

**GPA Houston July Quarterly Meeting**  
**Sunday, July 24, 2022**  
**Via Zoom**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

Pat Freytag  
Sheri Clark  
Sherrie Kent  
Marlane Bernardo  
Julie Caprette  
Mark Brooks

Meeting Commenced: 1:10 p.m.  
Meeting called to order by Pat Freytag, President

**Treasurer Report** – Sherri Clark -Treasurer Report Financials for January 2022 to June 2022 reviewed.  
Motions: 1<sup>st</sup> Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie, motion carried approved financials.

**Minutes** – Sherrie Kent  
Presented minutes for April 2022 Quarterly meeting

Mark motioned to accept minutes. Pat seconded. Minutes approved.

Dog Status – Pat Freytag  
Permanent fosters doing well in program. Gummy(Zoe) had problems with her back legs and is now on Gabapentin and another medication.  
Tucker and Emma are doing very well on the heart medication.  
Gritty had dental and no more seizures.  
Jolie had a dental.  
Emma has a cardiac follow up pending. She may have improved some.  
Tonopah made the move to the Hill Country.

Marlane asked how the member or public calls (if any) were being answered. Pat explained that all calls were being forwarded to her phone. Public calls are mostly spam, cats or other breed questions. Members seem to be mainly using the discussion FB board or email. No requests to return any grey or special needs.

Discussion moved on to seeking items to include in the newsletters of the future.

Suggestions:

Heartworm and flea treatments- since several members' dogs have had issues. Will keep it general, but reminder of possible dangers with some treatments.

Seizures – Suggested getting input from Julie Fitzpatrick as she has extensive knowledge of seizure caused by Ivermectin in seizure dogs. And that some treatments do not have included.

Idiopathic Vestibular disease- last covered in 2013 or 2014 (need to look up). Has happened a couple times recently, but usually can resolve in 24-48 hours with treatment.

**Information Only:** Reviewed the GPA National Minutes and financials so board was informed about national issues. Most discussion was around the cost of dogs from Ireland and how a member could try to work with national in the future.

Maybe also touch bases with John Parker to write an article on FLIGHTS dogs.

Motion to adjourn meeting – 1:52 p.m. by Julie, Seconded by Mark. Adjourned by Pat.

**GPA Houston April Quarterly Meeting  
Sunday, April 24, 2022  
Via Zoom  
1:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

Pat Freytag  
Sheri Clark  
Sherrie Kent  
Marlane Bernardo  
Julie Caprette  
Arden Tucker

Meeting Commenced: 1:10 p.m.  
Meeting called to order by Pat Freytag, President

**Treasurer Report** - Treasurer Report deferred due to family emergency.

**Minutes** – Sherrie Kent

Presented minutes for January Quarterly meeting

Julie motioned to accept minutes. Marlane seconded. Minutes approved.

**Dog Status** – Pat Freytag

Eight permanent fosters in program.  
Bruce, Cindy, Emma, Gritty, Jolie, Tonopah, Tucker and Zoe

Tucker has the most expenses due to heart condition.  
Tonopah will be moving with his foster family to the hill country soon.  
Gritty is now with Sheri Clark, and doing well.  
Robbie will soon be moving out of the kennel and Jolie and Emma will be moving to his new home with him.

**Information Only:** Marlane just returned from a trip to Portugal. She volunteered as a flight buddy for the Senior Sight hound Sanctuary and escorted 4 podenco mixes to the US. These 4 dogs began their trip as true rescues, from the Spain hunting season. Two of the 4 dogs were older than 8 years old. These dogs will be adopted through their Sanctuary.

Motion to adjourn meeting – 1:22 p.m. by Arden T. Seconded by Sherrie K.

**GPA Houston January Quarterly Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 23, 2022**  
**Via Zoom**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:**

Sheri Clark  
Sherrie Kent  
Marlane Bernardo  
Julie Caprette  
Arden Tucker  
Mark Brooks

**Meeting commenced:** 1:05 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Sheri Clark, Treasurer

**Treasurer Report** – Sheri Clark

Presented the financial reports for October, November and December for discussion.

Changes noted :

- Salaries ended effective December.
- Software fees by Quick books are going away as no more payroll.
- Dumpster fees transferred to Pat (building owner).
- Final T-Shirt quantity for last fundraiser not available. Check from CustomLink received.  
*Updated per Julie sold 53 shirts.*
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*Correction per Sheri Clark-- one change in the treasurers report area- the fees for the payroll portion of quickbooks will go away but we will still have to pay for the basic accounting functions.*

Mark motioned financials approval . Julie seconded motion. Financials approved pending finale T-Shirt quantity.

