

SA Greys Board Meeting
March 10, 2019
Woods Library
Tucson, AZ

Meeting was called to order by Board President Mark Westergaard at 2:00 pm.

Approval or correction of minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and will be posted.

Financial Report

The financial report was distributed; especially noted was the huge vet bill from January 2019 and a much smaller amount from February. A \$1,000 check was received from Greyhound Guild.

Communications Report

There is a new template for email - a single template for multiple uses. It was suggested by Lorre Wisham that a style guide be developed. There is a need for blog editors to continue the blog.

Fundraising/Events/Outreach Report

New Jim Click Fundraising Raffle tickets are now available for \$25 each or 4 for \$100. Grand prize this year is a Jeep which will be on display at the Ice Cream Social on March 31.

Greyt Winter Festival hosted 80 attendees and more than 20 hounds. There were sponsorships valued at approximately \$5,000 and numerous silent auction items which raised funds for the Emergency Assistance Fun. The committee will tweak the event for 2020 and requests donations from restaurants, airline vouchers, etc.

Arizona Gives Day will be held on April 2; a lengthy newsletter will be sent out on March 11 noting the group spends about \$1,200 to ready a healthy dog for adoption

The Ice Cream Social (March 31 @ Brandi Fenton Park) will offer silent auction items - volunteers are requested to sign up via the SA Greys website.

Adopt Love Adopt Local will be held at the Tucson Expo Center on April 13, from 9 am - 4 pm. Volunteers are welcome and are asked to sign up via the SA Greys website.

Operations Report

One three month old puppy is coming on March 11. Florida and Alabama are

not providing dogs. Kansas farms seem to our current source. One dog came from California on March 9. Discussion ensued regarding dogs from Macau and Galgos from Spain.

Adoptions

Currently there are 20 adopters needing “cat safe” (tolerant) hounds. Seventeen of these adopters are first time adopters; three have other dogs as well. Adoptions are open to residents of Southern New Mexico.

Old Business

The Alamos property contract will expire on July 11. We will finish the current listing and continue to seek other options for sale.

New Business

Merchandise/Online Store is up and running via an option to use store through “Buy Gear” icon on home page. All orders placed by March 14 should be batched and might be ready for delivery at the Ice Cream Social. There was discussion regarding the “opening” and “closing” of the store to facilitate batching for reasons of economy and shoppers will be made aware of anticipated delivery dates. A machine embroidery file has been created.

It has been decided the issue of “thank you” cards will be sent only for special gifts.

The newly established Emergency Assistance Fund (funded by the Greyt Winter Festival proceeds) was explained to the audience. A committee of three members will be reviewing applications and determining the extent of our availability to help individual situations using all knowledge and experience available.

Four members of the Tucson Area Lab Rescue Club (temporary name) attending our meeting were introduced. They are currently in the process of planning and implementing an independent group for rescue purposes. They plan to rescue across the border and into New Mexico and would like to work with SA Greys as partners. Items discussed were: a link on our website and the possible share of fostering, and where donations for their group would come to an SA Grey fund specific for their lab needs. They do have grant writers. The suggestion was made to have an advisory group from SA Greys to assist the with their founding. It was moved and approved that SA Greys would foster the lab group.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lopez, Secretary