a special keepsake catalogue for the 50th GRCC Specialty in 2010.
 - (ix) There was also discussion about holding a Golden only field trial. Shelly pointed out that we could run a owner-handled Amateur only trial which would limit entries. Unfortunately, GRCGT has never run a field trial and GRCC is probably not eligible to hold a licenced trial as the last one was run in 1987.
 - (x) All cheques/fees, should be received and deposited into the Club account prior to the event.
- (e) Agility Trial report (Vicki Ellery/Bruce Russell)
 - (i) There were two hotel rooms booked for Canine Clubhouse, but they did not use them, nor did they cancel the rooms. That cost the Club about @\$250 dollars. In the future, for cases like this, the individuals should be responsible for booking their own hotel rooms.

- (ii) In addition, some of the fees for the trial were collected by Canine Clubhouse (MC/VISA payments). Cheques were made out to GRCGT and delivered after the trial to Bruce. Next year, the recommendation is to have Canine Clubhouse collect all the fees then pay us the difference between their fee and the total collected. The premium list needs to be changed to reflect that the payments should be made to Canine Clubhouse.
 - (f) Obedience Trial report (Gord Kerr/Bruce Russell)
 - (i) Gord reported that all went well, except there was an issue with conformation people allowing their dogs to pee on the gates. He also said that we should look at Rally for one or both days next year as a way of boosting revenue and entries.
 - (g) WC Test report (Anna Morison) – see attachments. Anna gave a brief summary of the WC test. She reported that Tim has indicated there is a possible new venue for next year, but it has not been confirmed. This needs to be done soon to have the application submitted.
 - (h) Hunt Test report (Anna Morison) – see attachments. Anna gave a brief summary of the test and thanked all those who helped out. A profit of \$2200 was made. For next year, we could reduce costs by going to the local community centre. Also, we can reduce the costs by only paying the entry fee for Club members rather than all. Discussion was held about whether we should be running tests up to Master since we don't have enough people to hold these tests. In the end, the Club concluded that we should continue to run the tests, but only if we have enough volunteers to do all the key tasks (Secretary, food, equipment, etc.). One option is to informally have the Chair arrange help from other Clubs (HHRC, for example) and to have a catering truck provide food for the workers, tailgate, etc.
- 5) Old Business:
- a) Awards program update (Gord Kerr)
 - i) Gord presented the update to the design of the plaques and explained how the basic plaque would be given to each member; additional bars would be added for each dog with titles, pawprints for various awards. Gord agreed to come up with the final design and a cost proposal.
 - b) Revision of Constitution, By-Laws (Gord Kerr)
 - i) Gord reported that there has been a small amount of progress. Don & Danuta are on the committee. He indicated that some suggestions will be put out to the membership about what in general is to be done and, based upon the discussions, the documents will be revised and presented to the membership for a vote, as a whole, rather than individual amendments.
 - c) Eric Strickland Seminar, October 18-19 (Carol Lee)
 - i) Erik's flight has been booked. Even with opening it up to all sporting breeds, there has not been good response – only one reply to an e-mail mail-out to all sporting dog owners listed in Dogs In Canada. The suggestion was made to open it up to all breeds at the end of next week. Currently, there are only 15 people signed up. There are some conflicts with other events (London

Show?) and there seems to generally be low response even though considerable interest has been expressed.

- d) 2009 Obedience Trial – Date (Danuta Booth)
 - i) Dates are Feb 8-9, 2009 at Campaign Dog Academy. Judges are confirmed with CKC and are Susan DeCoates, Paul Townsend, both of whom are local and draw well. Bruce suggested that Gail Wormington might be a suggestion for next year as she is looking for assignments as she is now on permit. Liz Russell is the trial chair.

6) New Business:

- a) Health Clinic – April 3-5, 2009 (Michele Rebelo)
 - i) Michi reported that she has been in contact with Joel Edwards as he has been getting calls from others wanting him to do clinics and wants confirmation of the dates. Michele will be coordinating the event. One note from last year is that we should have two rooms for Joel to work in – one for auscultation and one for Dopplers to speed things up. Michi will be applying for the licences for Joel soon.
- b) Connie Cleveland Seminar – (Date in agenda was shown as April) May 9-10, 2009 (Carol Lee)
 - i) Carol will find her ad for posting on the website.
- c) AGM – April 18, 2009 – Anna will be looking after organizing the event and will contact the Delta Meadowvale for the room and banquet as last year.
- d) GRCGT Specialty & GRCC Regional Specialty – July 17-19, 2009
 - i) Discussion was held about whether we have enough people to run the how next year as many Club members will be going to the National Specialty in BC, which will be occurring on the same weekend. We were contacted by Barrie to ask if we wanted to hold our Specialty in conjunction with their show. This may not be the best option due to the venue not being that good. The members discussed options for linking up with other all-breed dog shows. Peterborough was suggested. One consideration is that the judges contracted for next year's show may not be available. Betsey would have to contact the judges to see their availability when a decision is made on another weekend. Since Kilbride also uses the Milton Fairgrounds, it would make sense to contact them to see if they would let us have the Specialty with their show. Kilbride also has obedience. Danuta would have to contact the Kilbride to see if they would be interested, then contact CKC about the change. Judges would have to be contacted to see if they are available, and if not, judges available from Kilbride would have to be used. Danuta moved that we investigate the possibility of holding the 2009 Specialties in conjunction with Kilbride, Barrie, Ontario County, and Peterborough; seconded by Michele, all in favour.
 - ii) Conformation Chair ? Tabled until show details finalized.
 - iii) Obedience Chair ? Tabled until show details finalized.
 - iv) Agility Chair ? Tabled until show details finalized.
 - v) WC Chair ? Tabled until show details finalized.
 - vi) Danuta will look after arranging for the GRCGT to hold a booster at Credit Valley in December.

7) Other

8) Next General meeting – Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Carol Lee's – High Tea Potluck – RSVP to Sandy Brodie by November 17.

9) Adjournment at 3:40 p.m.