**Minutes** – Sherrie Kent

Presented minutes for October Annual Meeting

Julie motioned to accept minutes. Arden seconded. Minutes approved.

**Dog Status** – Sheri Clark

Permanent Fosters continue. Several have had medical issues that were/are being taken care of.

**Gitty** - is now on Gabapentin, and for an 11 yo, is again a happy boy. He still has needs to get him to medical treatment, and Mark volunteered to help with the transport when needed. No osteo found on the x rays.

**Tucker** – has outlived every projection for his severe heart issues. The medication is working well. He continues to run and play in foster care as it makes him very happy.

**Tres** – has developed bleeding disorder issues Von Willebrand factor. He is now on Amicar to control bleeding. Clay Yoder (son of foster parent), who is a dentist, has a treatment for the ulcers that

developed in his mouth and Trey now has improvement of the bleeding ulcers. Will ask Pam to see if he will write up a short article of oral care for newsletter.

**Cindy** – spent the holiday with Janny Planting. Have not heard how she did with the changes yet.

**Tonopah**- still having issue with hooks. Neurological issues continue, very clumsy.

**Bruce** – Still spends most of time muzzled due to aggression being unpredictable.

**Jolie** – Had her dental, and is hanging in there.

**Emma** – is hanging in there also.

**Zoe** – No known reports.

**Support Mode:** Sherrie Kent

3 Calls came in from the public to assist with greyhounds that are in need.

Two were not greys, mixes of many unknown breeds. These were referred to other rescues to assist.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>, was a greyhound mix, and after consult with GALT, they quickly sent volunteers to pick up the grey and transport to their facility.

**Fund Raising** – Arden Tucker

Face Book Auction: The first FB auction earned \$85 for the feltie. She has up next a custom embroidery cross stitch. She will try to do a new auction every couple weeks. Several items donated already to chose from.

Final T-Shirt sale already discussed with financials.

Website: Arden Tucker

Website has been totally refreshed. New info was added. She will add the minutes for October shortly. She asked that everyone, if they see any needed updates, to let her know as quickly as possible.

**Constant Contact:** Sherrie Kent

It worked well to save money by suspending and un-suspending the Constant Contact when wanted to do the quarterly newsletter. Will continue to do so, reducing the fees they charge.

**Other:**

Pat is still working on the legal changes going to support mode. Not finished yet.

Motion to adjourn meeting – 1:30 p.m. by Arden T. Seconded by Mark B.

GPA Houston Annual Membership Meeting  
Sunday, October 31, 2021  
Via Zoom  
1:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**Board Members:**

Sheri Clark  
Pat Freytag (Had proxy for Arden Tucker)  
Mark Brooks  
Sherrie Kent  
Julie Caprette

Meeting commenced: 1:06 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Pat Freytag, VP/Secretary

**Treasurer Report – Sheri Clark**

Discussed September 2021 financials.

- Greyt Wellness fund automatic donors are down to 10. Several withdrew their donations since no longer adopting greyhounds.
- Vet expenses will be just for the permanent fosters now as the final dogs found their forever homes.
- Employees wages will be significantly reduced as Robbie will be the only employee until 01/01/22 when he will be paid by the Noble Center instead of GPAH.

Mark motioned to approve financials and Julie seconded. Financials approved.

Meeting Minutes – September minutes were reviewed and approved.

Julie motioned to approve minutes and Mark seconded.

**Dog Status – Sheri Clark**

- Adoption papers for Dutch and Rosie have been completed. All dogs now adopted
- Permanent Foster dogs in GPAH care total 9
- No further applications will be taken
- Data base has been altered to show support fields of availability: Foster, Transport, Member Advise, Search and Rescue categories
- 29 adoptions in 2021. No new adoptions unless there is a return in the future.

**Fundraising**

Yard Sale was a success. GPAH earned \$1300 and several outstanding members still to pay for items. Remaining items will be sorted and donated to GALT, Long Way Home Adoptables or Salvation Army. This will be the final clear out of all GPAH inventory at the Noble Center.

Final T-Shirt: Julie organized one final GPAH t-shirt. The logo has been created and if at least 30 shirts are ordered at \$17.95, GPAH will be receiving a percentage of funds based on how many shirts are ordered. This amount is not known yet. Upon ordering, shirts will be shipped directly to purchaser. The company making the t-shirts, will add a button to their ordering site to allow anyone ordering to add an additional amount as a donation to GPAH. More details later.

### **Board Changes and Elections**

Arden resigned as president, but will remain, serving on board and assisting with website and other duties.

Bev Points and Jenn Valentine resigned as board members.

