

**Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Sunday April 14, 2024 at 2:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order**

**Time: 2:01 pm**

**Verification of quorum**

**Board members present:** Jeanne Gacke, Abrie Schroder, James Rappaport, Nancy Lynberg, Ann Poff

**Board members absent:** Sarah Hosea

**Approval of minutes**

- Nancy Lynberg moved to approve March minutes, duly seconded, passed with voice vote

**Financial Report**

- **Status of SA Greys finances**

We are currently operating at a loss. Given that many of the Caliente dogs have medical issues, this was expected. March: \$67,547.52. We are now sitting at around \$60,000 right now.

- **AZ Gives**

We raised more than \$20,000 (set to pay out first week in May). We are in the black on hockey night. Whatever we garner from the 50:50 drawing is all ours.

**Directors report**

Nancy Lynberg

- AZ Gives was extremely successful
- We raised \$20,125, roughly a 50% increase from last year. We won the 3:00 - 4:00 power hour (additional \$2,000)
- Average donation was \$168 (\$159 last year)
- \$4,186 was designated to Jackie's Fund

**Adoption Coordinator (Nancy)**

- New Apps since Mar Meeting: **11 (applications are down with us and with other animal rescue groups)**

- Total Approved: **7**
- In Progress: **4**
- Number of dogs adopted: **4 (2 Aussies and 2 Caliente hounds)**
- New Foster Apps: **3 (2 approved)**
- Currently in Foster: **Penny (escaped but found; she needs a bit of time in foster care), Rocky (doing well, not cat safe), Kenny (GI issues from Caliente, suspected IBS; on Prednisone and special diet)**
- Incoming Aussies: **8 on May 4. We have 8 fosters for them to go into. Our practice is to not bring in hounds unless we already have foster placements ready. Likely will have 4 in Phoenix and 4 in Tucson**

Flint – Adopted and doing well. In Kingman.

Bruce – Update on Bruce (8-year-old hound) from his recent appointments with Drs Radlinski and Bachman. Started leaking again. Ligation not as successful as we had hoped. Bachman not in favor of the port due to the fluid buildup, which may block the port. Bruce has a heart murmur now. Next steps: Bruce is a candidate for another surgery. \$8,500 procedure, \$1,000/day in aftercare. Procedure would be around \$15,000.

Discussion ensued about Bruce's care. James brought up fiduciary obligation of the Board in being good stewards of the organization's money. Nancy and Abrie would like to do the surgery, as the vet is confident the surgery will be successful. Anne Lopez would support the surgery. Diana mentioned that another surgery may be hard on Bruce.

Consensus is to table this for next month. The plan is to do a special fundraiser for Bruce and attempt to renegotiate a better price for the surgery. No action taken.

### **Communications Report (Ann Poff)**

- Newsletter coming out this week
- Coyotes (hockey team) moving to UT, Roadrunners will likely move with them.
- Marketing Committee formation (Nancy). Offshoot of the Arizona Gives Committee. Will meet once a month—usually on Fridays.

### **Old Business**

- Status of bylaws review (Abrie). Will send this out soon.

### **New Business**

- Tracking System called Tractive – Update on pilot program. We ordered 4 and put them on the Aussies. We can monitor and find out where the dog is, e.g.,

Penny—we found her easily. One issue: the one-year subscription was \$469.60 (for all 4). Nancy is impressed with the functionality of Tractive. She proposed that we merge Mail Chimp with Network For Good (will be cheaper). Jeanne recommended continuing the trackers (\$900 for 8 trackers).

**James moved to authorize expenditure of \$900 for 8 new trackers. Duly seconded. Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

- Charity Partner Event with Tucson RoadRunners rescheduled to April 19 th – Update on ticket sales
- Pet Co Op - Greyhound people watching other peoples Greyhounds - Sandy Bonham

Discussion ensued about SA Greys' potential liability. Consensus was that SA Greys would not be advertising it or taking a position, but that individuals could talk about this if they wanted to.

Jeanne brought up Dr. Hilden and Caring Ways (concierge vet) contract renewal. \$1,725/year. Dentals and spays are all done in Tubac. The contract is membership in her practice, not individual procedures (those are all separate).

Discussion ensued on the contract.

**Abrie moved to authorize renewing the contract. Duly seconded. Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Discussion ensued on email Jeanne received from Heartfelt Hounds. The email was to address their relationship with SA Greys, alleged comments by SA Greys members that disparaged Heartfelt Hounds. Meeting later this month, Jeanne and Nancy will attend and update us.

Discussion on inviting Steve Kozachik to award presentation. May 11 or 18 in morning. Brandi Fenton Park possibly a venue. With dogs.

**Call to the audience**

- Nothing

**Meeting adjourned: 3:37 pm**