

MINUTES

The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto
General Meeting #1 – 2009/2010
Saturday, June 6, 2009
Markham, Ont.

- 1) Call to order at 2:30 p.m.
- 2) Acceptance of the Agenda – moved by Danuta to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Don, all in favour
- 3) Acceptance of the minutes of the last General meeting – March 21, 2009 (posted on website).
- 4) Reports:
 - a) Secretary's Report – Anna Morison: nothing to report
 - b) Treasurer's Report - Bruce Russell: Bank balance is \$10246.30. Received cheque back from Connie Cleveland seminar deposit, received cheque from Graham Animal Hospital for clinic.
 - c) Membership – Danuta Booth: Danuta gave the number of probationary and ordinary members. New member application received from Margaret and Ashley Martins. Motion to accept the application from Michele, seconded by Anna, all in favour. People who have not renewed will be removed from the membership list soon.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) AGM recap – All went very well. The members agreed to keep the Delta Meadowvale for the AGM again next year.
 - b) 2009 Specialty Show update – Danuta Booth: Need to put premium list on website. Cherie Berger will drive in; Rhonda Hovan will fly in. Rhonda will be doing a presentation on the Saturday August 8 night. She suggested that we offer food as a way of drawing people in. Pizza and pop offered at \$5-10 might be a good way to raise money. Net proceeds are donated by Rhonda to the Starlight Foundation. We also need to confirm ring stewards. Sandra Lex can do one day. Anna volunteered to pick Rhonda up from the airport (or her sister can do it). Rhonda will be staying over until Monday so we will put her up at the Delta on Dixie Road on Sunday. We will also have a raffle at the show. Help will be required for setup on the Friday. We only have to set up one ring as the show is in conjunction with Kilbride. There is no Agility and no Sweeps. Bruce volunteered Liz for prizes. An application and budget need to be submitted to the GRCC. Anna will look after this with Michele's help.
 - c) 2009 WC/Hunt Test update – Sheila Phillips/Sandy Brodie: We will be having WC/WCI/WCX on Saturday and only a Junior Hunt on the Sunday. Judges will be John Hamilton and Jackie Hayhurst. It will be held at NET Campground on 12-13 September. We only have to pay \$5/person entry fee.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Dogs In Canada GRCGT advertisement – Danuta Booth: The ½ page ad needs to be submitted. The Executive decided that anyone who has already paid the \$50 Breeders List fee only needs to pay \$25 more to be on the ad. Any other breeders can pay \$75. Danuta has a deadline of June 15 to finalize the list of participants. Six replies have been

received so far. Danuta has sent an e-mail to get an e-mail confirmation that payment will be made from all those interested.

- b) 2010 National Specialty – Chairs: Anna Morison & Linda Brox: Suggestions for judges have been solicited from the members and the submitted names will be posted on the website for comments. It has not been decided if there will be a Hunt Test. Anna and Sheila will approach the hotel in Stratford again to see if they would reconsider hosting the event. Holding a field trial was discussed briefly. We would have to get HHRC to hold the event for us as we are not qualified. Anna reported that an online project management program could be put in place to help organize the Specialty. Various Chairs are needed for the events. Earlier, people were asked to indicate what events they would help with and Anna will pull that out and do a mail-out to firm up the list. Sheila had offered to do the banquet. Vicki had offered to chair agility. Sheila indicated that we might be eligible for some funding support from the Trillium Foundation, which supports heritage events in Ontario. Shelly volunteered to work on the catalog as a historical document for the Club. Ruth offered to work with Sheila on fundraising from government sources. The group discussed having the books made by Carol Lee to commemorate the National Specialties made into limited edition books. Most people felt the small three-ring binder used for the US National would be best to combine everything. Anna indicated that Suzi Beber had volunteered to do the prizes for the National. The theme will be “Celebrating the Golden Years.”
- c) Fun Day – Michele Rebelo: Michele indicated that her property is a suitable location to hold a fundraising event, such as a “Show and Go”. This could be a rally type event, or something to encourage puppy buyers to get into doggy events. The neighbour’s property beside the greenhouse could be used for fun retrieves or “super-singles”. The greenhouse parking lot could be used if the date is chosen carefully. One option is to have it on 20 September, which is a Sunday. We have a General Meeting that day, so we could combine the two events. An ad needs to be put into Dogs In Canada to let people know the event is on. It was suggested that we make it a Retriever Fun Day, so it is limited only to retrievers. An application and budget need to be submitted to the GRCC. Anna will look after this with Michele’s help.
- d) Obedience Trial – Danuta Booth: The first weekend in February 6-7, 2010 is the same weekend we have held the event previously. An application needs to be submitted and Deb Desjardin needs to be contacted about the venue. Danuta will see if Cathy Park would be interested in chairing.
- e) Hunt Test Proposal – Shelly Blom: Shelly talked about the problems with HHRC running a specialty and hunt test. They are looking for someone to partner with to run a fall hunt test. We could take on this partner role. Our shortage is in grounds and experience running a Master. Water is especially a problem. One location for property is to rent land/water from John Hamilton, for at least one day. Shelly will go back to indicate our interest provided we can come to a written agreement which combines all efforts and splits the combined revenue of the two days.

7) Other: n/a

8) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.