

**Greater Fredericksburg Kennel club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 23, 2017**

These minutes are in draft until approved at the next BOD meeting.

The following Board members were present: Becky Heubi, Winona Siegmund, Terry Brewer, Sharon Allen, Patti Staub, Lynne Bailey, Gloria Martin, Kathy Ryan, Andi Gabler.

The BOD Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting minutes from the January 2017 BOD were presented. Winona Siegmund made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sharon Allen, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer:

Terry Brewer reported the Club has a balance of \$95,797.25.

Report of Committees:

Corresponding Secretary: There are 4-5 membership applications that have not been voted upon because there hasn't been a quorum in the last 2 membership meetings. There is an option to use Electronic voting for membership applications. This procedure requires AKC approval. Sharon Allen will check out what is required to implement this procedure.

A thank you note, from Ellen Brown, was read for the food platter that Annie Grace delivered on behalf of the Club.

Federation: Lynne Bailey reported that she was unable to attend the Federation meeting due to a conflict. She has requested her removal from this committee due her continuing conflicts.

Delegate: Patti will be going to the meeting in March.

Agility Trial: Sherry Rifley did not attend the meeting; there is nothing new to report. The committee will meet in March.

Training: Nothing new to report; classes are going well. The next 6 weeks of classes will begin on March 4th, at Tidewater Trail. Classes will be held outside beginning in April. Dates to be determined. A price increase for these classes was discussed. A motion was made by Sharon Allen and seconded by Winona Siegmund, to not increase the class fees.

Colonial K-9 has 3 rings available to the club. Conformation currently utilizes 1 ring. Other classes, puppy and obedience, could be held in the other 2 rings.

A new form for all classes was presented to the Board. It will be used for all GFKC classes. This will provide consistency for the Treasurer in collecting and depositing money.

Dog Show: Patti attended the Cluster meeting. Although they expect a rate increase from the Expo Center, at this time, we don't know what it will be. It was agreed that the Ballroom, which contains 6 units, will be split between conformation and obedience. Each will have 3 units for rings and grooming. This agreement for the use of the Ballroom to accommodate obedience, is only for 2018. The other 2 clubs have agreed to do this for 1 year only to provide adequate time for the obedience committee to make arrangements for the 2019 show.

New Business:

There is a seminar, Neonatal and Juvenile Hearts and Hands-On Stethoscope Training is being held on March 17, at The Restin Sheraton. This is offered by Cavaliers of the South and is presented by Dr. Scott Dove, DVM. Becky will send an e-mail to the membership to encourage carpooling to the event. The point of contact for coordinating the transportation is Gloria Martin.

Sharon Allen requested that the Corresponding Secretary's duties be changed to eliminate the membership responsibilities. A motion was made by Andi Gabler and seconded by Terry Brewer, to appoint a Membership Director that will be responsible for all membership duties, to include receipt and processing new member applications, dues collection for all members, and maintaining a current membership list. This position shall not be a member of the Board. This change was unanimously approved by the Board. A change to the Policy and Procedures will outline this position and duties.

The location of Board meetings was discussed in order to rotate locations on a quarterly basis. Winona Siegmund made the motion which was seconded by Lynne Bailey. Beginning in March, the Board will meet at The 4 Seasons. The next location will be discussed and decided for the next quarter meeting.

New officers will be voted at the June general membership meeting. There are 2 vacancies to fill; Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. A nominating committee will be formed by Chair, Andi Gabler. The committee will present candidates at the April meeting.

Policy and Procedures: Revisions will be made to the document and sent again.

Budget: The Budget Committee will be meeting soon.

Website: Andi Gabler reported that the current web page is not user friendly to keep it updated as it should be. Information was provided from a local webmaster, Simply Web Services (SWS), who proposed 5 Options for administering the site. The prices were broken into 4 quarterly options, prices based on the number of hours requested per quarter. The final option was presented as price per quarter hour. A motion to was made by Winnona Siegmund and seconded by Andi Gabler, to contact SWS to ask if we are able to buy 1 Quarter and then use their service on a quarter hour rate basis to continue. This will be reported at the next Board meeting.

Winnona made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andi Gabler