

SA Greys Board Meeting
Via Skype
June 12, 2022
Tucson, AZ

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

Approval or correction of minutes

The minutes from the April 24, 2022, board meeting were approved and were posted.

Financial Report

The financials had been sent to the board via email earlier in the month. Currently the cost for the Irish greyhounds stands at \$32,274 with veterinary costs for seven hounds still pending. It is important to keep a healthy balance of \$40-\$45K. \$25K should be budgeted for veterinary fees. This financial report was approved. Further, it was approved to place our financials on the website.

Currently, we must consider raising the adoption fee to \$1K for Irish hounds or having the transportation/cargo costs shared with adopters. If the shared transportation/cargo fee is determined to be the adoption fee, there would be a one-to-two-week lead time to determine the transportation costs to let adopters be aware of the adoption fee. It is important for adopters to understand the increase in adoption fees is due only to transportation/cargo costs; everything administrative is free.

Discussion ensued including: an open explanation of how that cost was determined; more advertising ahead of Irish greyhound arrival to allow the public to have a greater understanding of the need to rescue and adopt hounds from being euthanized; publishing a "Year in the Life" on the website to share the knowledge of expenses associated with owning a greyhound.

The issue was put to vote. Raising the adoption fee to \$1K for Irish greyhounds was unanimously approved.

Operations Report

There was no operations report

Adoption Report

There was no adoption report.

Friend and Fundraising Report

Jim Click raffle tickets are still being sold. We could place more emphasis on

these to raise awareness as year end sales usually are the key to the success of this venture. It was suggested more publication on Facebook and Instagram should be helpful.

Nail clinics were under discussion; it would need to be open to dogs other than greyhounds. Previously, students from the vet tech programs have been available for dog washes and might be available for nail trimming.

A pickleball tournament was discussed – pickleball is especially popular in Green Valley. One current board member and one previous member do play pickleball, perhaps they might investigate the possibility of this activity as a fundraiser.

A 50/50 raffle – with tickets available only from our website is another possibility. This 50/50 raffle has been used in highly successful local fundraisers. Use of CiVi for this activity was explained and there would be no difficulty in the assigning of raffle tickets numbers to participants. This same portion of CiVi would be used to host an on-line auction.

An event at the Medella Vina Ranch has been explored. The possibility of a Trivia Night or Fall Festival is open. There ranch does have a bar and the food issue is answered by a BYOF (bring your own food). We would possibly have hot dogs or pizza which would be sold by donation.

Other fundraising suggestions included: Coffee with Yoga, Yoga and Wine, Wine Tasting, a joint event with Greyt Escape, or a tearoom experience.

A friend raising event, the Halloween Roo Union, is planned for Sunday, October 30, 2022, at the Hay Barn in Brandi Fenton Park. If we can lock down this date we could include the usual pumpkin pie, puppacinos, hot dog dunking contest, and Halloween costume contest. Proposed hours at noon – 3 pm.

Communications Committee

The Communications committee has indicated the need for a longer newsletter to sent to our friends and supporters. The length of this would more informative and less of an “email blast.” Using local media would be a definite plus – the Arizona Daily Star reporter who researched and wrote the story of the track closing was contacted to provide the information regarding hounds still being available for adoption did not respond. An article in the *Tucson Dog* might be possible.

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 & Greet 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

There were no questions or concerns from the audience.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Our next meeting will be held at 2 pm on September 11, 2022, via Skype due to social distancing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lopez