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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—NANCY LIGHT

Please note that the April Meeting is cancelled. Consideration is being given to holding future general meetings via Zoom.

It is hard to find words appropriate for a “message from the President” at this unprecedented time in all of our lives. While I am well and reasonably ok financially, I mourn for those who have lost loved ones, or who had illness themselves or have family who are ill, or have lost jobs or income. Even without that, our lives have been turned topsy-turvy with the stay at home and social distancing restrictions, and the loss of social connections. For many in this club, with a passion for dog sport, the loss of classes and events is life changing. It may be that we never get back to “normal” and my crystal ball is quite cloudy to see what is ahead.

While our Club does have a cushion of savings, that can not be sustainable if future years put our yearly budget at a substantial loss. In doing the 2020 budget, Linda did the projections with the assumption that EGRC would have no events this year. The biggest loss financially would be that of the agility trial, which has been a reliable source of club income in the past. Even with a late August date, it cannot be guaranteed that we will be able to conduct those trials. Other events like the Specialty, were always predicted at “break even”, but there are others like the CCA or health clinic that might have produced some income. The Hunt test is one of those, but with a late June date, the chances of that happening are not great. Even income from membership is down with some members reluctant to renew in these uncertain times and not much ability to recruit new members. Honestly, it is hard for me to fathom having NO events for the whole year.

Those who rely on dog events and training—instructors, superintendents, owners of facilities, as well as things like boarding and grooming --for their income have been hit hard and some may not survive. But the finances are only one aspect. We use those events and the group training we engage to prepare our dogs for events, to connect with each other, to cheer each other on, to commiserate when things don't go well. I believe our dogs are missing it too. I can do some training alone, but it is not the same as training with others. You just can't duplicate the advantages, say, of field training with a group to throw marks. I think a lot of breeders have put plans on hold due to the uncertainty in the future. The ability to socialize puppies, both before and after placement of the puppy with its family as well as puppy buyers more difficult to find due to some not wanting to risk the financial responsibilities of a puppy with job prospects uncertain. This is something I need to caution people who call me (as a contact on the puppy referral section of the webpage).

As you can see, we will not be having a general meeting in April and it is unknown when we will be able to hold another. We have been considering having a general meeting via Zoom. This worked very well for our Board meeting, and apparently AKC is not objecting

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President’s Message—Continued

to this, as they once did. It may require that EGRC buy a paid subscription which I understand will be password protected and with security protocols in place.

We do have a couple of committees hard at work, Rescue and Technology. In fact, as you can see elsewhere in this issue, the Rescue committee has sent the Board it’s report. We would like the input of the membership on this, so please send your idea and opinions to a Board member. The Technology committee is looking into ways to improve our social media presence via our website and Facebook improve our internal club communication, and keep us secure from hacking and other infiltrations.

As soon as we know what the prospects are for holding events, we will let you know. In the meantime, hug your dogs, train what you can, and stay connected with each other. Living alone, I rely on phone calls with family and friends to stay in touch, and welcome anyone who want to practice connection by calling me!

*Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
April Board Meeting Minutes
Date: April 6, 2020
Place: Via Zoom Conference Call*

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6.28 p.m. by Nancy Light, President.
Present: Nancy, Deb, Claudia, Sheila, Linda, Laila, Sharmin, Marian

II. Approval of Minutes: **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of the March board meeting. **APPROVED.** Minutes were printed in the March GW.

III. Report of the President (Nancy)

Welcomed our second virtual meeting.

Thank you to Laila for hosting our awards dinner and to Kathy and Lynn for arranging the awards and presentation.

Need for discussion as to the effects of the Covid-19 virus on our various events and finances as well as all dog sports.

IV. Report of Corresponding Secretary: (Deb) – no report

V. Report of Treasurer: (Linda)

Checking and Money Market balances were presented.

VI. Reports of Committees:

Events:

Agility – (Nancy) August 28, 29, 30, 2020.

Argus is charging cancellation fees on a sliding scale depending on how close to the event the cancellation takes place.

EGRC has until May 30th before we have to pay cancellation fees.

Argus might be willing to work with us if we cancel.

Specialty – August 14, 2020 (Sheila)

In contact with BaRay regarding our financial obligation to them if we end up not having the show.

If we process the premium list and commit to ribbons, we will have to pay for that. Don't have amount yet.

Premium list has to be out by beginning to middle of June.

