



Board Meeting Minutes – 7/15/2018

Welcome

Board members in attendance:

Toni, Ted, Ellen, Bob K., Tina, Kathy, Elaine, Bob W., Steve

President's report

We are losing Aliya and Ashley as employees by the end of summer. We hired Jan as a part time employee, who is a part time professor, so her final schedule will be dependent on her teaching schedule. We also hired Theresa part time, who lives in Lockhaven so distance may impair her continued employment.

The kennel has gone from 900 overnight dog nights per year to 720. This was a conscious decision so limit the burden on workers and keep kennels available for adoptable dogs.

A notes section has been added for applications and dogs to enhance our ability to work together adopting dogs and retain history, specifically in the event of dogs being returned.

Voting to generally not adopt dogs to families with children under 5 years old as those dogs are almost always returned. Toni motioned for a vote, Ellen seconded, 9 voted for, 0 against, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Martha has tendered her resignation from the board.

Treasurer's report

No new financial report. We did receive \$4,000 so far from the shoe drive, which has been tentatively terminated henceforth unless we find a new coordinator.

GiG Planning Committee

The first GiG planning meeting will occur July 22 at 11am at Giant Food Stores in Camp Hill. Linda Gerym and Sharon Bracken have been added as members. Meetings will be confidential in nature and the overall financials will not be discussed.

Advertising with Other Events

Toni has reached out to the Hugs for Hounds event in Canada and they agreed to promote GiG in their goodie bag. We plan to donate a basket for their raffle.

Nittany Greyhounds, Inc.

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Mountain Hounds (*Gatlinburg, TN / May 31 - June 3, 2018*)

Grapehounds Wine Tour (*Watkins Glen, NY / July 26-29, 2018*)

Beach Bound Hounds (*Myrtle Beach, SC / September 13-16, 2018*)

Greyhounds Reach the Beach (*Dewey Beach, DE / October 4-7, 2018*)

Sandy Paws (*Jekyll Island, GA / March 7-10, 2019*)

**** Action to Toni:** continue reaching out to groups with events about collaboration.

Gathering of the Greys (*August 26, 2018*)

Constant Contact was updated with the latest contacts and an email we be sent with the event flyer.

Live music will be provided by Jason Thomas. Ellen will investigate food options. Steve will mow a few days before the event. Kathy is going to do the raffle, including reaching out to Rite Air=d for donations. Tina is going to run the store and has 6 other vendors attending: Sheena Sovich, Ann Hess, Jen Maddy, Sharon Bracken, Stacey Wirtz-Mann, and Rachael Siko.

Lewisburg Group

Bob W. needs a canopy, x-pen, and brochures.

**** Action to Toni:** Provide Bob a list of volunteers and adopters in the Lewisburg area.

Tractor

No new information.

**** Action to Toni:** Call about selling the tractor.

**** Action to Steve:** When sold, investigate a small riding mower and push mowers

Adoption Fees

Other groups all have adoption fees around \$300 so it was decided to not pursue raising the adoption fee.

New Business

10th anniversary kennel reception and open house with take place on September 8.

Investigate replacing part of the turnout fences to correct for usage damage and with larger gates to allow mowers to access.

2 new pull up banners arrived for the Millers and Sharon Bracken.

Toni, Tina, and Steve are planning to attend Grapehounds to sell GiG merchandise and provide information. No rooms have been reserved yet.

Tina has been purchasing new merchandise: GiG mouse pads, GiG keychains, GiG umbrellas, GiG aprons, 2 new shirts, GiG logo hats, and reorders of the GiG women's fleece and jackets, and reorders of the Nittany Greyhounds best sellers. Currently waiting on the new Kent Robert's general design for another shirt and possibly a GiG men's fleece.

Bob K. has expressed interest in taking a larger role. Voting to change Steve's role to secretary and Bob's role to vice president with the idea of potentially taking over as president in the future. Toni motioned for a vote, Tina seconded, 9 voted for, 0 against, 0 abstained, motion carried.

**** Action to Toni:** Investigate connections for international adoption centers for adopting greyhounds and other sighthounds similar to the Romanian dogs.

Adjourn

Tina motioned to adjourn the meeting, Elaine seconded the motion.