Wednesday, August 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Christa Thompson, following a breeder education presentation on "What is in Your Whelping Box?" presented by Alice. Members present were Karen Millikin, Tammy Pengelly, Robin Murphy, Christa Thompson, Alice Brown, Dawn Clausen, Bridget Highley and Jim Highley. Guests were Michael Heppner and Desiree Heppner.

There was no president's report.

Membership: (Lorene) Robin read a member application for Michael and Desiree Heppner. Christa reported that they just were approved as members for the GRCA

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the August meeting were read by Tammy. Alice made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Robin read the treasurer's report. Christa suggested that Jeanie and Alice get together to discuss how we accept money for clinics. Christa will set up the meeting.

Old Business:

- **CCA November 28, 2026:** (Rachel) Rachel expressed the need for an event committee.
    - An event secretary is needed (although Rachel is already doing most of the work). Christa will look into the responsibilities of the secretary.
    - Should we use Sign-Up Genius?
    - Karen, Tammy and Dawn will ring steward.
    - Tammy will be a runner.
    - Robin will help set up.
    - Christa will ask the other NW clubs about judge's compensation.
    - Christa has arranged for rosettes.
- **Breeder Education:** (Alice)
    - Alice asked about future topics. Hydrops was suggested.
    - Bring your calendars so we can coordinate dates for future presentations.
        - Alice will put a reminder up on the Facebook page prior to the September meeting.
    - It was suggested that a Breeder File is added to our website for breeders to share information. Karen suggested the Discord App. This would be a resource for common issues.

- **Puppy Referral: (**Rachel) Rachel is getting requests for older dogs. Dawn reported that she has a 7.5 year old and 4.5 year old, both males, that she would like to place together. Bridget has a 5 month old male.
- **Public/Member Education:** (Karen) Dawn would like to co-chair this committee with Karen.
    - Meet the breeds was discussed.
    - Rachel suggested a member education topic of technology. (Using the OFA website, looking at pedigrees, paperwork.
- **Website:** no report.
- **Club Facebook Page:** no report.
- **Public Facebook Page:** no report.
- **Specialty April 8, 2027** (Bridget)
    - Hospitality: (Tammy) To keep costs down, only the judges (3), stewards (3 or 4), the sweeps, conformation, and obedience chairs (3) will get box lunches.
        - Christa suggested that we do a pot luck for other club members in a grooming stall.
    - Raffle: (Alice) We will limit our raffle baskets to 15 this year, plus the silent auction.
        - Dawn will create a sandwich board to direct people to our show and clinics.
    - Application: (Robin) Robin is working on completing the application.
        - We don't have a sweeps judge.
            - Christa will reach out to Lynn Anderson, Julie Matney and Sharmin Dominke.
        - Robin suggested checking the AKC Judges Directory for a local judge that might be working on getting approved for goldens.
        - Tammy suggested checking the Oregon Dog Judges group.
        - We need to talk about entry fees, as AKC is now taking $5.50 per entry.
        - Robin reached out to BaRay, for a contract and has heard nothing.
    - Trophies: (Christa) Christa showed the little gold pans that she is using to make the first place trophies.
    - Decorations: (Rachel)

        - An idea of using floral foam painted gold to make gold nuggets was presented.
- **Eye/Heart Clinics:** (Christa) Christa has reached out to Sarah Maxxwell and Cardiologists in the area.
    - Dawn suggested looking into a new ophthalmologist, as Sarah is aging and might not want to do them.

New Business:

- **GRCA Basket:** (Jeanie) Jeanie did not get many contributions to this year's basket, so she is asking for a donation from the club.
    - Robin, Alice and Christa pledged to give her $40 each.
    - Karen made the motion to give Jeanie $100 to put toward the Oregon basket at the National. The motion passed unanimously.

Robin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Alice seconded.

Brags were shared.