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**The January meeting will be Wednesday,
January 24th at 7:00 pm, via Zoom.**





Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday November 27, 2023
Place: Via Zoom Conference Call

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Nancy Light, President.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
Motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 2023 GM meeting which were published in the November GW. **APPROVED.**
- III. **Report of the President:**
 - Welcome members and guest (Xavier)
 - We have received another donation for our Raffle which we will discuss under New Business (a framed set of Golden plates). We are seeking someone to organize and be in charge of this special raffle.
 - Reminder everyone to apply for awards for their 2023 accomplishments. Also think about submitting a member of the year nomination to the Board.
- IV. **Report of the Board (Nancy)**
 - The Board has decided to use PayPal as the online method for members who do not wish to use paper checks. The application, however, still needs to be mailed or emailed to the membership chair.
- V. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Susan/Kelli)** – Susan will now be reporting AKC and GRCA news and Kelli is our new Treasurer. Susan is now receiving AKC and GRCA news. An item of importance from AKC was mentioned regarding a virus that has been spreading in dogs and a strong suggestion was to ask the judge at Conformation events, if they would allow the handler to show the dog's bite rather than the judge handling the mouth area of one dog and then doing the same to the next dog, thereby possibly transferring any virus to another dog.
- VI. **Report of Treasurer (Susan)** – Bank balances for checking and savings was reported. Susan and Kelli will be meeting this week to add Kelli to the bank account and go over the financial records. Susan will meet with Peter to add him as a signer at a later date.
- VII. **Report of Committees:**

Events:

1. Agility (Nancy) August 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2024
 - Judges are Torka Poet and Jenny Burrows.
 - The disputed issue of discounted entries for the owners of Run Wild/Argus has been resolved and there will be no discount. We expect to receive the contract with Run Wild shortly.
 - We will have a contract with Lori soon.
 - Lori will get the contract with the judges.
 - We will be paying more than 2023 for the facility, but we hope to maintain the larger number of entries we had, and will pay less for judges, so should do ok financially.
2. Specialty (Shari) June 29, 30, 2024
 - The dates for the Specialty have been approved by AKC.

- Hach can now contact the judges.
3. Judges Selection Committee (Trish) There was a lengthy discussion on the value of selecting judges for the 2024 and 2025 Specialty. It was suggested that those top judges that were selected by the membership for the 2024 Specialty who were already committed elsewhere, could be asked to participate in our 2025 Specialty. Not all members were aware of this suggestion, and discussion ensued regarding the best way to secure judges for future Specialties. This issue will be deferred to the December 11th Board Meeting and anyone who has a stake in Conformation and would like to continue the discussion, are invited to attend the Board Meeting. Please email Marian at marian@ridesoft.com to be added to the Zoom invite.
 4. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 22-23, 2024
 - Susan and Nancy met and have begun planning. Peter will also be joining their meetings.
 5. Tracking (TD/TDX) no report
 6. WC/WCX (Susan/Nancy) Rita Robins advised that Certificates for those Golden in the 2022 WC/WCX will be going out by the end of this month. It is EGRC's turn to do the 2024 WC/WCX. Suggested dates are September 14 or October 12.
 7. Holiday Party – December 16, 2024 at Deb & Frank Pampiks. Details are in the current GW. Be sure to rsvp and let Deb know what dish you will be bringing. There will be a gift exchange.
 8. Health Clinic –Nothing planned for this coming year.
 9. CCA (Caroline) – towards the end of 2024.

FINANCES:

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli) – The Board will appoint the committee in January. Board is looking at combining this committee with the Audit committee. Susan and Kelli will be on the committee as incoming and outgoing Treasurer but we will need a few more people possibly including previous audit committee.
2. Donations Committee (Sandy, Stacia, Kathy) – When we get the year-end financial report, we will decide on the donations.

CLUB AFFAIRS:

1. Membership (Marian)
 - 70 members. Voting tonight on two applicants.
2. Golden West (Nancy) December GW published December 23. Deadline Dec.. 19th.
3. Website (Marj) no report
4. Puppy referral (Stacia)
 - If you wish to be on the puppy referral list for next year, make sure you meet the requirements by the end of this year.
 - If you want to be an Information person, it would be best if you are not actively breeding.
5. Rescue (Alice/Rachelle) –

