

SA Greyhound Board Minutes
January 12, 2025
Called to order at 2:05 pm

1. **Quorum verified**

In attendance:

Jeanne Gacke (President)
Abrie Schroeder (Vice President)
Sarah Hosea (Treasurer)
James Rappaport (Secretary)
Nancy Lynberg ((Member at large/Operations Director)

Absent:

Ann Poff (Member at large/Communications Director)

2. Approval of the December minutes (Jeanne Gacke)

Sarah Hosea moved to approve December's minutes; duly seconded and approved unanimously.

3. Introductory remarks (Jeanne Gacke)

Election results (2024-2025)

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Nancy Lynberg (Member at large/Operations Director)
Ann Poff (Member at large/Communications Director)

4. Treasurer's Report (Sarah Hosea)

- Current assets: \$87,587
- 2024 expenses: ca. \$107,000
- Veterinary, kennel/foster are top expenses
- 2024 income: \$105,810
- Upcoming tasks:
 - IRS 1099 (due end of month)
 - AZ annual report (due February)
 - Internal audit by March 2015
 - Annual IRS 990 due May

James Rappaport moved to approve Treasurer's report; duly seconded and approved unanimously.

5. Operations Report (Nancy Lynberg)

2024 intake

- Took in 38 dogs
- 33 adopted out
- 5 rebounds
- All dogs from Caliente (closed now) and Australia

Operations expense summary 2024

- Operations expenses: \$98,070.36
- Admin expenses: \$15,910.60
- Bruce's medical bills paid from Jackie's Fund
- Boarding not as much this year (\$9,010.66)

Accomplishments this year

- Negotiated flat rate through Briarcrest (significant savings over last year, 151%)
- GPS trackers on all new dogs
- Reduced the number of rebounds by more thorough vetting and matching process
- Reduced adoption areas where we have multiple volunteers (TUS, PHX, LAS, ABQ, Las Cruces)
- Created Lost Greyhound emergency handbook
- Created online Facebook group for current adopters for FAQs
- New unified database and new website (combined adoption, fundraising, and mailing functions – saves \$1,800/year)
- Created "The Grey Guide" for new adopters and currently translating it into Spanish

Program overview

- Successful Boo-roounion, Festival of Lights, beer garden, ice cream, and wine events

Call for fosters

- We are using the same fosters, and we need new ones
- Average time in foster 5-10 days (can be shortened, but sometimes longer for the hounds to settle down)
- We do not usually bring in hounds without fosters in place in advance
- We also need help with transportation for new hounds

Communications

- Newsletters now mailed monthly
- Karyn Zoldan and Ann Poff doing great with the newsletters
- We are now on LinkedIn and TikTok

Fundraising

- Arizona Gives 2024: \$20,125
- Jim Click Raffle \$5,700

Upcoming event

- Greyt Winter Festival 2025: February 23, 2025 at Corbett's (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- Fashion show, silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, drinks
- 50:50 raffle with Mardi Gras beads
- Sponsorship opportunities for the Greyt Winter Festival available on website (<https://sagreys.org/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=15>)

In memoriam 2025

6. Closing remarks (Jeanne Gacke) and Open Forum

- We want to bring in more dogs, but only if we have the fosters available
- Question re: age restrictions for children in prospective foster homes. Usually we prefer 7 years or older, but not a hard rule. Case-by-case determination.
- Can you earmark Arizona Gives donations for everyday expenses, Jackie's Fund, etc.? Yes.
- Call for volunteers for Greyt Winter Festival. (From Alice Goddard, our Volunteer Coordinator.) Nancy can find a spot for anyone!
- Jeanne thanked the membership for coming to the events and the good turnout, e.g., Festival of Lights
- Greyt Winter Festival coincides with our 13th Anniversary
- Question re: business cards for SA Greys. Jeanne: We have them, they have QR codes. We can distribute them
- Question re: Irish hounds. Jeanne: We are working on Aussies coming in this week, but 4 Irish dogs coming in March/April timeframe. Because the Irish dogs fly into Phoenix, their arrivals are contingent on temperature. Hopefully we can bring some in before it gets too hot.
- No questions online. (Abrie has been checking periodically.)
- Boo-roounion 2025 – Brandi Fenton horse barn reserved October 26, 2025
- Harbottle Brewing meetup on January 25, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Rappaport, Secretary