

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, September 26, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.  
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:  
Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Jennifer Valentine  
Chris Ford

Guests:  
Chloe Kontos

Meeting Commenced: 1:05pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed August financials. Largest expenses were annual premium for liability insurance and payroll. Payroll should decrease as kennel staff has decreased and by October only the kennel master will be paid.

Julie moved to approve the financials and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes** - August minutes were reviewed and approved.

Sherrie moved to approve the minutes and Jen seconded the motion.

### **Dogs**

#### **Dog Status**

- 11 dogs in the program including 9 permanent fosters. Dutch will be adopted in October and Rosie (return) is in foster with intent and will have updated medical care and scheduled for a dental.
- Currently 2 applications and 27 adoptions year to date (mostly from prior adopters).
- We are working on the database to include a view of members who are willing to transport or foster any future strays and returns.

### **Fundraising**

- Due to the Covid situation, it was determined that we will have an outside Garage Sale at The Noble Center instead of the Membership Party on October 24.
- There are still 3 items for our bi-monthly/monthly Facebook mini auctions and Arden will handle these.
- Julie will check out vendors to do a farewell T-shirt.

### **Newsletter**

- As Constant Contact contract will expire soon, Sherrie will find out if we can pay for it quarterly or other options.

**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the newsletter.

Jen moved to adjourn and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, August 22, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.  
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Mark Brooks  
Marlane Bernardo

Guests:

Meeting Commenced: 1:08pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed June and July financials. Medical expenses and payroll were the largest expenses but soon this will decrease as there are less dogs and employees.

Mark moved to approve the financials and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

### **Meeting Minutes**

June minutes were reviewed and approved. No July minutes as meeting was cancelled.

Sherrie moved to approve the minutes and Mark seconded the motion.

### **Dogs**

#### **Dog Status**

- 14 dogs in the program including 9 permanent fosters. Pinky is in foster with intent, Marley will go to same home next Tuesday, Hefner will be adopted next month. Toby (saluki/grey mix) is still available. Dutch was returned as he was not thriving in his home and is being medically monitored.
- Currently 1 applications and 24 adoptions year to date (mostly from prior adopters).

### **Fundraising Update**

- We will try and do bi-monthly Facebook mini auctions and will determine at a later time whether there will be a Membership Party or a Garage Sale outside The Noble Center.
- The Robbie Dog Costume will be donated to Galatas Elementary as their mascot is a greyhound.

### **Newsletter**

- We will do an appreciation article on all the cats and small dogs that help test all of our greyhounds throughout all the years.
- As Constant Contact contract will expire soon, Sherrie will find out if we can pay for it quarterly or other options.

**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the monthly newsletter.

Mark moved to adjourn and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, June 27, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.  
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Mark Brooks  
Jennifer Valentine  
Marlane Bernardo

Guests:

Meeting Commenced: 1:08pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed April and May financials. Medical expenses and payroll were the largest expenses. A couple of foreign exchange charges were paid as some kennel medications came in from Canada and Australia.

Arden moved to approve the financials and Mark seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes**

April and May minutes were reviewed and approved. Mark moved to approve the minutes and Sherrie seconded the motion.

**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 13 dogs in the program including 8 permanent fosters. Pinky, Coffee and Toby are available and Kiowa and Hefner are adoption pending. Marley is being returned due to not getting along with resident dog.
- Currently 7 applications (some awaiting reference checks) and 22 adoptions year to date (mostly from prior adopters).

**Fundraising Update**

- We will try and do monthly Facebook mini auctions of one item per month.

**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the monthly newsletter.

Arden moved to adjourn and Mark seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, May 23, 2021  
VIA EMAIL

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Mark Brooks  
Marlane Bernado  
Jennifer Winters

Email sent to Board of Directors:

Dogs:

Boss: has a cut toe but is healing well. There are a couple of applicants interested in him; one applicant is scheduled for May 29th.