Premium list is due April 22nd.

BayRay will start working on the premium so costs would be incurred.

Will speak with BaRay and find out if AKC waived requirement for the date.

We can go with the standard package (flat ribbons for all class placements)

Trophies for specialty prizes have been purchased. Might be able to return them

Spoke with OKC regarding Expo Center. They are allowing OKC to be in a holding pattern until closer to show. OKC not spending any money at this time and asked judges to not book flights yet. Limiting their exposure and not offering a date when they will make their decision.

Several clubs are cancelling through June.

We will move forward to getting flats.

Too late to withdraw supported entry (\$400) For Rainier and OKC. Possibly use for next year if Specialty is cancelled.

Already paid half of the cost for the judges' house, which deposit we will not recover.

Need to continue discussion of securing a Chair for 2021.

Judges Selection Committee (Sheila) no report

Hunt Test: (Linda) June 27-28, 2020

Have not expended any costs yet.

Did not file with AKC

There is no cancellation fee for the grounds or the birds

Not sure if there will be a second round of the Covid-19 in the fall

Tendency is to cancel.

We will wait to hear what Governor says after May 4th.

"Drop-dead" date is June 1st.

Tracking: TD/TDX (Nancy) – no report

WC/WCX: (Sheila) September 12, 2020. Flatcoat still a go for Sept. Not making any decisions to cancel at this time.

Holiday Party: (Deb) December 5, 2020 – For budgetary reasons, need to find a different venue for the party other than the Kirkland Women's club. Deb will contact them to see if they will refund our deposit. Marian offered her work facility at no charge. It has a large meeting room, full kitchen, etc.

Health Clinic – due to the Covid-19 virus we will hold off.

Finances:

Budget Committee (Linda) – Re-ran the budget with no events. We will have a loss of \$5700. If we have the Agility trials, we will be in a better position as it brings in the most money of all the events.

MOTION: To approve the budget with a loss of \$5700. **APPROVED**

Donation Committee (Linda) – No committee as we will not be making donations this year.

C. Club Affairs:

1. Membership (Marian)

61 members have paid

16 members have not renewed.

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Of the 61 paid, 30 are voting and 31 are non-voting
Extended to April 15th for renewal.

Golden West (Nancy) –
Deadline for April GW is April 17th.

Website – (Marian) – see technology committee below

Puppy Referral (Claudia) no report

Rescue (Claudia) – Committee members are Deborah Blair (Chair), Alice Brown, Trish Hughes, Gloria Kaczmarek and Sandy Scudder. TEAMS meeting to be held on April 8 at 7 p.m. Desiree from SPDR will be joining the meeting.

Technology Committee (Laila) –
No meeting yet. Waiting for Bobbi to set up a TEAM or ZOOM meeting.
EGRC Facebook page:
Admin – Sharmin Dominke
Editors: Bobbi Miller, Susan Babich, Kathy Fisk, Shari Phillips, Laila Vafaezadeh, Nancy Light

Meetings:
Monday May 4th – Board Meeting via ZOOM
No General Meeting in May

Awards (Claudia) – suggestions for 2020 accomplishments:
Recipients pay for their own engraving on perpetual award
All titles on one bar

Awards Banquet – (Laila) no report

CCA (Claudia) no report

Sunshine Committee (Nancy) no report

Nominating Committee no report

VII. Unfinished Business:

Standing Rules – Marian will send out the updated Rules for review of accuracy and timeliness.

VIII. New Business: - none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary

Thank you to Deb Pampiks for being the first to volunteer a a shirt with the logo from the 2007 National hosted by EGRC. I'm sure the raffle committee for the 2020 GRCA National is very appreciative.

THE 2020 NATIONAL SPECIALTY HAS BEEN CANCELLED

**EVERGREEN GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB
RESCUE COMMITTEE
April 13, 2020**

Recommendation to the EGRC Board

The Rescue Committee – comprised of Deborah Blair (Chair), Sandy Scudder, Alice Brown, Gloria Kaczmar-ski and Trish Hughes – met several times since being appointed by the Board in January. Our task was to re-search how EGRC is going to support rescue in the future.

The Board specifically asked for us to consider Golden Bond of Oregon (the group that EGRR passed their assets to) and that we contact GRCA to find out what other rescue groups are doing.

