

SA Greys Annual Meeting
Via Skype
January 16, 2022
Tucson, AZ

Meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

Approval or correction of minutes

The minutes from the December 12, 2021, board meeting were approved and were posted.

Financial Report

The financial report has previously been sent to the board, Current steady cash balance is \$58,000.

Elections Report

Of the fifty-two members, forty-one voted on the only open board position. Debra Hardman was elected and at this time, she took over the meeting.

Operations Report

The Operations Annual Report was presented; in 2021 there were forty-two adoptions. The number of adoptions in 2020 was sixty-seven (the year the Florida tracks closed); in 2019 there were forty-four adoptions and in 2018, there were forty-five adoptions. All intakes have been adopted. Thirteen hounds came from a Kansas farm, ten from the Caliente track, and four from SWX. There were four rebound hounds. Sadly, due to Covid there was difficulty in receiving hounds. Often, spay/neuter surgery had to be delayed due to the overwhelming workload of veterinarians.

The goal for 2022 is to increase the number of foster homes as it is possible that hounds coming from overseas might number eight each time. Slides of the Operations report will be attached to the calendar portion on the SAGA website and to the archive.

Adoption Report

Flying Irish Greyhounds (FIG) funding is being reviewed by its board and will be updating their information within the next few weeks. Information will be sought from the Baltimore adoption group as they have been receiving hounds from Ireland recently. There will be no need for a quarantine period for FIG hounds as the customs broker ensures all necessary information has accompanied each hound. The broker brings expertise in facilitating the transfer and the brokers fee is a portion of the cost of each hound.

Friend and Fundraising Report

AZ Gives Day will be live beginning at noon on April 5 and will continue

through noon on April 6. Hourly incentives will occur on the first day. We usually win the incentive prize, and it is hoped we will be able to accomplish this again. Our goal this year is \$15,000; in 2020 we raised \$16,000. AZ Gives is our largest source of donations. There will be a dedicated button on our website directing the donor to our PayPal site. Most donors pay the slight PayPal fee to reduce our portion of using the PayPal site. This year there is a unique email requirement. If you are donating more than once in a “power hour” please use separate (different) email addresses. Do not forget the donation match offered by employers. Remember to utilize the Amazon Smile, Fry’s and I Give to help support the SA Greys.

Due to COVID19:

All home visits are conducted through video
Adoption and foster contracts are e-signed
PayPal is the preferred method of payment – most adopters paying the processing fees
Meet & Greets for potential adopters are conducted either at Wanda’s or at parks
Pending adopters are under foster contract until the hound has necessary medical procedures.

Call to the Audience

The focus of group discussion continued regarding the possibility of procuring hounds through Flying Irish Greyhounds. It was confirmed there are currently thirty-eight approved families on the waiting list for a hound.

It will be possible to conduct a “foster campaign” to enlist the help of fosters for incoming hounds.

Mark Westergaard was nominated for the now open Vice- president position and was elected unanimously. Outgoing president, Rudy Lopez was elected as a member at large.

Our next meeting will be on February 14, 2022, via Skype due to social distancing.

<https://join.skype.com/y567Gq6s0xhv>

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lopez