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May Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by President, Tim M. Julie G. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Penny M. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Beth J. reported that the beginning balance from the previous month was \$6,220.87. Income was \$2,181.00 (\$24.20 from our Schnucks e-Script cards) and expenses were \$1,776.42 leaving an ending balance of \$6,649.65. The ending balance in the Flash Fund was \$28,944.07.

Membership Report

Amy G. reported that we had no inquiries in the previous month but we had two new members, Bob and Mary B. who were also present at the meeting. There

was one visitor at the meeting, Judy H. who adopted Austin from GGRR in 2001. He passed away and she has recently resubmitted a new application for another GGRR rescue!



Max Grimm enjoys a boat ride over the Fourth of July weekend!

Intake Report

Penny M. reported that we had one dog come in in the previous month: 09-015R Jack—a 4 year old male who was returned to GGRR due to his family's financial is-

sues and they could not afford to keep him because they had to move. He is a sweet boy and is being fostered by Julie M. Penny also announced that we need a foster home for Romeo who is currently out at Under One Woof. He is very high energy and is not housebroken yet. If you are interested, see Penny. She also announced that she had plenty of foster home folders if anyone needs a few.

Adoption Report

Mike S. reported that one dog was placed in the previous month:

011-010 Shelby

Mike S. informed everyone that is doing phone interviews or home visits that we need to stress that people need to train their rescued dogs. It's a great bonding experience and the dog will work out much better for the family in the long run. Dogs aim to please so if you want your rescue Golden to fit in well with your family, training is a must!



Goldens do the craziest things! Walter Gerber wants attention during our July meeting from his mom!

Website Report

Paul S. reported on our website's traffic from the previous month:

Hits: 96,651
 Page Views: 19,602
 Visitors: 7,764

GGRR has over 518 fans on Facebook now too!



GRR Events

Upcoming Events

Muddpuppies Adoption Days / Dog Wash & Hot Dog Day— Saturday, August 13th

Tim M. announced that he had talked to the owners of Muddpuppies and that we will hold a Hot Dog and Dog Wash Adoption Day at their location on Saturday, August 13th. We need GRR volunteers to wash dogs, grill hot dogs and pass out information on GRR. This event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will wash people's dogs for them and Muddpuppies will donate the \$15.00 for the wash to GRR. Donations will be accepted for our grilled hot dogs too. If you can help with any of the above on Saturday, August 13th, please let Tim M. know.

Kirkwood Greentree Festival September 16th, 17th and 18th

This event is held at Kirkwood Park and is a huge event for GRR. A booth is set up for us to bring our dogs and give out information to the public about GRR. Please save the date on your calendars for this weekend as we will need many workers and their Golden Retrievers to staff our booth.

APA Carnival Sunday, October 2nd

This event is held at Tilles Park in Rock Hill. It is usually held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Keep this event in mind since we will need volunteers to work our booth and dogs for our ex-pen!

Spirit of St. Louis Canine Games

Sunday, October 16th

The Samoyed Rescue Club will host the Canine Games out at Purina Farms in Labadie, MO on Sunday, October 16th. GRR members discussed having our booth out there this year, but since there isn't too much traffic at the actual booths and more at the canine games, we decided not to attend this event this year.

Tim M. announced that he will have a sign-up sheet for all upcoming events at the next meeting

Old & New Business

Old Business

Amy G. announced that she has ordered more Schnucks E-Script cards and they should be in soon. These cards can be scanned when you check out at Schnucks and a portion of whatever you spent will go to GRR.

Mike S. gave an update on the National Specialty that will happen out at Purina Farms in September 2012. Mike S. and Rich T. have started a committee to work on the Parade of Rescue Dogs. They are also trying to get a traveling wall made that will have tags on it with names of Golden Retrievers and their families. These tags will be sold for around \$20-\$25 and will have their dog's name and their family name on them and will be placed on the traveling wall. They will use that money to pay the announcer at the specialty, print

flyers, etc. These tags will be available for purchase online and are only for Golden Retrievers.

President, Tim M., announced that we have plenty of car decals if anyone needs one.

New Business

Chris R. asked what Golden Retrievers are currently still available. Penny M. reported that we had the following Golden Retrievers: Charlie, Jack, Trooper, Samantha, Romeo, Bailey and Baxter.