- Rachele is awaiting her appointment as Administrative Assistant for the GRCA Cares program. She needs to be a member of GRCA for 1 year, so she's a few months short of a year.
 - Please review Rachele's announcement in the Nov GW about trying to organize any of the members interested in helping find homes for Golden Retrievers. If you want to participate and support people who want to rescue or foster, contact Rachele or Alice.
6. Meetings:
- Board Meeting December 11th 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - GM Meeting/Holiday Party December 16th at the Pampiks.
7. Awards (Pat) The awards application is on our website. Please review your dogs' records for 2023 and look at the awards criteria to see what you might qualify for. It's always nice to be recognized with a Certificate, even if you don't want a trophy.
8. Awards Banquet (Nancy) Looking for a location.
9. Property (Deb)
- The Board felt that given this is such an expensive investment, more time was needed. Another group trip to our storage unit at Argus is needed to clean it out and throw away unused/items no longer needed, while possibly transferring some of the remaining items to locations where they will be more accessible (such as hunt test and agility property). Deb is trying to organize the trip to Argus.
10. GR NEWS COLUMN (Rachele) Thank you Rachele for the interesting column in the GR News on Pyometra (with the help of Alice Brown).
11. Sunshine Committee (Suzy) – Suzy has been sending many cards.
12. Social Media (Marj, Kathy, Marian, Kelli, Kerry) – no report
13. Election of new Member: Heather Downing & Dana Fare were elected to the Membership.
- VIII. Unfinished Business** – Status of donations for Raffle. This will be separate from the usual Specialty Raffle.
- Ron will attempt to pick up the Gearhart donations which are currently at Baray.
 - There was another donation (which Pat currently is holding) from Neena Pellegrini. They are three framed Golden Plates.
 - These items are a special raffle that are outside of the regular Specialty raffle that we hold. It requires someone who can Chair this raffle as it will be publicized on our website and FB page and culminate at our Specialty. This Chair would need to know how best to conduct this raffle. Anyone who wishes to take this on, please let the Board know.
- IX. New Business** – Kelli Armstrong brought up the topic of EGRC conducting some fun events throughout the year for members and their dogs. This idea was suggested to Kelli by Dana and Jennifer. A small committee to brain storm was suggested. Claudia, Deb, Jennifer and Dana offered to be on the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary



**Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
December 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
Date: December 11, 2023
Place: Via Zoon Conference Call**

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Nancy Light, President.

Present: Nancy, Kelli, Peter, Amy, Susan, Alice, Pat.

Absent: Marian

Guests: Trish, Amy, Sharmin, Shari, Kathy Fisk, Lynn

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 2023 Board meeting which were published in the November GW. **APPROVED.**

III. Report of the President:

- Welcome guests who are attending in connection with the Judges Selection Committee and over concerns with the selection process. We invited anyone who was interested to come to the Board meeting and be a part of the discussion.
- The process for the Judges Selection Committee encountered some dissention at the GM as there was some confusion as to what the procedures were The JSC Guide is now available on the website and has clarified some of the issues that came up.
- Per the Guidelines, we will appoint the JSC at tonight's meeting under New Business.
- We will also be addressing some changes to Standing Rules on financial issues, proposed by Kelli, which she has sent to you.

IV. Report of Corresponding Secretary: (Susan)

No items to report

V. Report of Treasurer: (Kelli) – Bank balances for checking and savings were reported.

VI. Reports of Committees:

Open for discussion on the Judges Selection Committee (JSC) with the guests who are here tonight.

- The major point of contention at the November General Meeting was that judges who were not available to judge the date they were asked for, would not be asked for the following year availability since there needed to be a separate process—nominations and voting—for each year.
- Based on the review of the Guide for the JSC, the process discussed by Trish at the GM is on track. The judges survey presented earlier this year is for 2024 judges. Trish reported that Hatch will be calling judges for the 2024 Specialty.
- Once the 2024 judges are under contract, the 2025 judges nomination and selection process will begin. The JSC expects this to take place in later January with judges under contract for 2025 by the end of March.
- Once the 2025 judges are under contract, the 2026 judges nomination and selection process will begin. The selection process would then be out two years as recommend by the guidelines.

A. Events:

1. Agility: (Nancy) August 30, 31, Sept 1 2024 - Received the updated Run Wild contract. Contract is due January 1, with \$250 deposit. Lori will send contracts with judges to Nancy.

MOTION: To authorize payment of deposit of \$250 to Run Wild. **APPROVED.**

2. Specialty June 29-30, 2024 (Nancy)
 - Shari was a guest at the meeting and discussed the fact that there are a lot of out-of-pocket costs. The \$3,000 check to the Specialty Chair prior to the event is not sufficient to cover the costs. The Board and Shari discussed other options for chair to cover expenses such as a separate Specialty credit card for event that is assigned to chairperson and pre-signed checks for judges. How do we streamline and help make the process smoother. Will discuss options with banker at US Bank.
 - Waiting to hear from Hatch on Judges.
 - Shari has an idea for a logo/theme for the specialty that would include both the Golden and Springers. Logo with a Golden only would be available for trophies etc.
3. Judges Selection Committee: (Amy) See notes above from discussion with guests and members of the JSC.
4. Hunt Test: (Nancy/Susan) June 22-23, 2024. Grounds are reserved, judges have been called but Susan has not heard back from them. Birds have been confirmed.
5. Tracking: TD/TDX no report
6. WC/WCX: (Nancy)
 - Best available date seems to be September 15, which is Sunday. Need Board approval for date and location (Cascade Retrievers Training Grounds). I will complete application and send the \$200 fee and will send proof of insurance, as soon as insurance is renewed. Nancy discussed inviting the Hilton's to judge the event.

