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 miinutes 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 adjoin at 1:33p.m. The meeting was adjoined.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 2020
The Noble Center
1:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:
Arden Tucker
Sherri Clark
Marlane Bernardo (via phone)
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 1st 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 28th 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 adjoined.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting
Sunday, November 24, 2019
The Noble Center
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent
Arden Tucker
Julie Caprette
Marlane Bernardo (via phone)
Sherri Clark
Pat Freytag
Jennifer Winters
Mark Brooks
Chris Ford

Guests:

Jess Ford

Meeting Commenced: 1:03pm

Treasurer Report – Discussed October financials. Biggest expense was payroll but it included 3 pay periods and of course veterinary care.
We finally were able to sort out our IRS affirmation letter after 9 months of talking to the IRS and GPA National. Now we are waiting to be put back on IRS publication 76 so we can be officially recognized by Amazon Smile and other donor entities.

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

Meeting Minutes

- October Minutes were reviewed during the meeting.

Sherri moved to approve the minutes and Jen seconded the motion. Approved

Dogs

Dog Status

- 32 dogs in the program, 11 available; Kiowa is in foster with 13 unavailable and 6 permanent fosters.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 45 adoptions and 22 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 10 prior adopters. We are all working on home visits.

Fundraising

- Our Facebook Auction with approximately 150 items brought in about $4317 and we are still awaiting payment on some items.
- Soon we will put up information on Facebook so we can get vet baskets delivered.
- Appreciation Party is scheduled for March 29, 2020 and already we have several items for silent/live auction and raffle.

- We had the pill pocket drive on Facebook and we reached our goal.

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

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting
Sunday, October 27, 2019
The Noble Center
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent
Arden Tucker
Julie Caprette
Marlane Bernardo (via phone)
Sherri Clark
Pat Freytag
Jennifer Winters
Mark Brooks

Guests:

Sharry MacLaren
Kristin Duplantis
Fran Kruizenga

Meeting Commenced: 1:09pm

Treasurer Report – Discussed August and September financials. Biggest expenses were mainly for veterinary care, new microchips and needs drugs and Advantage Multi for the kennel hounds.

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

Meeting Minutes

- August and September Minutes were reviewed during the meeting.

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

Dogs

Dog Status

- 32 dogs in the program, 11 available, Quincy is in foster with intent and Torch is adoption pending, 13 unavailable and 6 permanent fosters. We will be getting 2 dogs from Dalton next week.
- We were able to obtain Babesia medicine from Spain so we can now go ahead to treat Kiowa and Brandon.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 40 adoptions and 23 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 10 prior adopters. We are all working on home visits.

Fundraising

- We will have a Facebook Auction with approximately 150 items. Sherrie, Julie and Sherri have been working hard on this.
- Santa pictures will take place on November 9th 10:30-1:30pm and other breeds will be allowed to come but be separated from most greyhounds. Photos will be taken by Julie and put on a flash drive.

- Appreciation Party is scheduled for March 29, 2020. Having a fence for Speed Alley is just too expensive as well as renting a sound system. We will use the same sound system as last year but have it in the center of the room. Animal communicator and Bones to Go have confirmed attendance.
- Old Time Spring storefront will be cancelled as the set up prevents good visibility of the greyhounds and there is no real foot traffic.
- We will have a pill pocket drive on Facebook.
- Amazon Smile: we were taken off charity list. We are trying to get back on.
- We have new Christmas Tees and Calendar of our kennel hounds.

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

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting
Sunday, September 22, 2019
The Noble Center
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent
Arden Tucker
Julie Caprette
Bev Points
Sherri Clark
Pat Freytag
Jennifer Winters

Guests:

Dave Caprette

Meeting Commenced: 1:06pm

Dogs

Dog Status

- 30 dogs in the program, 8 available, Honey is in foster with intent, 15 unavailable and 7 permanent fosters. Kiowa needs to have toe removed and is now in heat, Emma's cardiologist gave the go ahead to spay her.
- Babesia medicine is currently unavailable as Merck has patent and is not producing it, Dr. Miller is checking into alternatives and we are contacting other groups and specialists about possible other treatments.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 36 adoptions and 19 applications at this time; one foster with intent and one more home visit to do. Some applicants want to stay on list although some are not quite ready to adopt or are waiting on something specific and there are quite a few prior adopters. We are all working on home visits.

