

MINUTES

The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto
Executive Meeting #1 – 2010/2011
Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 7 p.m.
Mississauga, Ont.

Attending: Gord Kerr, Michele Rebelo, Anna Morison, Carol Lee, Bruce Russell, Danuta Booth, Shelly Blom, Linda Brox, Liz Russell (guest), Don Morison (guest)

- 1) Call to order at 7:20 p.m.
- 2) Acceptance of the Agenda. Motion to accept the agenda by Bruce; seconded by Michele; passed by a majority vote.
- 3) Acceptance of the minutes of the last Executive meeting – Sunday, January 17, 2010. Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting by Anna; seconded by Danuta; passed by a majority vote
- 4) Reports:
 - a) Secretary's Report – Anna Morison (see attachment)
 - i) Sent CKC notice of change of Directors. Not sure if it was received due to changes at CKC. Last year received a response from Robin McLean
 - ii) Received an email from Ainslie re Life Members
 - iii) Received an email from Bruce re Ass'n of Dog Clubs re CKC
 - iv) Received request from Bruce Hiscokes from GRCO asking for a copy of our budget, etc., as they are thinking of applying for the National next year.
 - v) Regarding Club renewal with CKC, we will need to send out our fees for this year. The Executive indicated that it should be sent out to the Club Recognition.
 - b) Treasurer's Report - Bruce Russell
 - i) Bruce listed the bank balance of _____ and indicated that there are a few cheques outstanding.
 - c) Membership – Danuta Booth
 - i) Danuta indicated that she had emailed those Club members that have not renewed to let them know that this is their final notice. The people are Jim & Sandra Fare, Dana Smith, Mary Phillips, the Martins, and Eileen Ansell and Rob McLennan. Carol Lee indicated Sandra Fare was upset that she had volunteered for two events but had not been asked to come. Michele indicated that Sandra had volunteered only two days before the clinic, but by that time we had lots of help. There are various reasons for the others.
 - ii) We currently have 54 members.
 - iii) Danuta inquired if anyone was interested in taking on the membership secretary job. Gord suggested that we send out a notice to the membership via Sandy Brodie to ask for a volunteer.
 - iv) Danuta indicated that she forgot to introduce Cheryl Bowler as a "returning" member as she didn't have a membership application. The Executive agreed to accept her application without notice.

- v) Danuta also indicated that Tim Marshall had renewed, but had included Barb as part of a Household Membership.
 - vi) Gord suggested that people that joined before the AGM or before the forms have been changed will be accepted at the old price structure. Upon their renewal, the new rates will apply and there will be no household membership
 - vii) The Executive agreed to propose a \$20 membership fee at the next General Meeting.
- 5) Old Business:
- a) Specialty Show update
 - i) Anna indicated that she thought the commemorative pins should be given out to judges and to be given out to each person that attends the banquet. This way we will likely use up all of the 200 pins available. Any left over would be offered for sale at the show.
 - b) Email re: National Life Members (see attachment)
 - i) Anna indicated that she suggested that the Life Members be invited to the banquet as a guest of the Club. She also suggested that we could have a drum corp at the lunch before the parades and have 50 Golden retrievers come in with their owners. Anna also suggested that, for the banquet, we could have pipers come in, followed by the life members, followed by people carrying in flags/banners for each regional Club (we would have the banners made). Carol didn't want to walk in. The suggestion was that the flags should be made at the GRCC expense (from the proceeds of the show) but the regional clubs should be asked to contribute.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Dogs In Canada GRCGT advertisement
 - i) Gord indicated we need someone to get on this quickly as the deadline is June 1 for the early-bird submission. There have been a number of changes, including eliminating the Club listings; that is Dogs In Canada will only have showcase ads. The focus is on the electronic version. Gord indicated that we should present, to the membership at the next general meeting, whether we want to continue placing the showcase ad in future years. Danuta indicated that she would look after doing the ad if all that was being changed is the list of breeders. She read off a list of those who renewed. There are 8 people who have paid (not including Linda). Danuta indicated she did not receive a renewal from Linda Brox. Danuta will email those people who qualify, but have not yet renewed or applied, to see if they want to participate. She will indicate a tight time deadline well before June 1.
 - b) Rally equipment Purchase
 - i) Gord indicated that the cost of purchasing the rally equipment is about \$250. He indicated that he can still chase Deb Desjardins to see if we can just rent. The consensus was that we should just attempt to rent rather than buy.
 - c) September WC/ JH Test (see attached budget)
 - i) Anna presented the budget
 - ii) Michele offered to do the food.
 - iii) Shelly offered to marshall.

