

## MINUTES

The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto  
General Meeting #4 – 2009/2010  
Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.  
Palgrave, Ont.

Attendance: List was circulated to the members.

- 1) Call to order at 2:40 p.m.
- 2) Acceptance of the Agenda. Gord requested that the revision to the constitution be added to the new business section. Motion by Sheila, seconded by Shelly.
- 3) Acceptance of the Minutes of the last General meeting – November 21, 2009 – posted on website.
- 4) Reports:
  - a) Secretary's Report – Anna Morison – no report
  - b) Treasurer's Report - Bruce Russell – no report
  - c) Membership – Danuta Booth - Danuta received three new applications: Don Munro, Janet Norris, Laura Bonney-Hayes, Edie & Bob (founding members of the Club). Moved by Danuta that the above mentioned be accepted as Probationary Members; seconded by Sandy Hillier; all in favour. Danuta introduced the new members and Michi introduced the Board and welcomed the new members.
- 5) Old Business:
  - a) 2010 National Specialty report – see attached update #2
    - i) Michele went over the Specialty report, and described some of the help required.
    - ii) The one change to the report is that the Hunt Test will not be held due to the need to hold a sanction Hunt Test under the GRCC. There is not enough time to do this, get the actual test approved, and have the test included in the premium list. No grounds had been secured and the judges were not yet selected. If the GRCGT is going to host the National in the future, we will plan to hold a sanction far enough in advance, if required so we meet the CKC requirements.
    - iii) Sheila gave an update to the specialty WC Test. The Wettlaufer's property was the site of the first GRCC field trial and the former in-laws were founding members of the GRCC.
  - b) 2010 February Obedience Trial – Danuta Booth – Four trials are being held February 6&7 at Campaign. The trials are virtually filled; there is room for a few dogs in one trial; waiting lists for the other three. Danuta asked for helpers from the membership and compiled a list.
  - c) 2009 December Booster at Credit Valley report – Danuta Booth – Completed successfully. There were about 25 Goldens. Betsey and Cheryl Webster earned points with their dogs.

- d) 2010 Certification Clinic (April 10, 11) – Michele Rebelo – Michele explained the history of the clinic for the new members. Need to have the clinic forms set up on the website. Michi has been trying to firm up prices but has been told Carol's prices will be going up. There was a comment that we are still only getting \$5/dog. Michele has contacted CVO about getting the approval for Dr. Wey. The set-up will be more or less the same as last year, except the clinic is only two days. We will look at registering for a 20/20 clinic so we can use Optigen test for PRCD.
  - e) Invitation to join Canadian National Master Club – Shelly explained the purpose of the club. Essentially it is a group of clubs that want to band together to support putting on the National. May be asked to provide helpers when the National is in our region, gives a voice to suggest judges for future Nationals. Danuta moved that we should join; seconded by Sheila; motioned passed by a majority.
- 6) New Business:
- a) New CKC fee for Non-members – Danuta Booth - This was written into the new CKC budget, and was passed. There will be an additional \$3 fee charged for non-CKC members at all events. Danuta discussed this with Doug Windsor. The effect would be that non-members could lose titles if they were not members when they passed, for example, a WC Test. There is probably nothing that could be done about it, but we should write a letter of complaint and to ask for clarification of the policies regarding HST, etc. Gord moved that the Executive should write a letter on behalf of the Club explaining our objection and how it will negatively impact the Club. Seconded by Shelly. All in favour.
  - b) Revision to Constitution and Bylaws – Gord Kerr
    - i) Gord described what was done to put together the new version. He explained the progress made to date and how the revision will be presented to the members for discussion. There will be forums on the website to discuss several changes which may be controversial to the members. He explained some of the major changes. Participation and Breeders list policies have been separated from the constitution and bylaws to make revision possible without having to get CKC approval. Family membership has been removed as the original justification for it has disappeared. This will affect some couples regarding the participation requirements. The addition of a Youth membership will need some consideration due to the implication on voting rights and holding office. Michi thanked the committee for their work.
- 7) Other Business:
- a) AGM – there was a brief discussion about where to hold the AGM because we wanted to make it less costly. Carol offered to hold the AGM at her house. She and Betsey will look at a local banquet hall.
- 8) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Danuta at 4:10 p.m.; seconded by Linda Kitson
- 9) Next meeting - Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at Carol Lee's