Coffee: has been in foster with Bev and Dave; so far, reports have been very encouraging as Coffee learns that the world is not as scary as he first thought. He has made good progress and will continue in foster for now.

Greta: is being treated for HGE (hemorrhagic gastroenteritis) and is slowly recovering. There is an applicant interested in meeting her when she is well.

Hefner: still Hefner - waiting to hear about a foster interest.

Koyuki: owner surrender due to owner's severe allergies. She is available - high prey drive.

Pinky: waiting on results of allergy blood test that was done last week. As an incentive for an adopter, a year's worth of Apoquel (her allergy med) has been donated.

Stevie: available - did have some interest from Louisiana but have not heard back since original inquiry.

Knight: just finished coccidia treatment and will go to Pat's for fostering and evaluation next week.

Kiowa: CT scan was clean; limping most likely to do corn. She is now available.

Toby: had his 1st heartworm treatment on the 17th; currently on prednisone (and gabapentin as needed). Second/third treatments scheduled 24 hours apart in mid-June.

Adoptions: 19 adoptions to date.

Applicants: currently, have 6 adoption applicants and 1 foster approved applicant on file. The majority of dogs remaining in the program are the more difficult to adopt dogs due to prey drive, medical, etc. Adoption Committee is working through the applicants trying to match as many dogs as possible to the applicant's needs.

Pat will follow up on changes needed, if any, on 501(c)(3) status when we transition to support mode.

Will highlight several Pups of the Month for June newsletter as we did in May. Single item Facebook auction will begin at the end of May.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, April 25, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Guests:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Mark Brooks

Meeting Commenced: 1:00pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed March financials. Medical expenses and Kennel supplies biggest expenses, payroll had 3 pay periods so it shows a higher value and the Dumpster fee has gone up due to fuel charge.

Julie moved to approve the financials and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes**

No February minutes and March meeting was canceled

**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 19 dogs in the program, 7 available, 1 foster with intent, 2 unavailable (Kiowa was returned and needs to have a CT scan as she is limping and Toby will be undergoing Heartworm treatment) and 8 permanent fosters.
- Currently 17 adoptions and 6 applications mostly from prior adopters at this time. Some applicants are in apartments which may delay home visits. A couple of the applications are questionable due to special issues.

**Fundraising Update**

- Will be doing monthly Facebook mini actions of one item per month.

**Covid Rules**

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Mark moved to adjourn and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved.



GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, February 28, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Guests:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Marlane Bernardo  
Jennifer Winters

Meeting Commenced: 1:04pm

**Treasurer Report** – No financials.

**Meeting Minutes**

January minutes reviewed and approved. Julie moved to approve the minutes and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 30 dogs in the program, 14 available, 3 fosters with intent, 6 unavailable and 7 permanent fosters. Banker's shock treatment by all accounts was successful. We just have to keep an eye on his leg. Greta was in heat but ready to be spayed. Marley has an injured toe, but looking good. Sabrina had to have emergency surgery but is doing well.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- Currently 20 applications (9 from prior adopters) at this time. Some applicants are in apartments which may delay home visits. A couple of the applications are questionable due to special issues.

**Fundraising Update**

- Membership Party has been moved to October 24, but we are sending awards mid-month.
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**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the monthly newsletter.
- Trying to seek legal advice regarding 501c3 status as we are not going to adopt in the future but remain a supporting organization for our permanent fosters and members.

Chris moved to adjourn and Jennifer seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, January 24, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Guests:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Marlane Bernardo  
Mark Brooks

Meeting Commenced: 1:06pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed October, November and December financials. Medical expenses and Kennel supplies biggest expenses. Giftshop expense was for annual fee plus telephone and internet.

Julie moved to approve the financials and Mark seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes**

October minutes reviewed and approved. No November or December minutes due to weather and holiday conflicts. Mark moved to approve the minutes and Sherri seconded the motion. Approved

**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 34 dogs in the program, 16 available, 11 unavailable and 7 permanent fosters. Discussed Banker's shockwave treatment, Beau's return, Paulie in foster with intent and Stevie (greyhound mix) arrival and Olivia in foster home.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 61 adoptions in 2020 and currently 18 applications (9 from prior adopters) at this time. Some applicants are in apartments which may delay home visits. A couple of the applications are questionable due to special issues.