- iv) Someone suggested that a call for volunteers be made at the next General Meeting.
- v) There were no questions, just an agreement that the jobs marked TBA needed to be completed.
- d) Reply to GRCC Letter
 - i) The Club received a letter from GRCC asking the regional clubs to sign up to host the National for the next few years. This was motivated by the lack of volunteers for the 2011 specialty. There are 9 regional clubs who could volunteer. Gord addressed the question of whether we should apply for one of the years. Anna suggested that we should do an inexpensive show like we did previously. Michele indicated that we should consider applying if we can retain the present venue. Carol indicated that she felt Stratford is too far to be going there for every specialty. Others felt the same. There was a general agreement that going to Milton Fairgrounds, for example, makes sense because we essentially were able to run our own show but were piggy-backing on Kilbride for the grounds. We also made \$1000 on the weekend. Carol pointed out that Milton is central and that we got great cooperation from Kilbride. Gord indicated that he had a conversation with Darwin Boles about this issue and he found it a problem because he was in the process of trying to convince the Ottawa club to do the National. Bruce suggested that we need to book our judges now if we're going to have our specialty next July. To host the GRCC National or Regional in conjunction with Kilbride, we need to find out when the Kilbride show is being held. We'd have to write to CKC to explain why we need to change from our priority dates to avoid losing them. Shelly pointed out that we could apply for a regional and our club specialty and switch to a National if no one else volunteers.
 - ii) Danuta made a motion that we should apply for a regional and our club specialty in conjunction with Kilbride in 2011 and switch to a National as needed. Seconded by Linda. Passed by a majority of those present.
 - iii) Gord asked Anna to write to GRCC indicating we are too busy to consider applying at this time, but will reply after the National. She can indicate that we will be applying to hold a regional in 2011.
 - iv) We will have to apply to Kilbride and suggest that we have the same setup as last time in terms of judges, show secretary, grounds, etc.
- e) Reimbursement of member expenses
 - i) Danuta presented a request that members expenses, such as rooms, be paid by the Club for people who are working at an event and who would not otherwise be there (not entered).
 - ii) Anna indicated that she did not have a problem, as lots of people travel a long way for some events. Perhaps a gas card could be offered.
 - iii) Linda pointed out that she felt that joining a club and volunteering is part of being involved in dogs as a "hobby". Perhaps half of expenses should be reimbursed.
 - iv) Carol pointed out that she has been in clubs for 45 years and has never considered asking for or received reimbursement. She suggested that this particular show is very expensive as most people cannot drive back and forth because of the distance. A reimbursement should be a one time thing.

- v) Bruce pointed out that it is hard to figure out how to reimburse people who would be going to the show and working, but not showing and not reimburse people who are showing and may work just as hard.
 - vi) Danuta pointed out that GRCC used to pay for accommodations when workers were at the field trial.
 - vii) Liz was voted in as a corresponding member by the executive present. Liz pointed out that Danuta would not be staying there for three days if she were not working for the Club.
 - viii) Michele reinforced Bruce's comment from v)
 - ix) Gord posed that this reimbursement should only pertain to this show. By a show of hands, a majority of the executive agreed that some expenses should be reimbursed for this show only.
 - x) Carol moved that, for this show only, chairs of the events should be given the opportunity to be reimbursed for one-half of the accommodations. Anna read out a list of those who would be eligible – 15 people. This would cost the Club ~\$4500. Carol withdrew the motion.
 - xi) Anna moved that the Club reimburse Danuta for her accommodation expenses (she is sharing a room); seconded by Carol. Discussion: Anna moved that Tony Rebelo be included; seconded by Linda. Motion carried.
 - (1) The amended motion includes reimbursement to include Danuta and Tony. Linda moved that the reimbursement of accommodation expenses at this specialty only be offered at 50% to Danuta and Tony. Seconded by Bruce. Motion carried.
- f) Review of GRCGT Books
- i) Gord pointed out that we were supposed to appoint auditors at the AGM. Bruce suggested that we only have the books audited every two years, but Gord pointed out that we will probably pay the same amount due to the extra work. Gord pointed out that we do not have to have a formal audit done, under the constitution, just a review by two members that are not related to the Treasurer. Gord indicated that we should get this in place for next year, but to continue with the present auditors (Chaplin and Burd) for now.
 - ii) Danuta pointed out that Norm reviewed the books previously.
 - iii) Gord pointed out that his nephew (CA) reported that a Notice of Letter would cost us \$1000; a Review would cost \$2000; a full audit would cost \$5000.
 - iv) Danuta asked if we need to have a professional do the review. Gord pointed out that this is probably not necessary and any club member should not charge to avoid liability.
 - v) Danuta moved that the nominating committee (headed by Michele Rebelo) be charged next year with finding auditors for the following year. Seconded by Anna. Motion carried.
 - vi) Bruce has asked the auditors about HST and they indicated that we don't have to charge HST if our income is less than \$50000. We can't claim it if we don't collect it.
- g) Eric Strickland seminar
- i) Michele reported that she had contact from Eric about coming up for a follow-up session. If we book before June 1, his rate will be \$2500 US for the weekend. Michele wondered if we could get him up for three days – 1 day for handling – 2 days for grooming.

