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November 2010

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:25p.m. by President, Tim M. Paul S. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike S. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Beth J. gave the Treasurer's Report. Our balance at the beginning of October was \$1,208.76. Income was \$2,088.00 (\$21.47 was from our Schnucks e-script cards). Expenses were \$1,235.76 leaving an ending balance of \$2,082.47. Our balance in the Flash Fund is \$16,802.14.

Membership Report

Amy G. reported that there were no membership inquiries in the month of October and no new members either. Amy announced

that she sent out the Membership Renewal forms by email. Please make sure you print them, fill them out and send them back to her with your check for \$20.00. (See the attached membership forms.)

Intake Coordinator's Report

Tim M. reported for Penny M. that two dogs came in in the previous month:
010-028 Charlie—a 1-1/2 year old male who is being fostered by Kate R. He will be neutered next week.

010-0029 Fred—a 1-1/2 year old male that is from the Columbia area. He is neutered and heartworm negative.

Adoption Coordinator's Report

Amy R. reported that five dogs were placed in their forever homes in the previous month:

- 010-016—Millie
- 010-017—Milo
- 010-020—Kipper
- 010-001R—Butterball
- 010-024—BooBoo (Ellie)



GGRR Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website's traffic for the past month.

Our website had:

- Hits: 107,963
- Page Views: 8,802
- Visitors: 2,627
- Unique Visitors: 27,994

Paul S reported that the GGRR website was down for a couple days and he apologized for any inconvenience.

GGRR Members and their dogs at the Webster Groves Christmas Shopping Event. The Golden Retrievers were a big hit with the crowds!

GGRR Trivia Night—Name A Table After Your Dog!



Members, Korisa & Drew C., introduced their newest addition, Lily, to us at the Webster Groves Christmas Event! Congrats!

At our first Trivia Night will be on January 29, 2011 at the Webster Groves Masonic Temple on East Lockwood.

The Trivia Night Committee has decided that each Trivia Table will be given a table number along with a dog name and their story to go with it. We would like to feature our rescued Golden Retrievers on these table centerpieces to inform the public on some of the dogs we take into our organization and in turn find loving homes for.

If you would like your dog on one of the table markers, please send a short write-up on your rescued Golden along with a good picture of him or her to Tracie G. at tbayer80@gmail.com.

All stories and pictures are needed by January 15th. Entries will be taken and used on a first come, first serve basis.

Please help support our first Trivia Night fundraiser and get a group of friends and family together for a night of fun to support GGRR. Not only will there be fun trivia, but we will also have attendance prizes, silent auction items, 50/50 raffles, etc.

If you have anything you would like to donate for our silent auction, please contact Tracie G. or any other member of the committee.

Thank you for your support!

GGRR Events

Webster Groves Christmas Walk

The Christmas Walk will be held on Sunday, November 14th. Our ex-pen will be set up next to Lucky Dog and members and dogs are asked to wear holiday attire/scarves to greet the shoppers. We will have a cooler of water and soda available for volunteers. We do not sell merchandise, but we do collect donations and get a lot of PR from this event.

December GGRR Holiday Meeting

Our December Holiday meeting will be held on Dec. 9th. Members are invited to bring refreshments to share. Bring a wrapped dog gift valued around \$10 for the doggie gift exchange if you want to participate! We will also have GGRR merchandise on sale for early holiday shopping for your favorite human or canine friends! Barb will bring a few t-shirts in various designs and

styles to sell. However, if someone has a definite shirt in mind, please email her at blacksher@charter.net in advance with style, size, and color. We'll also have woolies, jewelry, scarves, car magnets, etc. Please bring cash or check for payment.

Trivia Night
Our first Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Webster Groves Masonic Temple. We need each member to get their friends together and get a table for the Trivia Night. We have plenty of volunteers for setup and to work the trivia, but we will need help cleaning up and putting the room back in order. We will need donations for our silent auction tables. Please see one of the committee members for donation forms. The flyer for the Trivia Night is attached to this newsletter.



- Donations**
- GGRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:
- Spencer Venard**
- Debra Zotti**
- Dan Wells, in memory of Baron, Golden Retriever of the Dobbs Family**
- Cliff & Sharon Leu, in honor of Pamela Wollenberg**
- The Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts**

Old Business & New Business



Paul S. is very popular in the ex-pen at the Purina Farms Canine Games! I bet he has cookies in his pockets...

Old Business

Pat M. announced that her sister will be making more green bandanas for our dogs for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you would like one for your dog, please see Pat. They are \$5.00 each.

New Business

Paul S. reported for the Nominating

Committee. The positions for President and Secretary will be up in December. An email was sent to the membership asking if anyone would like to be nominated for these positions and nobody replied.

Tim M. was asked if he would like to hold the position of President again and he said he would.