**Fundraising Update**

- Facebook Auction was very successful - raising about \$6400.
- The December Matching fund was also great, raising just under \$28,000 dollars which was matched by the fund.

**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the monthly newsletter.

Bev moved to adjourn and Mark seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, October 25, 2020  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Marlane Bernardo  
Kathy Henry

Guests:

Trieu Nguyen  
Joe Bernardo  
Jessica Ford  
Jeff Tucker

Meeting Commenced: 1:07pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed September financials. Medical expenses and Kennel supplies biggest expenses. We are still in the red as we have not been able to take advantage of too many free vettings due to Covid or do any substantial fundraising.

Sherrie moved to approve the financials and Julie seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes**

September minutes were reviewed. Sherri moved to approve the minutes and Marlane seconded the motion. Approved

**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 30 dogs in the program, 10 available, 9 unavailable and 7 permanent fosters. Barry was returned due to owner moving and will be in foster next week. Trying to get Luzon and Hefner out to foster as well as Pinky. Paulie and 3 females scheduled. Tiki and Eagle pending adoptions.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 50 adoptions with 2 pending, and 19 applications (8 from prior adopters) at this time. Some applicants are in apartments which may delay home visits.

**Fundraising Update**

- We applied for a Tractor Supply grant but did not receive grant.
- Facebook Auction: Arden will do shipping or we will schedule pick up at kennel.
- 2021 Calendars are ready with Marilyn gracing the front cover.

**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation.

## **GPA Future Discussion**

With the Florida tracks closing at the end of the year, there may be an influx of retired racing greyhounds early next year. Only four tracks will be active. The Irish greyhound program discussed by GPA National is also at a standstill due to Covid but most likely any grey coming to the USA will remain in the East Coast and the dogs in Mexico mainly remain in California. There will also be mixes, coyote hunting dogs and backyard breeders. Most likely, GPAH will stop intake some time in 2021, but at the moment this is uncertain. We will continue to be a support group for our permanent fosters, surrenders and a resource for our adopted hounds and their families. We may need to ask membership for current contact information

## **GPA Officers**

Due to the uncertainty of GPAH's continuation in 2021, motion was tabled by Marlane and seconded by Bev to extend the current officers' term.

Sherrie moved to adjourn and Jeff seconded the motion. Approved.

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Guests:

Sherrie Kent  
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Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Mark Brooks  
Chris Ford  
Marlane Bernardo  
Kathy Henry

Meeting Commenced: 1:07pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed July and August financials. One time annual fee for liability and worker's comp insurance. Vet bills and payroll still biggest expense but will be reduced a little as Robbie cuts back on his work. We are still in the red as we have not been able to take advantage of too many free vettings due to Covid or do any substantial fundraising.

Mark moved to approve the financials and Julie seconded the motion. Approved

### **Meeting Minutes**

July minutes were reviewed. Julie moved to approve the minutes and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

### **Dogs**

#### Dog Status

- 30 dogs in the program, 12 available, 11 unavailable and 7 permanent fosters. Tiki is in foster with intent. Miner and Mo neutered, Minnie and Trish scheduled for spay, and Pinky scheduled for dermatologist. Only one dog with Babesia from the 6 dogs that came from Florida.

#### Current Adoptions, Applications

- 47 adoptions and 17 applications (11 from prior adopters) at this time. Some applicants are in apartments which may delay home visits.

### **Fundraising Update**

- Our Facebook auction is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> and will run Sunday to Sunday. We already have 192 items and all the pictures have been taken and descriptions finalized. Sherri will upload to Facebook within two weeks or so.
- We applied for a Tractor Supply grant and are awaiting results.

- Membership Party: Bones to Go and Senior Paws have confirmed their appearance in March.