Motion: To appoint Nancy as Chair and Susan as Test Secretary. **APPROVED.**

Motion: To authorize payment of \$200 to Cascade Retrievers for grounds deposit. **APPROVED.**

7. Holiday Party: December 16, 2023. (Marian) Marj sent out an email reminder. Nancy to follow up with Deb on attendance. Please remember to RSVP to Deb prior to Saturday, Dec. 16th.
8. Health Clinic – no clinics are planned for 2024.

B. Finances:

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli)
 - Discussed combining the Audit and Budget Committee since their work overlaps. A combined committee will also help to expedite the budget process. The Board supports combining the two committees.
 - Audit/Budget Committee to be appointed in January. Susan and Kelli will be on committee as Past/present Treasurer. Trish and Rachelle have agreed to be on committee as past members of Audit Committee.

- The 2024 budget will be based on the 2023 financial report with input from committee chairs on their predictions for any changes to keep in mind for 2024.
- Kelli discussed updating the Financial Affairs section of the Standing Rules to clarify and provide more detail on processes. Changes will be presented to the Board in January.
- Kelli discussed changing bank check signing requirements from two signatures needed to one. She is also working on a fillable check request form for ease of submitting to the treasurer.

Motion: To change number of required check signatures from two (2) to one (1).
APPROVED.

2. Donation Committee (Susan) – Donation decision will be made in early 2024 as part of the budget process. There will not be donations in 2023.

C. Club Affairs:

1. Membership (Marian)

- Membership form has been updated and made fillable, Peter made final edits for the dates and activities so all items are now fillable and will be posted to the website soon.
- Members can pay by either PayPal or check.

2. Golden West (Nancy) Deadline Dec 19th. Publishing about Dec 23rd.

3. Website – no report

4. Puppy referral -

- Discussed the need for a liaison for puppy referral with Stacia.

Motion: To appoint Amy as liaison. **APPROVED.**

- Amy to send a reminder to Stacia for send out 2024 applications for breeders list on webpage.
- Claudia has expressed interest in helping with breeders list process.
- It was noted that the puppy referral page has a statement endorsing Seattle Purebred Rescue. The Board discussed and voted to remove since the Club is no longer supporting or affiliated with the rescue. Nancy will contact Marge to have it removed from the EGRC puppy page.
- Alice has been contacted by a person in the Vancouver area that is affiliated with the Seattle Purebred Rescue. Discussed utilizing this connection although there are concerns as to how long this contact will be connected to the rescue. No decision at this time, we will wait and see if the rescue contact stays onboard.

5. Rescue: (Alice) - Rachele is working on a document that will note resources and other information for rescue.

6. Meetings:

- General Meeting/Holiday Party Saturday December 16, 4:00pm at the Pampik's.
- Board Meeting Monday, January 8th 7pm via Zoom
- General Meeting Wednesday January 24th 7pm via Zoom

- 7. Awards: (Pat) We have one nomination for Member of the Year (but need to get accompanying reasons for nomination) Amy will be submitting an additional nominee by the January deadline.
- 8. Awards Banquet (Marian) - Nancy will check in with Claudia on where we are at for ideas on holding the banquet. Please send any thoughts to Claudia or Nancy.
- 9. Property (Nancy) Awaiting word on group going to Run Wild to assess property in storage unit.

Motion: To appoint Nancy as liaison. **APPROVED.**

- 10. CCA (Kelli) - Caroline McCormick chair.

Motion: To appoint Kelli as liaison. **APPROVED.**

- 11, Sunshine committee – Suzi to send a card to Marian
- 12. Social media committee (Kelli) - no report
- 13. Nominating Committee - no report

VII. Unfinished business:

Discussed the need to appoint a member to handle the special auction/raffle items that were recently donated to the club. Shari stated that there was not a need to appoint a person for these items, that they would be handled with the regular fundraising items at the Specialty.

VIII. New business:

- A. Appoint 2024 Judges Selection Committee.

Motion: To appoint Trish (Chairperson) Sharmin, and Amy. **APPROVED.**

- B. We do not have a GRCA Delegate. Amy volunteered to be the club delegate.

Motion: To appoint Amy as delegate. **APPROVED.**

- C. Pat discussed the Agility trophy and the need to add Grand Champion so that the trophy is all inclusive of the higher titles that can be earned in agility.

Motion: To add Grand Champion to Agility trophy. **APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Armstrong, Acting Recording Secretary

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Special Events

2023 Agility	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2023 Hunt Test	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2023 Specialty	Shari Phillips	206-366-5596
2023 Awards	Pat Lindquist	253-888-9733
2023 Holiday Party	Deb, Frank Pampiks	425-881-0867
WC/WCX	Susan Bell Nancy Light	425-318-9754 425-354-3609

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 Wednesday of each month at 7:00 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.

