

## MINUTES

The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto  
Specialty Show Committee Meeting #1 – 2008/2009  
Saturday, July 5, 2008  
Markham, Ont.

Present: Michele Rebelo, Sandy Hillier, Shelly Blom, Sandy Brodie, Tim Marshall, Eileen Ansell, Rob, Carol Lee, Gord Kerr, Anna Morison

- 1) Meeting came to order at 2:45 p.m.
- 2) Change of Venue: Michele R. reported that Halton Place notified her on Wednesday July 3, 2008 that we will not be able to use their venue for the show. This is due to a legal action by neighbours that bars Halton Place from hosting more than one event at one time. A \$5000/day fine would be levied if they proceeded.

Michele also reported that Milton Fairgrounds is a possible alternative. There are sufficient grounds and facilities; however, confirmation will be required. Anna M and Michele will be going to Milton Fairgrounds on Monday July 7 at 1:00 p.m. to view the grounds confirm the availability and make arrangements. Need to check that they will cut the grass prior to the event. The hotels and other camping facilities are actually closer to the Fairgrounds than Halton Place.

The facilities will be less expensive and we will not be needing outhouses, water supply, and the golf cart. These changes will be a cost saving as well. People will also be able to bring campers/RVs and leave them overnight.

One other issue was that we would have had the use of the catering tent at Halton Place. Halton Place has asked the caterer if they could provide services to us at the Milton Fairgrounds. If this does not work, we will hire our own caterer rather than have members look after a BBQ as this is too much work and is, at best, a break-even proposition.

Michel R has notified MJM Show Services of the change and has asked them to hold off sending the returns until the change can be included in the mailout. There was some concern expressed about loss of entries, but this is not considered a major problem.

- 3) Jobs:
  - a) Ring Steward – Sandra Lex (2 days)
  - b) Judges
    - i) All are confirmed except for Janice Provenzano – we haven't heard when she is coming
    - ii) Anna's sister will pick up judges as required.
  - c) WC Test
    - i) Linda Brox – marshall?, Sandy B will help if her dog doesn't pass on the Thursday
    - ii) Gunners – Tim M, Matt M, Don M, Liz; Anna will call Norm B

- iii) Equipment – need to get poppers & signs from trailer; Tim will bring boat/blinds;
  - d) Obedience (Gord) – Debbie Coates is table steward, 4 others are needed for ring stewards (2 for each trial) – Michele, Judy, Ruth T., Carol offered to help. Danuta could also help on Sunday.
  - e) Setup/Breakdown – S: (Friday after 3:00) Tony, Judy, Sandy B., Eileen & Rob, Bruce (bringing trailer); Shelly provided a sketch of the grounds
  - f) Coolers – for delivery to rings/WC – Michele will get the water/drinks for judges/volunteers. Exhibitors will have to buy from the caterer. We will know Monday July 7 if we need to make arrangements separately
  - g) Bathing Stations: Sandy H & Michele will bring their portable tubs. We need to provide wading pools for the dogs in obedience, agility & conformation. Michele & Tony to look into this.
  - h) Tents: Michele & Tony have one and the Club has three.
  - i) Tables: We will need 6 tables for the obedience, conformation agility & for the raffle. Michele & Anna will inquire about availability at Milton Fairgrounds. Some may be available through Cedargrove Community Centre.
  - j) Photographer – Michele has to notify Oslach about the change in venue.
  - k) Maintenance – Mr. T. was voluntold for this position.
  - l) Prizes – Liz will need help on Saturday to put out prizes & ribbons; Danuta will help her on Sunday.
  - m) Raffle – Sandy B & Sandy H will be looking after this. Anna or Sandy will contact Liz about the ribbons and draw tickets (or just buy a new roll at the dollar store).
  - n) Agility – Sharon & Vicki are responsible for this – not sure if they need help.
  - o) Pop-up Tents: Anyone with a pop-up they could bring to the show would be appreciated for shade for the obedience & agility rings.
- 4) Adjournment at 4:00 p.m.