### **IT Report**

- All the domain names have been renewed and are up to date and the .com and .org emails are all taken care of.

### **Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation.

### **Closed Discussion**

Mark moved to adjourn and Julie seconded the motion. Approved.



# GPA Houston Monthly Membership

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Via Zoom

1:00 pm

## MEETING MINUTES

### Board Members:

Sherri Clark  
Marlane Bernardo (via phone)  
Julie Caprette  
Sherrie Kent  
Christopher Ford  
Mark Brooks  
Bev Points  
Arden Tucker  
Kathy Henry

### Board Members Absent

Pat Freytag  
Jenn Winters

Meeting commenced at 1:05 pm – Arden called meeting to order.

Treasurer Report: No financials available for July.

Minutes: No minutes available for July.

Adoption Committee: 42 adoptions to date for 2020. 3 new dogs came in on August 21<sup>st</sup>- Minnie, Miner, and Mo. 28 total dogs in the program: 9 available, 7 permanent fosters, 12 in vetting process. Permanent foster, Emma, has cardiology checkup next week; 4 spay/dentals scheduled over the next two weeks. Rulz has scan scheduled on 9/8 to check on sinus/fungal infection. Sherri thanked everyone working in the office for getting vettings and 1<sup>st</sup> office visits done in these challenging times.

Tiki will go into foster with intent with prior adopter if the match is good; adopters are now in a house (rather than a high rise) and want to work with Tiki and reunite her with her littermate, Torch.

We have 16 applications in house; several applicants were archived recently due to non-response. Three prior adopters have expressed interest in adopting in the near future; one has young children and a cat so they know the wait may be long.

COVID-19 and adopters: Marlane asked if any of our adopters had gotten sick with COVID-19 and, if so, has GPAH been asked for help taking care of any of their hounds. We only know of two adopters who both had mild COVID symptoms but are now fully recovered. No requests for help have been received. We do have information out to one family about surrendering their 9yo dog because of their working long hours in the Med Center; if they need us, we will be there.

GPA National Annual Meeting: Sherrie Kent attended GPA National annual meeting via teleconference on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Her notes from the meeting were distributed via email earlier to the Board. She summarized by saying that it was not a happy meeting and many people/chapters are having a hard time accepting that the retired racer will no longer be available in the future. About ½ of the chapters reported that they cannot get any dogs. GPA Canada has a contact with the Irish greyhound community, but flights are on hold because of COVID-19. If the Irish program starts up again after COVID, a chapter's cost for getting an Irish greyhound would be 1/6 of the total cost of transport; dogs would be fully vetted before coming to the US. GPA National and the newly formed GPA Kansas will have sole responsibility to rehome puppies from the farms (mostly located in Kansas); can transport 35 dogs per haul. All dogs that were transported from closed Florida tracks to a Birmingham, Alabama farm have since been sent to groups across the country. Three tracks in Florida are still open for online and simulcast betting; they are making money off the betting. GPA chapters out of Los Angeles and San Diego make regular trips to the Caliente track to bring back dogs. Many of the dogs from this track are not leaving with adoption groups but going out the back door to southern Mexico and South America. There are still two active tracks in West Virginia; the current legislature in West Virginia has told PETA to leave as greyhound racing will continue for now.

Membership Party: Has been rescheduled for March 21, 2021. Hopefully, we'll be cleared by then to have the party. Rate will not change.

Fundraisers:

FB Fundraiser Platform: GPAH has been approved to do fundraising on Facebook. There is a donate button on the GPAH Facebook page that allows for one-time or automatic monthly donations. Fees are waived under this program. More details will be given in the September newsletter, and we will set up a cash fundraiser on our Facebook page soon. Sherri will get costs of vettings since the COVID shutdown started, so we can set an amount to raise with the fundraiser.

Legacy Brick Program: will be promoting this program in the September newsletter; have two orders in hand now and need a total of 10 orders before we can submit without surcharge.

