

**Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Sunday September 8, 2024 at 2:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order**

**Time: 2:01**

**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 moved to approve. Duly seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Financial Report**

- **Status of SA Greys finances**

Current assets as of 9/8/2024:       \$76,736.14

Current liabilities:                       \$0

**Income for 8/2024:**               \$4,816.13

**Expenses for 8/2024:**           \$7,057.53

Brought in some Caliente dogs due to the track's recent closure. More expensive because of health issues, plus spay, neuter, and dental. This was expected. The Australian hounds usually have all their shots etc. before they arrive

James moved to approve Treasurer's Report, duly seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Operations Director (Nancy Lynberg)**

New Apps since last Meeting: 15

Total Approved: 8

Denied: 1

On hold/conditional: 2

Withdrawn/Canceled: 4

7 hounds placed in Tucson  
4 hounds placed in Las Vegas

All the Caliente dogs are adopted or in foster-to-adopt; one in foster scheduled to enter foster-to-adopt September 16.

To date, 33 hounds in from Australia and Caliente

Incoming Australian dogs. Planning to bring in 4 around Halloween weekend. We will have enough adopters. We are being conservative with those numbers to ensure we have enough fosters and adopters. After October, we won't be bringing in any hounds until January (because of holidays).

### **Communications and outreach (Ann Poff)**

We are now on TikTok! We have one follower.

We are not able to get back into our Instagram account. We had a good following, but we have made a new account.

We also have LinkedIn and YouTube accounts.

9/14 2-4 pm: Human and Hound meetup

Harebottle Brewing  
3820 S Palo Verde Rd #102  
Tucson, AZ 85714.

9/27 4-7 pm: Cones for Bones Doggie Ice Cream parlor meet up. (No bathroom.) Bring your own water.

Cones for Bones  
6121 East Broadway.

### **Old business**

Bylaw Review (Abrie)

We have finalized the review of our bylaws. We will be sending to the general membership today. Changes were largely to clarify and simplify them.

## **Fundraisers**

Beading Divas (Nancy). Birthday celebration at Mama's Pizza end of August. Ann, Nancy, and Karyn (Zoldan) were there. Raised approximately \$650-\$700.

During months of July and August, we sold 76 bracelets (\$1,420 net). Wine event: \$300 from the host venue + \$240 from Beading Divas bracelets. Karyn did a lot to help push sales.

## **Tracker program (Jeanne)**

Jeanne: We are not going to purchase replacement insurance for the trackers. We highly recommend their use. Very user-friendly.

## **New business (Jeanne)**

Boo Roounion coming up. Will be more a social event than a fundraiser. October 20, Brandi Fenton Park. Raffle baskets too.

We are out of toys for new hounds. We will do a toy drive soon.

234 Jim Click tickets sold.

Nancy: Late January/Early February Greyt Winter Festival coming back. Location TBD.

Nancy: Adoption fees. Our fees are considerably higher than those of other groups. But we can only afford to reduce them so much. Domestic adoption fee \$450 currently, international is \$1,000.

Proposal: Domestic adoption fees up to \$500, international down to \$950. This is essentially at cost (or close to it). Unanimously approved by the Board.

**Action taken: Domestic adoption fees per hound are now \$500, international adoption fees are now \$950.**

Discussion re: databases. We have four: donors, adopters, etc. This is too expensive and labor-intensive. Network for Good is \$3,700 flat fee per year to be able to create

events and process adoption fees. In addition, they charge 3% on all credit card charges.

We would like to create a greyhound amber alert system for current adopters for if their dog got loose. A text notification would go out to all participants in the system within a five-mile radius (through Pawlytics). We can pull up a report on adopters and dogs, but those reports are not merged. It's a good platform, but it doesn't quite meet our needs. If we go back to Civi, we can do it.

There will be an up-front cost to migrate the data back to Civi. Roughly \$5,000 - \$6,000. After that, they would maintain the system on the back end. For less than \$300/month.

Discussion ensued. Abrie: Civi was not user-friendly. How can we overcome that? Nancy: They provide training (included with the cost). We would go back to a WordPress based website.

Jeanne: Civi bills \$140/hour. They will take roughly 16-20 hours to migrate the data to the new system.

There was a lost hound, and Jeanne tried to find the info on Pawlytics to see which dog it could be based on the hounds that we had placed near that area. Jeanne called Pawlytics to ask if we can get that info, and they said no (!). Civi would solve that problem.

Jeanne updated the attendees on an issue with a hound we adopted to a family in Vegas. Dog got loose. Jeanne saw the dog on a tracker, but she was 45 minutes away. The family found the dog, but the dog bit one of the family members, so they took the person to the ED and stopped looking for the dog. By the time Jeanne found the dog, it was too late. No martingale, no harness on the dogs (!). We came up with Shelly's Rules—basics on how to do a proper hand-off. This was avoidable and devastating, and we can prevent this.

Nancy: One policy we instituted in response to this was that all dogs who come into the care of SA Greys will have a martingale and a harness—non-negotiable. Also, this is a reason why we should have an amber alert system. The good news is that Nancy was able to get harnesses wholesale.

Jeanne: We are going to put on Lunch & Learn talks—e.g., how to handle heat exhaustion in greyhounds.

**Call to the Audience:**

Janet: Parade of lights in Tombstone?

Jeanne: Approved for parade of lights in Tucson, but we can look into Tombstone. Will look into it.

Cindy: For shy dogs, spook harnesses might be appropriate.

Nancy: We also might pair shy dogs with other dogs.

Phyllis: We might want to put spook/shy dogs with experienced fosters. Perhaps those dogs need to spend more time in foster to get used to being in a home.

Donna: Might we save money by going through PayPal or Zelle for adoption fees?

Jeanne: We are considering this; other groups have done the same.

**Meeting adjourned: 2:59 pm**