Tim M. brought up that we have updated our GRR brochure to hand out at functions. Tracie G. brought a few to proof and get input on. We would like to print

a couple hundred of them to keep on hand and to give out at businesses and veterinary offices around town. Please take a look at the brochures and let Tim or Tracie know if anything needs to be changed. Tim would like to order them before our next meeting so we have them for our Muddpuppies event.

A motion was made by Julie G. and seconded by Amy G. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Sign up sheets for upcoming events will be passed around at our August 11th meeting!

Fifteen Commandments for a Successful Rescue

The following is from an old GGRR flyer that was shared with me and I thought the following was great food for thought on what makes a successful rescue. If we all follow these parameters in our rescue group, everything else just might take care of itself!

Fifteen Commandments for a Successful Rescue

1. *Be open-minded, but not naïve.*
2. *Learn from the mistakes of others, as well as from your own.*
3. *Be willing to sacrifice, but be mindful of your limitations.*
4. *Maintain your sense of humor—you'll need it!*
5. *Always behave professionally, even though you may encounter professionals who do not.*
6. *Don't expect others to do what you would not do yourself.*
7. *Respect the efforts of everyone, although some will do more than others.*
8. *Realize that the basis for a sound, smooth operation is cooperation and communication.*
9. *Maintain and preserve your integrity and credibility.*
10. *Be grateful for all favors.*
11. *Be considerate of one another—including other's opinions.*
12. *Follow the guidelines.*
13. *Be tolerant of brisk discussions, but not of arguments.*
14. *Make board meetings luncheons or dinners. It's difficult to disagree on a full stomach.*
15. *Set aside time each week for your family and yourself!*

Ways to Destroy Rescue

1. *Fail to attend meetings or pay dues*
2. *Criticize others or their efforts without just cause.*
3. *Never volunteer or contribute.*
4. *Ignore the fact that leaders are an asset.*
5. *Function independently rather than as a group.*
6. *Never communicate.*
7. *Behave other than professionally.*
8. *Assume that you know it all.*
9. *Forget your family.*
10. *Blame others for your mistakes.*
11. *Gossip.*
12. *Take everyone for granted.*
13. *Ignore financial obligations.*
14. *Refuse offers of assistance.*

Moving Day!
Cami R. can't understand why everyone is unpacking and won't play ball with her in her new backyard!

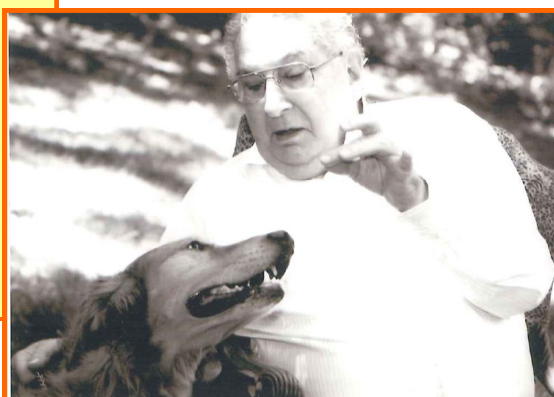


Donations

GGRR received donations from the following individuals and groups:

The Friends & Family of the late George Berg in memory of him and his love for his Golden, Sam.
(George is pictured to the right with Sam.)

L.D. Benson, in memory of Mae Barner.



Cute Dog Story

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.

An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.



Curious I pinned a note to his collar: "I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

I Rescued a Human Today

Submitted by Barb Blacksher

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels.

I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.

As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.

A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms.

I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side.

I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor.
So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors.
So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

Rainbow Bridge

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the following family that recently lost their beloved Golden companions:

Susan Freund—Frosty & Chip

My name is Susan Freund and I used to work with GGRR before I moved to Maryland. I just wanted to let everyone know that Frosty who I adopted on February 14, 2004 crossed the Rainbow Bridge suddenly on June 22nd. He was a young blind rescue from St. Charles picked up as a stray. Chip was one of 2 puppy mill pups that I fostered for a couple of months. His brother, Dale was adopted out, but no one wanted Chip so I adopted him on August 28, 2001. He crossed the Rainbow Bridge on June 28th. Needless to say it's been a little sad around here. They are sorely missed by their "siblings" Toby, Blitzen and Marti. I enjoy reading the newsletters and updates on people and dogs that I know. Keep up the good work GGRR!

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Next Meeting

Thursday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m.
At the Dog Museum in Queeny Park
We love having happy healthy Golden Retrievers at our meetings! Please make sure your dog is up to date on shots and vaccinations.

To Adopt or Surrender a Dog Call the GGRR Phone Lines: (314) 995-5477

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