

Call to Order

John Clark, Ivan Milensky, Eric Schaefer, Taryn Westergaard, Adrienne Regrutto, Cindy Hall, Mary Freeman, Paula Huter and Marcelle Cox present. Elizabeth Ferguson and Misty Pantel absent.

Approval or Correction of Minutes

Tabled for October board meeting.

Financial Report

Eric Schaefer reported receipt of the PetSmart grant funds in the amount of \$25,000. Bills currently outstanding - account payable to Briarcrest for approximately \$8,000. Detail for August vet bills is not yet available. Current balance of financial accounts is \$93,850.

Directors Reports

Cindy Hall presented a first look at the Home Visit check list. Intent is to make it easier for home visit volunteers to use, provide more transparency for potential adopters as it is being used, and serve as a training tool for new volunteers. Copy will be sent to directors for review. Cindy reported that she completed her first home visit with the new check list and thinks that the revision will be helpful.

Adrienne Regrutto mentioned a letter from the U of A describing a non-profit fair to be held on campus for area non-profits. After discussion, it was determined SAG would not attend.

Ivan Milensky reported on attending the U of A Volunteer Fair. Successful, well attended, and he and Linda Begega made good contacts, SAG had high visibility, and Ivan expected some interest from the campus community for future volunteer opportunities.

Adrienne reported on a recent opportunity to use Augustin Kitchen in the Tucson Mercado for a January event. The intent is an Appreciation Dinner, coupled with fund raising, for SA Greys members, volunteers and supporters. Event may be open to the public. Attendance capacity up to 130. Discussion and ideas exchanged. Tickets in the range of \$80, dinner (with vegetarian option), wines, silent auction and raffles. Use of courtyard, dogs welcome, public welcome, open bar. The concept is supported enthusiastically by the board. Adrienne to continue to flesh out idea, add committee and helpers, with more discussion to follow at the October Board Meeting.

Mary Freeman will follow up with PetSmart regarding the \$25k grant, provide a thank you. Recognition on the website and on Facebook. Mary also reminded the board that tickets are still available for the Jim Click raffle.

Taryn Westergaard provided an operations update. Since August 14, 3 new adoptions, 6 adoptions pending, 8 dogs available and 1 rebound. Four new dogs (2 male, 2 female) will arrive on Friday, September 16, from Oklahoma. Additionally, a haul from Kansas is anticipated to arrive mid to late October. The rebound, Echo (formerly Jesse's Chance), is in need of a foster home. He has separation anxiety, so needs an appropriate home for his needs.

Old Business

John Clark reminded the board about the Alamos property and the need to continue marketing the property. Mark Westergaard has agreed to remain involved with the project and be a point of contact with the property manager and the community HOA.

New Business

The early responses to the member/volunteer opinion survey were shared, and the board discussed the best ways to share results. 88 responses have been received as of the date of the board meeting. Preliminary results will be shared with members, volunteers and supporters through means of a Constant Contact message. The CC will include a reminder that the survey is still open for those who have not yet participated.

John Clark mentioned that among the feedback was a comment about the posting of board meeting minutes. Since this has been discussed by past boards, and the concept supported, it was agreed that the agenda and minutes will be posted every month. Jeff Hawks was asked to assist in getting this set up on the website. It was also agreed that the Form 990 Annual Report to the IRS for the prior year will also be posted and available.

Cindy Hall reported on the 2017 Greyhound Calendar project. She presented 2 display boards with possible "feature" greys and asked for board and member feedback on calendar layout. Cindy strongly recommends: good quality high resolution photos from cameras (not phones) that can be resized and formatted as needed without losing resolution, dogs need to be identified (and photogenic!), and if photos contain person/people, releases must be obtained before using the image. After discussion, fourteen images suggested (one for each month plus front and back cover. Other ideas – greyhound facts, thumbnail photos. Cindy will provide copy for a CC message soliciting grey photos from the greyhound community.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2016, at 2:00 pm, at Woods Memorial Library, 3455 N. Prince Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Clark