At our initial meeting, we discussed Golden Bond at length. Alice had been part of Pac Rim GRC when they separated from Golden Bond and was able to provide some insight into the split. One of the main reasons Pac Rim no longer supports Golden Bond is that they disagree with importing animals from overseas. We also contacted one of Pac Rim's Board members, who corroborated this information. We were able to review the tax records for Golden Bond as well. After lengthy discussion and review of the GRCA Resolution against importing dogs by rescue groups and EGRC's resolution supporting them, it was determined that no further consideration should be given to creating an association with Golden Bond. The Committee does not recom-mend supporting this group.

Contact was made with the GRCA Board, who referred us to the Chair of a newly formed task force which is investigating Golden Retriever rescue groups associated with GRCA. Apparently, they are still in the research phase of their investigations and have no formal recommendations for us at this time. They will be revamping the National Rescue Committee as well, so it will be awhile before we know much about future recommenda-tions. The Committee did not feel this should stop us from finding a good solution for EGRC.

We also did some investigations of international rescue groups but did not feel their approaches would work for us.

We contacted Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue (SPDR), and the initial conversation was quite positive. We then invited the Golden Retriever representative, Desiree Gibson, to join the whole committee in a Teams video/ audio chat. We asked her a number of questions and learned quite a bit about the way they operate. Here is a synopsis of what we discussed.

Desiree has been working with SPDR as their Golden Retriever representative for over a decade. She is not anti-breeder; in fact, she has a Golden that she may be showing which was purchased from a show breeder in our area. She currently has five volunteers who are involved in transporting and/or fostering dogs, and she doesn't think that any of them have a problem with breeders, either. When a dog is surrendered, they ask who the breeder is and try to contact the breeder first. She understands that not all breeders are created equal.

Although she is part of Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue, they will help dogs anywhere in the state and have even travelled to Oregon. There is an \$800 cap on the amount of money that can be spent on an individual dog, un-less she asks the Board for additional funds. She said that she's never been turned down. They also use their Facebook group (which has over 10,000 members) to raise funds for specific dogs if needed, and her place-ment of dogs who have ongoing medical needs is excellent.

Desiree is interested in joining the club and could perhaps write articles for the newsletter. She is also interest-ed in coming to a General Membership Meeting to do a presentation on their rescue efforts.

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Our Committee was incredibly impressed with Desiree and with the process that Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue has.

Our recommendation to the EGRC Board is:

That we endorse the efforts of SPDR regarding Golden Retriever Rescue.

That we inform our members of their group and encourage participation, either in the form of volunteering to help or in contributing financially.

That we include a link to their web site on our web site, and to their Facebook group on our Facebook page. Also, that club representatives who are asked about rescue or obtaining an older dog be referred to SPDR.

That we have Desiree attend the next General Membership meeting (once we can all get together in one place again) so that the membership has a chance to ask their own questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this service to our club. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have additional questions.

Pictures from the March 2020 Awards Banquet











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Special Events

2020 Agility	Ane Brusendorff	425-788-8029
2020 Hunt Test	Linda Johnson	425-241-2471
2020 Specialty	Sheila Colyer	206-850-0359
2019 Awards	Lynn Anderson	206-351-5020
	Kathy Fisk	425-419-9450
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2020 Tracking	VACANT	
SKC Booth	Sandy Scudder	425-337-4503
	Gloria Kaczmarek	
	Susan Babich	
Holiday Party	Deb Pampiks	425-881-0867
Awards Banquet	Laila Vafaezadeh	425-877-6560
WCWCX	Amy Raby	425-883-1083

The Objectives of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

- a) To preserve the structure, soundness, temperament, natural abilities and personality of the Golden Retriever as described in the breed standard and to do all possible to bring their natural abilities and qualities to perfection.
- b) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever shall be judged.
- c) To protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows, field events, obedience trials and all functions and events where EGRC is being represented.
- d) To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- e) To educate members and the public in all aspects of owning a Golden Retriever.

General Information

General Meetings are usually held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Check the calendar on the web site at www.egrc.org. The **Board of Directors** usually meets once a month. Contact a Board member for upcoming meeting dates. Members wishing to attend must call the President to state their business.

Application for Membership: Prospective members must attend either one or two meetings or functions before application of intent to join is accepted. Application forms may be obtained from Board members, the Membership Chair, or from the web site.

Change of Address. If you have moved, changed your phone number or your e-mail address, please e-mail our Membership Chair, Marian Tillman, marian@ridesoft.com, with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.



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