

MINUTES

The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto
General Meeting #2 – 2009/2010
Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.
Festival Inn, Stratford, Ont.

- 1) Call to order at 1:10 p.m. An attendance list was circulated.
- 2) Acceptance of the Agenda. Additions and changes as noted below.
- 3) Minutes of the last General meeting – June 6, 2009 – posted on website. Approved with amendments.
- 4) Reports: Secretary's report – Anna Morison. No correspondence received.
Treasurer's report - Bruce Russell. No report received. No info on status of auditor's report that was due at the AGM.
Membership report – Danuta Booth. No new membership applications. Matt McKaig wants to re-join and would like to receive a 3 year membership as payment for his judging fees. Approved by the members present. Also Nancy Fieder expressed interest in becoming a member. Anna will send her a membership application. Linda Kitson is now eligible for Ordinary membership. Moved by Danuta, Seconded by Michele. All in favour.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) 2010 Specialty Show Report – Danuta Booth. The show was successful, although we have not seen a financial statement (Bruce). Kilbride took our judges for lunch, which was a nice courtesy. Kilbride was happy with the 30 Golden entry they received as a result of the Specialty being there.
 - b) 2009 WC/JH Test report – Sheila Phillips. There was a good turnout over the two days; about 24 dogs per day. Based upon the manpower we had, it was a good decision to only have the JH on Sunday. Linda Brox pointed out that with the new field-focussed members joining, we should not rule out running higher stakes in future years. Participants enjoyed the test. People at NET, in general, were very friendly. We may consider going there for a 2011 Specialty as there are lots of grounds, and obviously plenty of camping.
 - c) Dogs In Canada Ad – Danuta Booth. Ad went in with ten people participating. All have paid. Next year we should consider a new photo if someone wants to take this on.
 - d) 2010 National/Regional Specialty – Anna Morison. Gord Kerr is the Obedience/Rally chair. Shelly is looking after field. Sheila is doing public relations/fundraising. Liz Russell is looking after ribbons. Ainslie Mills has the GRCC trophies. They want to send the trophies to us in January and look after them up to the specialty. Vicki Ellery is chairing Agility. For our prizes/trophies, Suzi Beber is designing several logos and posters. Ainslie Mills indicated that the GRCC would like to have a commemorative pin be made. A tentative design has been done by Suzi. She is also looking at prizes, with one suggestion to make "practical" prizes; for example, a silk screened director's chair, colour-coded towels with a logo on it. Liz Russell will work with Suzi on the prizes for the Toronto Specialty. One suggestion was to use ceramics that Suzi has on hand. One other would be to have Endless Pawsibilities supply dog biscuits for prizes. If

Royal Canin comes across as a sponsor, we won't be able to use Endless Pawsibilities. Sheila indicated that there is a possibility that we could get the Governor General to come to the show. The connection is that the first Golden came to Canada with the GG. Sheila would also approach Mastercard for sponsorship if Royal Canin does not work out. There was some discussion about what events to hold to try to keep most involving only Golden Retrievers. A field trial would involve all breeds, and not many Golden Retrievers. A Hunt or WC test would involve all breeds, but many more Golden Retrievers than a field trial. Shelly will be working on a commemorative book, and will not be chairing a Hunt Test; she would do a WC. Anna read out an e-mail report from Vickie regarding Agility (see attached). There was a discussion about the events schedule. 1) Wednesday – Tracking & WC, 2) Thursday – Hunt Test, 3) Sweeps, Parade of Veterans/Titleholders, Welcome BBQ, 4) Saturday – GRCC Specialty & Sweeps, Obedience x2 & Rally for GRCC, 5) Sunday – GRCGT Specialty, Rally x2 and Obedience for GRCGT. We will need two ring stewards for both Saturday & Sunday. Danuta suggested the McGregors, as they could ring steward and do Junior handling. Sheila indicated Pat Iredale might be an alternate. There was a concern about getting enough GRCC and GRCGT members out to help especially because there are so many days of events. There was discussion about the GRCC Trifecta award and how not having a Hunt test might limit people's opportunity to win the award. Cheryl Webster noted that new members like her don't really know what is required. It was explained that this is the duty of the chair to help the volunteers. The application has gone in for Conformation, Obedience, and the GRCC Rally. The GRCGT Rally will go in after we hold our Sanction Match. Shelly reported via e-mail that Lauren Kinney and John Mairs have been approached as WC judges. A third judge has been approached as a backup.

Danuta reported that for GRCC she has Nancy Talbot will be doing Dogs and BB, but not puppy, Carol Gilbert will be asked for Bitches, Puppy, and Non-regular classes. Danuta will be looking at GRCGT judges once GRCC judges are decided, in case someone drops out. There was discussion about how to select the judges as some may be very expensive to fly in. The members wanted to go in order the judges were voted for, but consideration must be given for costs.

Gord reported on the obedience judges – Deb Desjardins & Bruce Gibbons. The contracts are not signed yet, but they are confirmed.

Sheila suggested that we should offer sponsorship of classes as a fundraiser. Linda indicated that this was done through their website for the Flat-coat specialty. We can do the same. Sheila also indicated that Darwin Boles (GRCC liaison for the specialty) would like to participate in our next meeting via teleconference. Sheila asked if there was going to be an educational seminar. She suggested that Melissa Goodman might be willing to do a seminar in one of our designated rooms.

e) Fun Day update – Michele Rebelo. No update

6) New Business:

- a) Rally Sanction Match update – Gord Kerr. Gord reported that the judges and facilities are lined up, we just need ring stewards for the day. A flyer was submitted for the website.
 - b) February 2010 Obedience Trial – Danuta Booth. February 6-7, 2010. Judges application was submitted. Judges include Debbie Descotes, Paul Oslach, et al.
 - c) **2010 Health Clinic – Michele. Michele offered to do the database portion, but asked who would be willing to coordinate the doctors and the clinic. Michele will ask Dr. Graham about the 10-11 April dates. The Club will seek a volunteer to do the contact work with the doctors.
 - d) **Credit Valley, December 12 Booster – Danuta Booth. Danuta indicated that the booster is on; Liz will look after prizes; the judge will be Jack Ireland
 - e) Other.
- 7) Other
- 8) Next Meeting –
- a) Date and Time posted on website.
 - b) Location: TBD
- 9) Adjournment at 2:45 p.m.