

GREYHOUND FRIENDS OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: March 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Greensboro, NC

Board Members Present: Amy Reynard, Sandy Lucas, Rick Montgomery, Malay Shah, Carolina Brown, Ducky McComas, and Linda Landry

Board Members Absent: Barbara Brooks, Desta Hudgens, and Totty Roberts

Other Attendees: James Witherspoon, Caitie Witherspoon, Blanche Fedor, and Denise Young

President Amy Reynard called the meeting to order. A motion was passed to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Melissa Cormican has joined the board and Desta Hudgens is the new secretary. Our lease with Karen & Kelly Arnold was being signed this afternoon for a 10 year term at the current rate. This long-term lease will allow GFNC to qualify for more grants.

Rick Montgomery gave an update on Mountain Hounds. Everything is moving as scheduled for this event. This year, Greyhound Groups on the east coast have collaborated with a Vendor Code of Conduct to be used at various events.

The May "Cinco de Mayo" Open House is May 2, 2015. Linda Landry has vendors lined up for the event. There will be deep discounts on most of the "human" clothing items in an effort to make room for new inventory. At Open House, all dogs must be on a leash to protect the dogs as well as our visitors.

Ducky McComas has done design sketches for T-shirts- one is a Cinco de Mayo theme and the other is "Red, White, and Roo." We had great success with the Valentine Day T-shirt and will explore online as well as Hound Boutique sales of the shirts.

Carolina Brown has been working on grants and other fundraising ideas. We will be exploring Shop for Your Cause, Shelter Challenge, Pets Give Life, Bark Box, as well as grants for unexpected vet bills. Our SPCA food source has gone away and we need a consistent dog food product for the dogs. James and Amy will explore a grant through Purina.

Malay Shah is heading a group looking to update our website. It is 7 years old and we need more flexibility. The first step will be surveying the GFNC community to let them know we are looking at changes, then determine what the needs are of our community, and seeing who might

have skills to assist with the project. This is a long-term project with the goal of connecting folks with GFNC.

Sally Barbour, volunteer coordinator, along with Malay Shah, and James and Caitie Witherspoon developed an excellent training video for turnout and other kennel duties. The video was viewed by the group and approved. It will be used to train new volunteers and as a resource for seasoned volunteers. The video a copy of the new 'volunteer guidelines' will be shared with our current volunteer base and posted on the GFNC website.

There was discussion regarding increasing our current adoption fee of \$295. This fee does not cover the vet expense of most adopted dogs. In order to keep Greyhound adoption affordable for potential adopters, it was decided to keep the fee at \$295.

The board appreciates the many years Pat Bleich has volunteered as our Pet Therapy Coordinator. Pat has retired from her role and she will be missed. Countless folks have benefitted from visits by our Pet Therapy dogs thanks to her efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.