Tracie G. also expressed that she would carry on as Secretary if nobody else wanted it. We will take more nominations at our December meeting and then we will vote. Mike S. reported that the committee to update our GGRR forms has not gotten together

yet, but they will set a date soon to start updating our forms.

A motion was made by Paul S. and seconded by Rich T. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



December Holiday Meeting Thursday, December 9th

Bring a \$10 Doggie Gift Exchange Item and a snack to share!

GGRR Merchandise will be on sale for those that want to do some Christmas shopping. There will be t-shirts, jewelry, woolies, car magnets, etc. (Please email Barb B. if there is a certain size and color of a t-shirt you want.) Cash and checks only please!

GGRR Membership Renewal

Dear GGRR Members,

First off, I want to thank everyone for all your hard work and contributions in 2010. We had a great year of new events, and fundraising-with more to come in 2011. That being said, attached is our GGRR 2011 Membership Renewal Form. If you would like to renew your membership, please print the form, fill it out, and mail both the form and check for \$20 dues back to me. Make checks payable to GGRR. Remember: do not send checks to Beth, they need to come through me first. I have also attached a Release of Responsibility form. This year I would like to update everyone's Release. Everyone needs to please sign and date the top portion, and if you foster or think you will ever foster, fill out the bottom portion as well. No one can foster a dog until they have filled out and signed that bottom portion. If you find later that you would like to foster, and did not sign the release, please contact me and I will send one over to you. Here is my information to mail the packet back:

**Amy Gerber
20 Ridgeline Drive
Saint Louis MO 63122**

All forms and dues need to be back to me no later than the 1st of February. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Being a member of GGRR can be a very rewarding opportunity. All of us at GGRR find different ways to help out in this organization. Please take time and read the attached Volunteer Opportunities form. If you have not volunteered for one of these tasks, and you are interested, please contact me and I will set you up with a mentor to train you. We had some problems this year getting enough volunteers in several different categories. I would like everyone to take the initiative this year and volunteer for some aspect of GGRR. We are a volunteer organization and need the volunteers to partake in activities, not just send in a yearly due. As I said before, it is very rewarding, and we want to make sure that all members are active in this organization. Do not hesitate to try something new, we always need help in one of these tasks.

Again, thank you all very much for everything you do. I feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful group!

Amy Gerber, GGRR Membership Coordinator



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Next Meeting

HOLIDAY MEETING

Thursday, December 9th
at 7:00 p.m.

At the Dog Museum in
Queeny Park

We love having happy healthy
Goldens at our meetings! Please
make sure your dog is up to date on
shots and vaccinations please!

To Adopt or Surrender a Dog
Call the GRR Phone Lines: (314) 995-5477

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Featuring local sports broadcaster
Randy Karraker of 101.1 ESPN as emcee!

**Proceeds will benefit Gateway
Golden Retriever Rescue**

www.ggrr.com

Saturday, January 29, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Entry fees:

- **\$120 for a Team of 8 People**
(Maximum of 8 people per table.)
- Popcorn, Snacks, Water, Soda & Coffee Provided (Please feel free to bring other food and BYOB for your enjoyment!)

Held at:

**Webster Groves Masonic Lodge
12 East Lockwood Ave.
Webster Groves, MO 63119**

For more information:

**Korisa: (314) 229-7414 or
ladykorisa@hotmail.com**



**Can you beat Rusty,
the GGRR Trivia Nerd?**

**To make reservations,
please complete and mail
the form below
no later than JANUARY 15th.**

*Retain the top portion
for your records.*

***RESERVATIONS ARE
NON-REFUNDABLE!***

PRIZES

**Cash Prizes
for The Top
Three Tables!**

Silent Auction

Door Prizes

50/50 Raffles

Heads/Tails

**Mulligans
\$5 each or 5 for \$20**

**Checks & Cash
Only Please**
*Bring plenty of
money for our Silent
Auction Items and
GGRR Merchandise!*

Mail form and entry fee to:

Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue
c/o Barb Blacksher
26 Cynthiana Court
Florissant, MO 63033

Phone: (314) 229-7414 (Korisa)
E-mail: ladykorisa@hotmail.com

Reservation Name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____
 Email Address _____

**Please Make Checks Payable to:
Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue**

of Tables at \$120.00 _____
 Total Enclosed _____



2011 GGRR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (only list numbers where you wish to be reached)

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you have career skills or experience in any of the following areas: Please circle all that apply.

publishing/printing advertising insurance legal accounting website maintenance

Other? Please specify: _____

We always need volunteers in the following areas. Please check all areas that you would consider. Training will be provided.