Fundraising

- Discussed Groupraise/Restaurant Fundraiser but found that it has so many restrictions that it would not be profitable versus our time spent.
- Blessing of the Animals: we have done this before but the new set up at the church is not very convenient for our purpose.
- Santa pictures will take place on November 9th 10:30-1:30pm and other breeds will be allowed to come but be separated from most greyhounds. Photos will be taken by Julie and put on a flash drive.
- We will have Facebook online auction running from November 4-11. Sherrie and Julie will arrange for pictures and descriptions.
- September craft day by Sherrie was very successful. Many new cards were made by our members.
- Appreciation Party is scheduled for March 29, 2020. We have already secured venue and have some volunteers but we need more especially if we have Speed

Alley again. We need to secure volunteers to set up and take it down. Hopefully we will have a better PA system. Bones to Go has confirmed to be our speaker.

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

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting
Sunday, August 25, 2019
The Noble Center
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent
Chris Ford
Arden Tucker
Julie Caprette
Bev Points
Sherri Clark
Pat Freytag
Kathy Henry

Guests:

Jess Ford

Meeting Commenced: 1:04pm

Treasurer Report – Discussed June and July financials. Big expense in July was for our annual insurance premium (liability and worker's comp).

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

Meeting Minutes

- June Minutes were reviewed during the meeting. No July minutes as meeting was cancelled due to Dog Show.

Chris moved to approve the minutes and Bev seconded the motion. Approved

Dogs

Dog Status

- 29 dogs in the program, 7 available, 16 unavailable and 6 permanent fosters. Emma will be going to the cardiologist to ensure she can be spayed.
- Hookworm protocol – we hope that the university study will help us better help our hounds with these pesky worms.
- Babesia medicine is currently unavailable and we are contacting other groups and specialists about possible other treatments.
- We have 15 vials for greyhound corn study. We will need 8 dogs with corns over 8 years old and no corn dogs under 8 years old. Joanna is heading trial.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 33 adoptions and 33 applications at this time; some applicants want to stay on list although some are not quite ready to adopt or are waiting on something specific and there are quite a few prior adopters. We are all working on home visits.

New Computers/New Online Technology

- We are working on transferring the domain name to GPA from Bob V.
- Also will be getting new forwarding email service from Wix.com.

Fundraising

- New order of bricks will be delivered next week which will bring about $1000 for GPA.
- Dog Show successful and had new adopters participating. We collected about $200 in donations.
- Craft day is scheduled in September 11th.

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

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting
Sunday, June 23, 2019
The Noble Center
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Jennifer Winters
Chris Ford
Arden Tucker
Mark Brooks
Bev Points
Sherri Clark
Pat Freytag
Marlane Bernardo (via phone)

Guests:

Sharry MacLaren
Jess Ford

Meeting Commenced: 1:02pm

Treasurer Report – Discussed April and May financials. Received financial help from TGA regarding Avia's hock surgery. Veterinary expenses were up considerably due to Avia's surgery and rehab and Diamond's dental surgery.

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

Meeting Minutes

- April and May Minutes were reviewed during the meeting.

Bev moved to approve the minutes and Chris seconded the motion. Approved

Dogs

Dog Status

- 29 dogs in the program, 6 available, 16 unavailable and 7 permanent fosters. Got in 11 new dogs from Florida.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 26 adoptions and 30 applications at this time; some applicants want to stay on list although some are not quite ready to adopt or are waiting on something specific and there are quite a few prior adopters. We are all working on home visits. We have rejected a couple of applicants. Pam and Trish are doing references as Sherrie is currently unavailable.

New Computers/New Online Technology

- We are trying to get new email forwarding service from Wix.com.
- Giftshop is now online.

Fundraising

- Last orders for bricks notice will be put on FB and the newsletter.

- Cleo the Caterpillar will be auctioned off in July on FB and we will have a monthly mini auction every month and a notice will be put on FB and the newsletter.
- Lularoe Fundraiser by Jennifer brought in $440 for the hounds. Thank you Jennifer.

GPA National Meeting

There are new groups being formed and GPA is involved with NGA in bringing hounds from Ireland. Injured dogs will go to Kansas and Nebraska for surgery and rehab and then will be rehomed by GPA chapters.

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

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting
Sunday, May 26, 2019
The Noble Center
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Jennifer Winters
Chris Ford
Julie Caprette
Mark Brooks
Bev Points
Kathy Henry
Pat Freytag

Guests:

Sharry MacLaren
Jess Ford

Meeting Commenced: 1:16pm

Treasurer Report – Discussed March financials briefly as Treasurer was not able to attend. We were positive this month which is good. Greyt Wellness Fund was up substantially due to a large donation from a private donor. Employee of IBM donating bi-monthly check which is about $1500 per year.

