

Carson City Guide Dog Club

Advisory Committee

Minutes - December 3, 2007

Meeting began at 6 pm on December 3, 2007 – Fuji Park

Attending:

Student members: Emily Belt, Dana Pardee and Kelsey Mammen

Adult members: Stacie Belt, Kathy Morgan, Nona Toledo (last 10 minutes)

Facilitator: Warren Wish

Discussion Topics

1. Club Scholarships for Career Changed pups – committee members supported the idea of encouraging club members to continue putting together a scrapbook of their puppy raising experience. Members thought it would also be acceptable to use an electronic format – Stacie mentioned Dana's PowerPoint and video program as examples. Dana thought a poster board presentation would also be an acceptable format. Kathy talked about Barry's DVD slideshow with pictures and music. Everyone suggested making time in the club's program (perhaps during a meeting at EVMS) to have a showing of these portfolios.

Warren talked about complications involved with awarding a cash award to all puppy raisers at the completion of their project. A cash scholarship regardless of the amount would not be appropriate or necessary to both students and adults. The issue of co-raisers and dogs that are transferred to other homes further complicates the decision. Warren suggested the idea of our club sponsoring a photo portrait of each puppy which could be given at our goodbye ceremony prior to returning to GDB. Committee members completely endorsed this idea. Kathy mentioned that the size of the photo should not be more than 11x14. Too large of a photo might overwhelm the available wall space for the family. Warren was going to talk to Mike Bates

about doing this work. The club would pay less than \$25 for a matted & framed portrait.

2. Emily mentioned the subject of trading puppies. Though many of our puppies are being co-raised, there are lots to be gained from trading either for the day or over-night. Warren mentioned that in the past there were complications (upset raisers) when the leaders made the decision of which raisers traded. The committee endorsed the idea that raisers will make their own trading arrangements (among the approved families) and the leaders are to be notified ahead of time.

3. Warren said he was looking for a student raiser who could become our club secretary. Lately, thank you notes have not been sent to the people and organizations that have donated money to our club. Obviously, the person would need to be a good writer and know how to spell. Given these two qualifications, Stacie mentioned that there were two blond haired young ladies under six feet in height who met this qualification. Graciously, Emily Belt and Kelsey Mammen volunteered. We talked about purchasing a box of the new card guide dog puppy cards from GDB. Warren said he would give Emily and Kelsey the names/address of the donors and a few cards for thank you notes.

4. Dana mentioned the idea of a club shirt – a shirt – all the same color - which everyone could wear when we go out into the community. The suggestion was made that perhaps our club could pay for half the cost.

5. Warren showed the committee a box of scrap booking supplies he received from Angie Ison – the Las Vegas supporter of our club. As part of our Dec. 17 meeting at Fuji Park – Kelsey and Emily will give everyone a lesson in the art of scrap booking. Warren gave the girls a \$25 budget to purchase additional materials for the presentation.

Meeting concluded at 7 pm.