Fall Auction: Sherrie & Julie have been working on photographing items for the fall auction in November. Right now, there are 132 items with boxes still left to itemize. Sherrie will pick up a box of donations left at the kennel yesterday. It was decided that, if we have duplicates of an item (i.e., tees in the same size), we will offer the duplicates to the runner up bidders in the auction so we can raise more money and deplete the excess inventory.

Other:

Marlane has been working with Pups Without Partners to transport greyhounds from the farms/tracks to groups in the New England area.

Sherrie bought two spook harnesses (one medium, one large) available for new adopters to borrow if needed. She will bring to the kennel soon.

Call for adjournment at 1:55 pm – motion by Sherri, seconded by Sherrie.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, July 26, 2020  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Jennifer Winters  
Mark Brooks  
Chris Ford

Guests:

Jess Ford

Meeting Commenced: 1:03pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed June financials. Received a check from Ecolab Community. Ecolab is the pest control company we use. Pat will follow up about this donation which is great. Credit card fees have gone down substantially after switching credit card processors to BBT instead of Global Payments. We are still in the red as we have not been able to take advantage of too many free vetting due to Covid. We may have to dip into our reserves to cover the medical and payroll expenses.

Chris moved to approve the financials and Julie seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes**

June minutes were reviewed. Julie moved to approve the minutes and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

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**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 28 dogs in the program, 10 available, 13 unavailable and 5 permanent fosters. Flyer has a broken tail which needs to be partially amputated. His dental/neuter/ amputation are scheduled for 8/4/2020. Knight is a cryptorchid and is scheduled for 8/11/2020. Rulz is undergoing fungal treatment, Tillerson does have a degenerative eye condition and will need a special home; Sadie just needs a dental and will then be available. Did get a call of a possible senior surrender and we are trying to get more information.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 37 adoptions and 21 applications at this time. Some applicants are in apartments which may delay home visits.

## **Fundraising**

- Our Facebook auction is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> and will run Sunday to Sunday. There will be between 100-200 items as this is our primary fundraiser this year. Sherrie and Julie will go through the items and begin writing descriptions and taking pictures.
- Arden is getting information as to how to do an online appeal through Facebook as well.

## **IT Report**

- All the domain names have been renewed and are up to date

Mark moved to adjourn and Jennifer seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, June 28, 2020  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Marlane Bernardo  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Jennifer Winters  
Mark Brooks  
Chris Ford  
Bev Points

Guests:

Jess Ford

Meeting Commenced: 1:06pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed March, April and May financials. Received a huge check from AmazonSmile which is great. Merchant fees have reduced substantially with new merchant services company. Biggest expense was payroll and of course veterinary care. With Covid restrictions, it has been more difficult to take advantage of more of our free vettings, but hopefully things will improve.

Mark moved to approve the financials and Marlane seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes**

- Due to Covid restrictions, no meetings were held in March, April and May.

**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 27 dogs in the program, 11 available, 11 unavailable and 5 permanent fosters. On June 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 super dogs arrived from Florida and since last Board meeting, we have taken in 8 others. An 8yo surrender may come in next week as owner is being transferred to Dallas and cannot take his greyhound.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 32 adoptions and 19 applications at this time. Some applicants want to stay on list although they are not quite ready to adopt or are waiting on something specific and there are 8 prior adopters. We are all working on home visits, but due to Covid restrictions, home visits to apartment complexes have been delayed until we see how the Covid situation in Houston evolves.

**Fundraising**

- Beginning to plan a Facebook Auction in late summer/fall. Sherrie and Julie will go through the items we currently have and begin writing descriptions and taking pictures.
- Arden will try and get information as to how to do an online appeal through Facebooks as well as our Storefronts have been cancelled and the Appreciation Party rescheduled to October may not happens.

Mark moved to adjourn and Julie seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, February 23, 2020  
The Noble Center  
1:00 p.m.  
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Marlane Bernardo (via phone)  
Julie Caprette  
Sherrie Kent  
Christopher Ford  
Mark Brooks

Guests:

Jessica Ford  
Sharry MacLaren

Board Members Absent

Arden Tucker  
Jennifer Winters  
Beverly Point  
Kathy Henry

Meeting Commenced at 1:01p.m. Pat Fretag called meeting to order.

