

## **GREYHOUND FRIENDS OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Date/Location:** February 19, 2012, Panera Bread, 8034 Concord Mills Blvd Concord, NC

**Board Members Present:** Amy Reynard, Sandy Lucas, Rick Montgomery, Linda Landry, Janice Opalinski, Desta Hudgens, Totty Roberts, and Bonnie Searles.

**Board Members Absent:** Bruce Lee, Debbie Hatley, and Barbara Brooks

**Other Attendees:** Lynda Montgomery, Elizabeth Ingram, Blanche Fedor, Wayne Lambert, Carol Vale, Daryl Vale and Sally Barbour

#### WELCOME –

President, Amy Reynard called the meeting to order with a special welcome to all the visitors. The first order of business was to approve the October minutes. There were no changes and the minutes were approved.

#### Kudos and Celebrations -

Amy expressed her thanks for all the hard work that the staff, volunteer and members have done over the last months. The kennel is full and running smoothly. Adoptions were great at the end of the year with fewer returns. There were thanks to the volunteers that participated at the WFMY 2 the Rescue 30-minute adoption program, dog food drive, an unexpected contribution due to a simple Thank You note by Lynda Montgomery, no greys returned in Charlotte and Desta Hudgens donations of note cards that will be used to acknowledge owners of their new adoptions.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE –

Sandy Lucas, Treasurer, presented financial reports.

Sandy requested that we not accept American Express due to the high fees

GFNC's By Laws needs to be updated and submitted with 2011 tax return.

## VOLUNTEERS UPDATE –

Sally Barbour reported that at present all shifts are covered and overall things are doing very well with volunteer coordination.

Sally expressed interest have another Volunteer Appreciation cookout. The last one received very positive feedback. She stated she preferred to have it offsite at a park with early notification so volunteers can plan to attend. It was voted to schedule a volunteer appreciation cookout for June 23, 2012 with a location to be announced.

Amy explained that Bruce Lee offered via email to assist (financially) with some form of volunteer appreciation. Sally will contact Bruce to determine what help he can provide.

The group discussed the plaque previously used for volunteer recognition. Sally explained she would prefer to do a group recognition event. She explained her opinion that the plaque for Volunteer of the Month or Year seemed to single out a volunteer but could possibly hurt the feelings of other volunteers. Sally raised the point that volunteer duties varied dramatically and many are unaware of what others do for GFNC. Many volunteers help in ways other than working at the kennel. For example, meet and greets, fundraising, etc. She feels we could better serve our volunteers by posting stories in the Testimonial Section, on Facebook, on our website, via our e-newsletter and Volunteer Appreciation cookout or in the other ways.

Sally felt that the Year-End letter to all volunteers was well received and seemed to let each person know how special they were to GFNC and appreciated. Amy recognized Sally for the Year-end letter, and other members concurred - the letter was excellent!

## GRANT UPDATE –

Chris Liga has resigned her position on the board and all grant materials will be transferred to Amy Reynard. Amy has a colleague at work who has agreed to help with grants.

## SATELLITE REPORTS –

Rick Montgomery reported that Charlotte currently has two foster greyhounds.

The Online Auction proceeds totaled \$5,967.20 less shipping & handling.

Rick was happy to report that all numbers are up at Mountain Hounds!

Registration 105, 146 hounds, pre-sold 75 event shirts, pre-sold 776 raffle tickets and 22 new families attending. Sidney James Lodge is totally booked and will be booking balance of

attendees at the 2nd hotel location. Charlotte actively participates at monthly Meet and Greets: Matthews, Independence Blvd, Concord and River Gate.

There was discussion between satellites and board members restating the continued importance to communicate all adoptions and adoption applications from the kennel with adopters living within the satellite areas either by telephone, email or fax. This keeps the satellites aware of the adoption and able to make a home visit, invitation to participate in activities and a local person to call if they are having any greyhound issues. The group agreed to keep communication open. No satellite report available from Barbara Brooks from Wilmington. However, Barbara emailed Amy before the meeting with some items to address. Amy mistakenly did not bring the list to the meeting and is addressing those items with individuals. No satellite report was available during the meeting from Asheville.

#### FUNDRAISING EVENTS-

Desta Hudgens submitted the new Logo Contest to the board. Anyone is allowed to enter a design(s). Forthcoming will be the instructions on how to submit, legal release form for the design and recognition to winner. The contest will start March 1 through March 31st during which time individuals can submit designs.

After collecting all designs, committee members will narrow the selection to the top 3 or 4.

Top designs will be posted to Website, Facebook and through IContact e-newsletter.

The public will be able to vote on the designs by donating a minimum of \$1 per design or more as they choose. You can vote as many times and as much as you want. The design with the most money WINS.

A new event will take place on Earth Day – April 22, 2012 and will be called Kennel Clean-up day. Details to be announced, a Pot Luck Dinner included. The goal is to recruit a group of volunteers to spruce up the kennel prior to Open House.

Marsha Sigmon suggested a Car Wash/Bake Sale this summer at Tractor Supply on Hwy 68, we will follow up on this possibility.

Events scheduled for the Spring: March 31st The Human Race, April 21 Misty Creek,

April 22 Earth Day Kennel Clean up, April 28th Yard Sale, May 15 thru July 15th Red, White & Roo Campaign, May 5th Cinco de Mayo Open House, May 31-June 3rd Mountain Hounds and June 23 Volunteer Appreciation Cookout

## KENNEL UPDATE

Wayne reported the following items in need of repairs at the kennel.

- Retaining Wall erosion
- Amy report to Wayne that Bruce volunteered via email to assist with this project.
- Office flooring needs to be replaced
- Linda Landry is looking into this
- Hot water heater replaced
- This is not an urgent need but we would like to be proactive.

Other areas that are landlord's responsibility.

- Septic field is not draining properly and causes standing "mud" near the pump house.
- Washer machine dumps water on top of the ground behind the kennel.
- Tin roof on the back side of the kennel needs screwing back down in areas.

## OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS –

WFMY 2 THE RESCUE – Janice wanted input from the board in continuing the once a month commitment with WFMY since we have not had one adoption (that we know of) which directly correlates with the show. The consensus was to continue for a while longer because the value may not be totally in adoption but in the visibility of GFNC in the community. It can be used in our favor for Grant Applications.

Ron Rouleau is researching the possibility of making GFNC an animal cage/trap for those occasions when a greyhound runs loose.

The meeting commenced at 2:00 PM and it was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Submitted by Linda Landry, Secretary of the GFNC Board.