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

Meeting Minutes – February and March Minutes

- February and March Minutes were reviewed during the meeting. There are no April minutes as there was no meeting due to the Memorial Brick Fundraiser.

Jennifer moved to approve the minutes and Kathy seconded the motion. Approved

Dogs

Dog Status

- 29 dogs in the program, 10 available, Avia foster with intent, Fitz and Delta are adoption pending, 8 unavailable and 9 permanent fosters.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 19 adoptions and 39 applications at this time; some applicants want to stay on list although some are not quite ready to adopt or are waiting on something specific and there are quite a few prior adopters. We are all working on home visits.

New Computers/New Online Technology

- We are trying to get new email forwarding service from Wix.com.

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

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting
Sunday, March 24, 2019
The Noble Center
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Pat Freytag
Marlane Bernardo (via phone)
Sherri Clark (via phone)
Chris Ford
Julie Caprette
Mark Brooks
Bev Points
Arden Tucker
Sherrie Kent

Guests:

Sharry MacLaren
Jess Ford

Meeting Commenced: 1:07pm

Treasurer Report – Discussed January and February financials. Employee of IBM donating bi-monthly check which is about $1500 per year. Lularoe matching fund was $161. Thank you Jennifer. High vet bills due to Mystic's and Tempo's emergency room visits. Also, membership party expenses were discussed.

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

Dogs

Dog Status

- 36 dogs in the program. 7 available, 2 on medical leave, Diamond due to impacted canine and Avia due her leg injury and in heat, 17 in the process of evaluation and vetting and 10 permanent fosters. Indie was returned as she was not thriving with a new baby in the house. Tucker had EKG and it looks like there is no longer any improvement, but he is happy and enjoying his life.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 10 adoptions so far; 37 applications at this time; 18 approved and waiting for the right dog; 19 pending.
- Discussed families with young children and reducing the age of children to whom we will adopt from 10 to 8. Arden will send email for further questions or comments and a vote.

New Computers/New Online Technology

- We will go live between April 6-8. There will be some growing pains but all looks great

Events / Fundraising

- Membership Party – we already have 12 volunteers and Trish will help out with Speed Alley. Ellyn will be in charge of raffle and silent auction and participant must be present to win. $2 a ticket or 6 for $10. New T-shirt design will be sold tax-free for $20. Already we have 34 hounds and 44 people RSVP'ing. We will post on Facebook and Discussion forum week of the event.
- We will have the Memorial Brick laying party on April 28 instead of our regular Board Meeting. We will continue to offer memorial bricks through our new website and as soon as we get 15 orders, we will have them made and shipped.

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

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Pat Freytag
Marlane Bernardo (via phone)
Sherri Clark
Chris Ford
Julie Caprette
Mark Brooks
Jennifer Winters
Kathy Henry
Bev Points

Meeting Commenced: 1:06pm

Treasurer Report – Discussed October, November and December financials. We are down about 17K for calendar year 2018 even with the December Matching Fund. GPA does have cash reserves so we are still okay. We will also push Amazon Smile, iGive, Kroger and Randall's to earn as much as possible.

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

Meeting Minutes – October Minutes were reviewed and approved pending typo corrections. There was no November, December or January meetings.

Jennifer moved to approve the minutes and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

Dogs

Dog Status

- 39 dogs in the program. 8 available, 21 in the process of evaluation and vetting and 10 permanent fosters. We saw 55 dogs earn their wings in 2018. A bad year. Sad. We had 6 dogs come in in January and 10 in February. Updated on the loss of Tempo and Avia's surgery.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 5 adoptions so far; 31 applications at this time with 1 needing cat friendly. 10 needing small dog friendly and 4 can take anything. 10 Applicants have been approved.

New Computers/New Online Technology

- No update.

Events / Fundraising

- Membership Party – venue has been paid for by sponsor. Several people have already signed up to volunteer. Volunteers still needed for tear down. Sherri will do awards ceremony and Mark will be in charge of Speed Alley. Last Wishes has confirmed to be there to give out information as well as the animal communicator. Ellyn will be in charge of raffle and silent auction.
- GGP event was very successful with about 16 dogs attending.
- Lularoe fundraiser by Jennifer raised $370 for GPA.
- Discussed how we can get young people downtown to promote the greys.

Sherri moved to adjourn and Beverly seconded the motion. Approved.