_____ Phone Lines

_____ Dog Transportation

_____ Home Visits

_____ Adoption Days @
Lucky Dog (3rd Saturday/month)

_____ Dog Visits

_____ Special Events

_____ Foster Home

_____ Crafts/Sewing

_____ Website Maintenance

When are you usually available to help? Daytime Evenings Weekends

Dues are \$20 per family per year. Please enclose a check made out to GGRR with your completed membership forms.

Office use:

Received _____ Paid _____

GRR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PHONE LINES –

Adoption Line: Volunteers do an initial phone screening and evaluation of applicants. If the applicant meets our basic criteria for adoption, a more in-depth home visit is scheduled.

Surrender Line: Volunteers are responsible for taking information on dogs being surrendered and for determining if a dog may be suitable for our program. If the dog meets our criteria, the volunteer is also responsible for scheduling a visit to evaluate the dog.

HOME VISITS –

A trained member visits the home of families wishing to adopt a dog from GRR. One purpose of these visits is to make sure the family will provide a safe and loving environment for a rescue dog. Another purpose is to help determine what type of dog (age, sex, size, energy level) would best be suited for a particular family's life style.

DOG VISITS –

Dog visits are performed to evaluate dogs before they are accepted into our program. By gathering information and observing a dog's behaviors, temperament, physical condition, etc.; we are better able to match each dog with a suitable adoptive family.

FOSTER HOME –

Foster homes provide food, shelter, veterinary care, some basic training, and lots of tender loving care. They also evaluate the dog's personality and physical condition, so we can make the best possible match between a dog and its adoptive family. All foster homes receive a home visit similar to the one our adoptive families are given. Foster homes are reimbursed for dog food and veterinary costs for a rescued Golden in their care.

DOG TRANSPORTATION –

These volunteers provide dog transportation to vet visits, from a surrendering family to the foster home, for showing a dog to a potential adoptive family, picking up Golden from shelters, etc.

ADOPTION DAYS / SPECIAL EVENTS -

We participate in Adoption Days at local pet stores, events such as the Humane Society's Bark In The Park, the APA's Canine Carnival, Kirkwood's Dog Days and Green Tree Festival, and an annual reunion picnic for our adoptive families. **HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND WELCOME!!** At each of these events, we staff a table with information about our organization; sell our shirts and other dog-related merchandise; answer questions about Golden, our program, and adoption / surrender procedures. We usually have several of our foster Golden in attendance so help is needed with their care while out in public. Our special events are FUN WAYS to get to know our members and our organization at the same time. Your benefit . . . you will get to meet some great, caring people who love Golden as much as you do; and you'll enjoy the benefits of some priceless time spent with our **WONDERFUL, LOVEABLE GOLDENS!!**

PUBLICITY / SIGN PAINTING

Construct posters, signs, and banners to be used at rescue events.

CRAFTING / SEWING –

Develop and assemble items to be sold from our booth at public events, such as jewelry, dog toys, dog scarves, treats, and clothing items. Funds raised from the sale of our merchandise, along with donations, play a major part in allowing us to rescue and care for our Golden while they await placement in their "forever homes."

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE –

We are excited about all of the recent improvements to our website! Many of our volunteers and adoptive families have learned about our organization by "surfing the web!" Visit our site at www.grr.com to view some of the Golden available for adoption, to obtain information about upcoming events, and to read our monthly newsletter. Comments are always welcome. If you have computer skills, we can certainly put them to good use!

GATEWAY GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE

Release of Responsibility

FOR ALL MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS:

I hereby agree that Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue (GGRR) is released from all liability for any injuries, damages, costs incurred, or any other responsibilities whatsoever that may occur or develop while I am serving as a volunteer for the organization.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

FOR FOSTER HOME USE ONLY:

I hereby agree to be a foster home for Gateway Golden Retriever Rescue (GGRR) until such time as the arrangement is terminated by either myself or by GGRR.

I understand that during the time any Rescue dog(s) is/are in my care that:

- 1 I accept full and complete responsibility for the safety, physical, and emotional well-being of the dog(s).
- 2 I accept full and complete responsibility for the dog(s)' behavior and actions, and acknowledge that GGRR will not be held responsible in any matter if the dog(s) Damage either my property or possessions, or another individual's property or possessions, or if the dog(s) harm(s) any person or animal.
- 3 I understand that GGRR will provide financial assistance relating to:
 - The necessary care of the dog(s) including food, immunizations, surgery (spay/neuter), medications, or other medical conditions which may require treatment/care in order to implement the dog(s)'
 - placement into a permanent adoptive home.

GGRR will **not** provide financial assistance:

- for toys or other impertinent items purchased for the Rescue foster dog(s).

I understand and agree to all of the above, and I am signing of my own free will.

Signature of Foster Parent(s) DATE _____

Address of Foster Home

Home, Work, and Cell Numbers

Signature of GGRR Representative Date _____