

MINUTES

The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto
Executive Meeting #2 – 2010/2011
Sunday, August 22, 2010
Morison's Home
Mississauga, Ont.

Attending: Gord Kerr, Michele Rebelo, Anna Morison, Bruce Russell, Danuta Booth,
Shelly Blom, Linda Brox
Regrets: Carol Lee, Michele Rebelo

- 1) Call to order at 2:30 p.m.
- 2) Acceptance of the Agenda as amended by consensus.
- 3) Acceptance of the minutes of the last Executive meeting – Saturday, May 8th, 2010, by consensus.
- 4) Reports:
 - a) Secretary's Report – Anna Morison
Nothing to report
 - b) Treasurer's Report - Bruce Russell
 - a) Current bank balance was not available, however Bruce indicated it would be under \$9000
 - c) Membership – Danuta Booth
 - a) Danuta has passed on membership responsibilities to Rob Paterson.
 - b) Danuta will email Don Morison, web master to see if current online membership application has been modified to reflect new the new changes made to membership requirements.
 - c) Gord will contact Rob regarding future membership reports and co-ordination with club secretary.
 - d) Specialty Show Wrap-up Reports – will follow Executive Meeting
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) All Breed Obedience Trial – February 5th and 6th, 2011
Chair: Danuta Booth
Location: Campaign Obedience, Georgetown
Judges: Saturday: Susan DesCotes and Paul Townsend
Sunday: Ted Leslie and Gail Wormington
 - b) Danuta reported there would be no accommodation expenses for Gail Wormington, as she will be staying at the Russell's house.
 - c) September WC/JH Test
Chair: Sheila Phillips
Secretary: Anna Morison
Location: N.E.T. Campground, Vineland, ON

Judges: Saturday: WC/WCI: Jackie Hayhurst and Lola Nichol; WCX: Jackie Hayhurst and Matt McKaig

Sunday: JH: Jackie Hayhurst and Lola Nichol

- d) Eric Strickland Seminar – Gord reported on behalf of Carol Lee Eric will not be available for a fall 2010 seminar. The seminar will be scheduled for sometime in 2011.
- e) GRCGT Booster at Credit Valley Dog Show – will be held on the Saturday of the show. Judge is Virginia Lyne.

6) New Business:

- a) Request for research sponsorship support from AKC Canine Health Foundation presented by Danuta. Decision was made not to send financial support at this time.
- b) Specialty show 2011
 - i) Danuta offered to chair the 2011 Specialty Show. Discussion was held as to whether the club should hold the national for GRCC as no other regional club has applied to host the show. Executive decided to host the GRCC National for 2011, focus being a “no-frill, no-extra’s” National. Danuta will apply to host the National to GRCC and include a budget. She will also apply to CKC to change priority dates from July to August, so that the specialty can be held in conjunction with the Kilbride Dog Show (Milton Fairgrounds) the second weekend in August.
 - ii) Danuta will compile a list of possible conformation judges for the membership to vote on. Only ordinary members will be eligible to vote.
 - iii) Danuta will be looking for volunteers to chair Obedience, WC Test, Hospitality, Fundraising etc. Agility will not be held as it is not a required GRCC National Specialty show event.
 - iv) MJN Show Services will be the show secretary for Conformation and Obedience.
- c) Appointment of Replacement Secretary
Due to the resignation of Anna Morison (July 25th, 2010), current secretary, the executive voted to appoint a replacement secretary. No replacement secretary was named. Gord will ask Sandy to send out an email to the membership asking for a volunteer to fulfill this position for next year and a half.
- d) Nomination Committee
Michele Rebelo has offered to chair the nomination committee. Two club members holding Ordinary status will be required to complete this committee.

Next Executive Meeting #3
Date: Sunday, September 19th, 2010
Time: TBA
Location: Carol Lee's

Next General Meeting: "RETRIEVER FUN DAY"
Date: Sunday, October 24th, 2010
Time: TBA
Location: Gord Kerr's
More information regarding the structure of the day will follow.

7) Adjournment

- a) Motion at 3:30 p.m. by Anna to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Linda; motion carried.

Specialty Show Wrap Up Meeting Followed

Attending: Anna Morison (Show Co-chair), Linda Brox (Show Co-Chair), Danuta Booth (Conformation Chair) , Gord Kerr (Obedience Chair) Sheila Phillips (Obedience Chair, Public Relations Chair, Fundraising) , Shelly Blom (WC Chair, GRCC 50th History) Sandy Brodie (Tracking Chair), Bruce Russell (Treasurer)

Absent, but Reports submitted: Vicki Ellery (Agility Chair), Norm Bowler (RV Parking), Liz Russell (Hospitality bags, GRCC Merchandise, Prizes and Ribbons)

Reports were presented by each chair. Discussion was held as to improvements for future Specialty Shows.

There was a consensus that the show was a huge success, however keeping to future show budgets is necessary.

Each Chair received a copy of final expenses for the two day show. There was a financial loss of \$6000 (both shows were grouped together in this budget summary).

The following major areas of concern for financial loss were highlighted:

- i) Printing of catalogue, the colour pages were 3 times more expensive to print than black and white.
- ii) Catalogues were underpriced. Price should have been \$25 pre-ordered and \$30 at the show.
- iii) The addition \$2.00 CKC fee per dog was not anticipated at the time the premium list was published. If the club had known, entry fees for each class could have been increased to cover the additional expense.
- iv) Hospitality bags and contents exceeded budget. Cost ran over \$26.00 per exhibitor. (Everyone agreed that the bags were special and appropriate for a 50th anniversary and the exhibitors loved them.)
- v) Prizes were expensive, but for the 50th anniversary they were unique and worth the addition expense.
- vi) Cost of judges hotel rooms. Judges were contracted for 2 days comp room, but club paid for entire hotel stay of the judges. It was agreed that it would

not have been appropriate to request payment from judges if they exceeded their 2 day stay.

- vii) Banquet comped 38 dinners. Originally only comps for judges was budgeted for. It was suggested that banquet meal cost should have been \$50 per person instead of the \$40 per person.
- viii) Hospitality gifts (cost over \$1000) for the banquet were not necessary as a free gift was donated by Endlesspawsibilities (value \$2500), so it was an unnecessary expense for the club.

Recommendations for future Specialty Shows

- i) Chairs must adhere to their event budget. If budget is exceeded, must seek approval from Show Committee for any additional expenses.
- ii) Expenses need to be tracked and submitted to the treasurer throughout the planning of the show and not at the end of the show. This way the treasurer can track expenses on a more regular and timely basis to ensure that money spent does not exceed the budget.
- iii) Event Chairs should receive a "float" from the treasurer in advance rather than having to spend their own money for expenses. At times there was a concern regarding length of time it took to receive a reimbursement cheque from the treasurer.

Since the GRCC National and the GRCGT Regional Specialty shows were grouped together in the treasurer's report, it was not possible for the committee to see the actual income and expenses for each show. Recommended that, in the future, the GRCC and GRCGT Specialty show budgets be kept separate as they involve two separate clubs.

In Summary: The chairs for each event put much time and effort into the show. It was a pleasure working with such dedicated and co-operative club members. The GRCGT set an example to other regional clubs of how events can be organized and run in a smooth and amiable manner.