- ii) Sidebar discussion: There was a general discussion about how events should be managed; that is, there was a consensus that the directors should be in charge of various areas, but other members should be encouraged to be strongly involved with an eye to taking on a leadership role in the future.
- iii) Carol moved that we book Eric for a follow-up session sometime in the Fall. Seconded by Michele. Motion carried.
- h) Dates/venues for Executive meetings and General meetings
 - i) Meeting #1:
 - (1) Location: Carol Lee's
 - (2) Topic: Specialty
 - (3) Date: Sunday June 13, 2010 @ 1 p.m.
 - (4) GRCC members to be invited
 - (5) Show committee to handle the meeting after the first hour of general items.
 - (6) N.B. The committee agreed that there should be a post-mortem meeting following the specialty.
 - i) Sidebar discussion: There was a discussion that the draft meeting minutes for the Directors and General meetings should be posted on the website for access by the membership.
 - i) Show Committee Meeting:
 - (1) Location: Morison's
 - (2) Topic: Specialty Post-Mortem
 - (3) Date: Saturday July 24 @ 2 p.m.
 - j) Sidebar discussion: Gord indicated that, under the constitution, the vision for the meetings is that there will be quarterly general meetings which will be educational, event-related; that is, not focused on routine business. Routine business will be managed by the executive on a day-to-day basis.
 - i) Meeting #2:
 - (1) Location: Carol Lee's
 - (2) Topic: Executive meeting only; For next general meeting – need to propose \$20 membership fee
 - (3) Date: September 19 @ 4 p.m.
 - ii) Meeting #3:
 - (1) Location: Gord Kerr's
 - (2) Topic: Retriever Fun Day
 - (3) Date: October 24
 - iii) Meeting #4:
 - (1) Location:
 - (2) Topic: Pet First Aid (to be organized by Shelly)
 - (3) Date: TBD
 - iv) Meeting #5:

- (1) Location: TBD
- (2) Topic: TBD
- (3) Date: TBD

7) Other Business:

a) Association of Dog Clubs

- i) Anna received an email via Bruce asking us to join the new Association of Dog Clubs (a self-appointed CKC watchdog group). They want us to submit a list of all of our members. There was discussion about whether we should join and what would be the benefits. Gord indicated that this is basically a lobby group. Danuta pointed out that this is probably a great time to get a response from the CKC on any issue.
- ii) Danuta moved that the GRCGT join the Ontario Association of CKC Recognized Dog Clubs; seconded by Carol; motion carried. The general consensus is that we should not submit a list of Club members for privacy reasons.
- iii) A representative needs to be selected to attend meetings of this new association. This discussion centered around presenting this to the general membership at the next meeting.

b) Club T-Shirts

- i) Shelly and Anna suggested that Club members should have t-shirts for use at all events. This came from the idea that we will be having t-shirts made for the WC Test at the specialty. Danuta suggested that we get vests instead.
- ii) Michele moved that Liz source various light-weight vests and present her findings to the Executive via email; seconded by Linda; motion carried.

8) Adjournment

- a) Motion at 10:35 p.m. by Anna to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Linda; motion carried.