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November Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President, Tim M. Shane S. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting.

The motion was seconded by Paul S. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Tim M. announced that our message board on our website should be used for just that—a message board and not a blog or venting forum.

Treasurer's Report

Beth J. reported that our balance in our checking was \$4,668.96 at the beginning of the month. Income was \$715.00 (\$28.76

from our Schnucks Escrip cards) and our expenses were \$3,092.34 leaving us with an ending balance of \$2,320.38.



dog visit on the message board that you follow up with it and make sure someone volunteers to do it and that they actually do the dog visit.

Adoption Report

Mike S. reported that we placed six dogs in their forever homes in the previous month:

011-017 Biscuit
011-018 Jammers
011-019 Mac
011-020 Lily
011-021 Molly
011-022 Baccus

Titan is being shown and will most likely go by the weekend. Charlie and Trooper are still with us. If the adoptive family changes the name of the dog, please tell them to make sure they put our GGRR name of the dog in parentheses on the Avid form so we have a way of tracking the dog. Mike also asked that everyone use the current forms from the website. Please download the latest version of our forms to use when doing dog/home visits or phone interviews. Same goes for adoption agreements, transfer forms, etc.

Membership Report

Amy G. reported that we had four membership inquiries and no new members. There was one visitor at the meeting, Robert B. Membership renewal information will be emailed out this month. If you have no interest in renewing your membership, please let Amy know.

Intake Report

Penny M. reported that we had zero dogs taken in this month. She did ask that if you ask for a

Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website's traffic from the previous month:

Hits: 129,064
Page Views: 20,240
Visitors: 6,113

**Our Annual Holiday Meeting and
Doggie Gift Exchange will be
Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.**

GGRR Events

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 8th— GGRR Annual Holiday Meeting

Please join us at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Holiday Meeting. There will be a \$10.00 wrapped doggie gift exchange and you're welcome to bring a snack or dessert to share after the meeting. We will also be voting on the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Member Representative.

Friday—Sunday, November 11, 12, 13—Tri County Agility Event

There will be an Agility Event for Tri County Agility at Purina Farms this weekend. We need volunteers to work putting bars back, etc. There will be a free lunch for all volunteers. They will

Voting for Vice President, Treasurer and Member Representative will take place at our December 8th meeting.

also be making a donation to GGRR for our volunteering efforts. See Penny M. if you're interested in attending.

Saturday & Sunday, November 12-13—National Fly Ball Tournament at Purina Farms

This is a national relay race event for dogs. The Rudtowskis will be there and it goes from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Adoption Days

Tim M. reported that we are looking into setting up some adoption days events at Treats Unleashed and Three Dog Bakery. He will report back with dates. Amy R. reported that Animal Crackers in O'Fallon would like to have us at their location for an adoption day too. They are located off of Highway K in O'Fallon, MO. More information to come on all of these events.



Pictures from our Dog Wash Day at Muddpuppies in O'Fallon, Missouri



A Dog's Christmas Carol *by: Bill Thacker*

(sung to the tune of Winter Wonderland)

Dog tags ring, are you listening'?
In the lane, snow is glistenin'.
It's yellow, NOT white I've been there tonight,
Marking up my winter wonderland.

Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.
It's a sign for wandering vagrants;
Avoid where I pee, it's MY pro-per-ty!
Marked up as my winter wonderland.

In the meadow dad will build a snowman,
following the classical design.
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go
Man,
So all the world will know that it's mine-mine-mine!

Straight from me to the fence post,
flows my natural incense boast;
Stay off my TURF, this small piece of earth,
I marked it as my winter wonderland."



**David Frasca
and Brio on
Halloween**

Old & New Business

Old Business

The nomination committee reported that they had the following people running for the following positions:

Vice President: Nanette S. and Kathy D.
 Treasurer: Tom S., Pat M. and Amy R.
 Member Representative: Chris R. and Stephanie A.

We will be voting on these positions at our December 8th meeting. Tim read the duties of all of the positions for those present from the Bylaws.

Mike S. reported that we had our Agricultural inspection and we passed with flying colors! As far as record keeping goes, we have to have the surrender form and it is required to have the ID number of the person surrendering the dog. This is a state required form. They will pull our license without this form.

Mike S. also announced that he has spoke with the Dog Museum and they are willing to display the memorial wall after the National Specialty in September of 2012 with all of the Golden's names on it.

Tim M. announced that we have chosen a date for our member training. It will be Sunday, January 29, 2012 in the basement at the Dog Museum. We have the room from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. All topics will be covered so if you are looking to get more involved and help out more with Dog Visits, Home Visits, Phone Interviews, etc., please make sure you attend this training session. All are welcome!

New Business

Pat M. reported that she has flyers for Canine Country which is 200 acres out in Wentzville and 90% of the premises is fenced so you can let your dog loose to run. They have a lake, agility equipment, sheep and pigeons and a dock on the lake so your dog can practice jumping off. There is a trail through the woods that is not fenced, but everything else is. See Pat for a flyer if interested.

Amy G. asked if there is anyone in our group that is willing to do home visits in Illinois. On your membership renewal forms please specify what areas of

metro St. Louis that you will do visits in. This way we can compile a list of who will do what areas so we know who to call. When trying to find someone to do a visit please call people too and don't totally rely on email. Not everyone checks their email.

A motion was made by Penny M. and seconded by Pat M. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Christmas Dog Cookies

From: www.allrecipies.com

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cubes beef bouillon cube
- 3/4 cup boiling water
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar



Directions

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C). Lightly grease one cookie sheet.

Dissolve bouillon cubes in boiling water and allow to cool.

Combine the flour, dry milk, egg, oil, beef broth and brown sugar. Mix well and knead dough for 1 minute.

On a floured surface roll out dough to about 1/4 inch thickness. Cut out bones and place on cookie sheet.

Bake for 30 minutes and allow to cool.



The Moran, Blacksher, Rogers and Callison kids swimming at Canine Country



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Next Meeting

Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.
At the Dog Museum in Queeny Park
Bring a \$10 wrapped dog toy or treat to
participate in our gift exchange!
A snack to share is also welcome!
We love having happy healthy Golden Retrievers at
our meetings! Please make sure your dog
is up to date on shots and vaccinations.

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