

GREYHOUND FRIENDS OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

Minutes for Greyhound Friends of NC Board Meeting held August 13, 2017 in Greensboro, NC.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Melissa Cormican (via Skype), Desta Hudgens (Secretary), Linda Landry, Sandy Lucas (Treasurer), Rick Montgomery, Amy Reynard (President), Malay Shah (Vice President), Roy Mayo

OTHER ATTENDEES

None

The meeting was brought to order at 1 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Update - Sandy

Sandy provided a review of our 2017 expenses and income. We are in good financial standing at the current time. The increased adoption fee is more in line with the vet bill per dog and we are breaking even more often versus losing money on each adoption. The number of adoptions is up and we are ahead of budget regarding adoptions.

Staff and volunteers are using the square but some additional training could be of benefit to ensure accuracy in record keeping. The goal is to start using Square for all purchases to help avoid mistakes on pricing.

Kennel Update - James emailed his report; it was shared by Amy Reynard

We have had 154 adoptions to date (ahead of August 2016). Our septic system is holding up well since it was cleaned and repaired. Our 'old' office remodel project is in its early stages. Courtney, Linda, James and Blanche are tearing up the floor covering in preparation to install the new bathtub. We will paint the floor with gripping texture paint.

To address the rodent in the 'old' office, Roy will bring a group to the kennel to help with the remodel project.

- The group will remove cabinets, tear out the wall near the bathroom, and install wire shelves on wheels (need 2 crates in this space for quarantine purposes)
- Amy will talk to James about estimate on installing a sink for the bathroom.

Our mailbox is in disrepair, a new mailbox will be installed.

Kennel Mason Company crates were repaired with material provided by the vendor. James recommended getting metal to patch up another large chewed area on one kennel run.

To address the ongoing persistent hookworm issue, all dogs receive hookworm treatment twice monthly, and diatomaceous earth is being used to treat the grounds.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Events and Projects

Melissa provided a report on our Spa Day event held at Natural Dog. She reported it was a success, with more dogs attending and more funds raised than the similar event at the kennel. The Natural Dog is open to doing it more often and we will approach them to schedule future events.

Van Repair

The following repairs are needed for the kennel van. We will do the repairs in lieu of purchasing a new van.

- AC/Suspension/Tires - \$1,000
- Miscellaneous Items - \$1,300
- New Transmission - \$2,500 - \$3,000

We are looking into painting or wrapping the van. We will explore finding a local sponsor to pay for all or a portion of the paint/wrap.

Event schedule for the remainder of 2017

NC State - Oct. 7th

- Roy Mayo and Jonelle (adopter, NC State employee) have volunteered setup & breakdown - 8:30 deadline to be completely set up

Membership Drive – October – Amy, Melissa and Linda will work on levels and gifts.

Online Auction - November

Photos w/ Santa

- Charlotte:
 - Dec. 16th – Petco
 - Dec. 2nd & 9th - Barbara's Canine Cafe - Rick to confirm all dates
- No Photo's w/ Santa @ Greensboro/Winston

Cookies & Cocoa with Santa at the kennel

Dec. 2nd - Drop - In

- Santa will drop in for impromptu photos, no professional photography or background
- We will serve coffee, cocoa, doughnuts. Amy, Melissa and Linda will coordinate event.

10,000 Villages event has been expanded - no specific date for our group will be set during the week. Shoppers pick the group to receive the donation. Event is December 16th.

2018 Event ideas

The group discussed moving the open house to Raleigh, but planning and work will be in partner with TGS. We will explore this option but no decisions have been made. Other events will remain in place.

Other Misc. Business

Website content needed for the home page articles. Ideas include:

- How to use a dremel
- How do we get our dogs (James)
- Playgroups
- Jason's articles re; Rracing (Malay to ask Jason)
- Doggy dental (Amy will ask Dr. Queck for written material)
- Grey's and anesthesia
- First Aid kit list
- Immunization articles
- Traveling emergency information
- Lost Greyhounds

Next Board Meeting

Jan. 28th, 2018 & Aug. – TBD

The meeting was adjourned 4:00pm