Treasurer Report – No treasures report for January. All big ticket items have cleared the account. We have continued in January to receive large donations.

Minutes – November 2019 and January 2020 minutes moved to approve by Mark Brooks and seconded by Christopher Ford. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Adoption Committee – 3 adoptions for the month of January, Finn (fka Eli), Maverick (fka Bart) and Shiner (fka Mercer). 6 new dogs for total of 34 with 6 in permanent foster. Gummy aka Zoey “Gum Drop” is now official in Forever Permanent Foster with the Ford family and everyone is happy! We have 3 females in heat, Zola, Amelie and Tonya.

21 applications, 11 dogs available 6 adoptions for February so far and Kells Marti Gras was taken in by GPA adopters from a private shelter and is now a part of their family added to data base.

In house Training: Jessica working with the higher prey boys Luzon, Curley, PJ and Hefner. Great progress with Leed (adopted) and Roxie (adopted). Jessica will begin to take home small dog/cat friendly for some home time and experience time with small dog/cat in home. Tiki continues to improve, just doesn't like the adoption room.

Events

GGP: Tickets available for the GGP event. Over a 100 items have been donated for auction. Tickets are \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Tickets are added to container and drawings will be during the hours of event. Registered to date are 140 people and 49 greyhounds. Sherri Kent is asking for volunteers for set up on Saturday.

Membership Party: March 29 with same venue location. Donations and volunteers will be asked for in the newsletter. Animal communicator is asking for 20 minutes rather than 15 minute. Bones to Go will be Guest Speaker. Photo booth with costumes available. Still need 8 for the “fun run” setup/take down.

GPA Craft Group: meeting March 8 to make Snuffle Matts to sell in the store and on line. Looking for donations of fleece from membership. Meeting at the Kent house.

Sherrie Kent still looking for her pink girly donation jacket .

Christopher moved and Mark second the motion to adjourn at 1:33p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

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Julie Caprette  
Sherrie Kent  
Beverly Point  
Christopher Ford  
Mark Brooks  
Jennifer Winters

Guests:

Jessica Ford  
Sharry MacLaren

Board Members Absent

Pat Freytag  
Kathy Henry (@1:30p.m.)

Meeting Commenced at 1:00p.m.

Treasurer Report – Discussed November and December financials. Income both months exceeded expenses but down for the year. Fundraisers: online auction, photo shoot with free tax day event and matching funds. Looking for better interest on investments fund. Beverly moved and Mark seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Approved

Minutes – not available for November 2019

Adoption Committee – adoptions for the year: 47 with one FWI Eli. Have approximately 30+ applications; those submitted before mid December have home visits and up for approval. Newer applications are setting up 1<sup>st</sup> visits and home visits. Now it's matching up the available dogs with families.

Dogs – 32 dogs in program with 15 available. New dogs came in December from Florida Hauler. Can expect that we will be asked to take in new dogs with GGP track seasonal closing and tracks in Florida closing. Jessica is taking a new roll in working with the dogs' training to prepare for adoption. She has been working with Leed, Roxie, and Tiki with wonderful success.

Events

GGP: Tickets available for the GGP event. Reservations with wrist bands will be issued. Donations for auction have been picked up. Need people for February 28<sup>th</sup> for set up and from 1pm to 4pm to watch tables of auction. Need help setting up display of auction items auction will begin at 5pm. GPA has a number of display items to be used. Sherri Kent is looking for volunteers. Attendance has a cap of 150. Three adoption groups will share the funds raised.

Membership Party – March 29 with same venue location. Donations and volunteers will be asked for in the newsletter. There will not be a Speed Ally; location not available with their new construction going on. Arden and Jeff will do the food. Beverly moved and Mark second the motion to adjoin at 1:54p.m. The meeting was adjointed.