

GREYHOUND FRIENDS OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: January 6, 2013 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 131 W. Council Street, Salisbury, NC

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

Board Members Absent: Barbara Brooks and Bruce Lee

Other Attendees: Sally Barbour, Blanche Fedor, Wayne Lambert, Patricia Ingram, Bonnie Searles, Ducky McComas, Lynda Montgomery, and Cheewa

Resumes were submitted prior to the meeting from the following: Ducky McComas, Carolina Brown and Marsha Sigmon. The Board voted, and all will join the board.

Debbie Hatley had submitted a letter of resignation.

Amy brought the board up-to-date with information on our 2013 Kennel Renovation and Mason Company. With the Matching Kennel Renovation funds on goal, a tentative installation date was set for the end of March. Amy has been in communication with Mason Company to obtain a final design and number of crates (approximately 22-26); we want to leave some existing doubles in place for overflow and work on getting volunteers to tear out the existing kennels. In addition, we want to hold down the population of dogs in the kennel for the safety of the dogs, and we will investigate the possibility of boarding or fostering as many dogs as we can during the installation.

With the removal of the existing kennels, it was suggested we research a way to salvage the material and either donate it or sell it to another rescue group or boarding kennel.

Amy requested that a Kennel Renovation Committee be formed with key personnel in place to report back to her and Sandy Lucas with suggestions or problems.

Members on the committee to date: Janice Opalinski, Denise Young, Wayne Lambert, Blanche Fedor and Sally Barbour.

WELCOME – 2:30 pm

President Amy Reynard called the meeting to order and welcomed guests to join the meeting. She stated that if anyone would like additional information on the Kennel Renovation to please ask.

KUDOS AND CELEBRATIONS –

- Major Donor for Kennel Renovation (to remain anonymous at their request)
- Charlotte reported no returns during the Christmas holidays
- Ducky McComas reported that her Gracie was the FIRST greyhound to be invited as a Pet Therapy Dog into the hospital
- Wilmington Christmas parade a huge success
- Caesar Milan – article in this month's magazine about Mike the Service Greyhound
- Chase Community donation of \$335
- Article in Celebrating Greyhounds about Mountain Hounds
- Charlotte Santa Photos revenue of \$1500.00
- GFNC won the annual drawing for Kong
- Renaissance Festival revenue \$304.00

FINANCIAL REPORT –

Sandy Lucas, Treasurer, presented financial reports. She stated that at the present time we are financially sound. Sandy reported that in the past several months, donations were up due to Membership, Year-End Gift giving, and the 2013 Kennel Renovation Campaign.

KENNEL REPORT – Wayne Lambert and Blanche Fedor

Wayne reported that the kennel is in good standing with no medical issues and have a good food source. Sandy set up an account at Southern States for dog food so Wayne can pick up food as needed. The food is working well with the dogs and giving them a better nutritional diet.

2013 Kennel Wish List:

1. Re-open a drain in the kennel
2. Replace flooring in kennel old office
3. Expand brick in the turnout lot

4. Install complete new door frame and remount the exit door or purchase and install a new door
5. Research installing a larger cover/awning over the turnout door
6. Approach landlord to obtain Long-term lease

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Sally reported that she has been able to cover weekday turn-out shifts with 3 volunteers per night. 2012 had a total of 3,700 volunteer hours. She also has requested that we have a 16 year old or older volunteer work policy. For volunteers under 16 years of age, their parents would need to stay at the kennel while the volunteer is working to be responsible for their safety.

The school system has contacted the kennel and Sally with numerous requests to schedule school volunteer projects. It has become increasingly hard to match their demands with the types of chores available for them to do, and we will need to limit these requests.

Sally requested to start planning another Volunteer Appreciation event.

20th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The group voted to schedule open house on May 4, 2013 10 AM-4 PM

Setting up working teams to distribute duties:

Marketing	Desta Hudgens
Vendors	Linda/Amy/Carolina/Lynda M
Volunteers	Sally
Building	Amy to call Karen Arnold
Entertainment	Totty Roberts

Raffle suggestions: Signed artwork print donated by Ducky McComas "Retirement Bound"; Large gift basket to include 1st Edition 20th Anniversary T-shirt, decal, gift card, vendor donated items, and other suitable items (TBD); also looking for additional items or Cash Prizes.

SATELLITE UPDATES

Asheville – No reports

Wilmington – Ducky McComas reporting for Barbara Brooks – Scheduling Meet and Greets and having good response from a new store, Pet Sense, in the New Bern area.

Ducky presented the following: Greyhound –Specific medical information card, changing the T-shirt design to include her signature to protect Ducky as the artist (small but no one else can print the shirts), design a new 20th Anniversary t-shirt and decal. Madame Duckyroo's Fortune Telling Fundraising Booth

Charlotte – Rick & Lynda Montgomery – Scheduling Meet and Greets at non-pet store locations with good responses. Events: Harris Teeter, Barbara's Canine Bakery, Santa Photos, and the on-line auction.

Fairy is only foster dog and will probably be adopted by her Foster family.

The Montgomerys have already visited Gatlinburg, TN and are working with the Chamber of Commerce. They will be getting a larger tent this coming year 60x100 at no cost to us.

It was suggested by Rick Montgomery that a working session for the upcoming new kennel renovation was needed. The group scheduled a work session for February 24, 2013 at the kennel between 1-4pm. The goal is to discuss work crews to perform chores prior to Mason Co installation of new crate system.

The meeting commenced at 2:00 pm and adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Submitted by Linda Landry, Secretary of GFNC Board