### **Election of Executive Board – Annual Meeting Requirement**

Nominations :

President – Pat Freytag

Secretary – Sherrie Kent

Treasurer – Sheri Clark

Discussion:

Julie questioned about elections of executive board members by membership. It was explained that the annual meeting is when elections are conducted. Any member that attends the meeting can vote. This annual meeting was advertised according to by-laws in advance in the monthly newsletter and website.

Mark motioned that nominations be closed. Seconded by Julie. Motion carried.

### **New Bylaws Amendments:**

Due to COVID monthly meetings have been held via Zoom. This was not in effect back in 1981, but will be amended to show allow zoom meetings as ongoing.

Change minimum number of board members from 7 to 5 including the executive board.

Change of monthly meetings to quarterly January, July, April and October. The Texas requirement of at least once a year to remain.

Day to day business will be conducted by the Executive Committee consisting of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bylaws will be published and sent to board via email for approval when complete.

Texas Legislature changed the law that there will be no sales tax on adoptions effective 10/1/2021.

Pat took 5 demonstration greyhounds to Dr. Wall's pain management training seminar. Future demonstration dogs will be needed for additional training sessions by Dr. Wall.

GPAH newsletter is distributed through Constant Contact (CC). Sherrie K. has suspended this account until the next newsletter is due. The newsletter will now be sent out quarterly. In

order to do this, CC requires us to suspend/unsuspended to avoid unnecessary monthly fees. Sheri C. wanted to know who was responsible, and Sherrie K. and Marlane will be responsible as they editor the newsletter. Future billing will still go to GPAH email for payment from GPAH funds.

The website has been revamped by Arden. All members are to peruse the website and notify Arden if any corrections/additions are to be posted.

Mark asked how GPAH will handle future requests for adoptions. After discussion it was suggested to put the link on the website to the NGA adoption page so people research who has adoptable greyhounds.

With Covid continuing, the Noble Center will remain closed. No effect on GPAH as vacating building.

Motion to adjourn meeting – 1:29 p.m. by Sheri C. Seconded by Mark



GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, September 26, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.  
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:  
Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Jennifer Valentine  
Chris Ford

Guests:  
Chloe Kontos

Meeting Commenced: 1:05pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed August financials. Largest expenses were annual premium for liability insurance and payroll. Payroll should decrease as kennel staff has decreased and by October only the kennel master will be paid.

Julie moved to approve the financials and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes** - August minutes were reviewed and approved.

Sherrie moved to approve the minutes and Jen seconded the motion.

### **Dogs**

#### **Dog Status**

- 11 dogs in the program including 9 permanent fosters. Dutch will be adopted in October and Rosie (return) is in foster with intent and will have updated medical care and scheduled for a dental.
- Currently 2 applications and 27 adoptions year to date (mostly from prior adopters).
- We are working on the database to include a view of members who are willing to transport or foster any future strays and returns.

### **Fundraising**

- Due to the Covid situation, it was determined that we will have an outside Garage Sale at The Noble Center instead of the Membership Party on October 24.
- There are still 3 items for our bi-monthly/monthly Facebook mini auctions and Arden will handle these.
- Julie will check out vendors to do a farewell T-shirt.

### **Newsletter**

- As Constant Contact contract will expire soon, Sherrie will find out if we can pay for it quarterly or other options.

**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the newsletter.

Jen moved to adjourn and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, August 22, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.  
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Mark Brooks  
Marlane Bernardo

Guests:

Meeting Commenced: 1:08pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed June and July financials. Medical expenses and payroll were the largest expenses but soon this will decrease as there are less dogs and employees.

Mark moved to approve the financials and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

### **Meeting Minutes**

June minutes were reviewed and approved. No July minutes as meeting was cancelled.

Sherrie moved to approve the minutes and Mark seconded the motion.

### **Dogs**

#### **Dog Status**

- 14 dogs in the program including 9 permanent fosters. Pinky is in foster with intent, Marley will go to same home next Tuesday, Hefner will be adopted next month. Toby (saluki/grey mix) is still available. Dutch was returned as he was not thriving in his home and is being medically monitored.
- Currently 1 applications and 24 adoptions year to date (mostly from prior adopters).

### **Fundraising Update**

- We will try and do bi-monthly Facebook mini auctions and will determine at a later time whether there will be a Membership Party or a Garage Sale outside The Noble Center.
- The Robbie Dog Costume will be donated to Galatas Elementary as their mascot is a greyhound.

### **Newsletter**

- We will do an appreciation article on all the cats and small dogs that help test all of our greyhounds throughout all the years.
- As Constant Contact contract will expire soon, Sherrie will find out if we can pay for it quarterly or other options.

**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the monthly newsletter.

Mark moved to adjourn and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, June 27, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.  
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Mark Brooks  
Jennifer Valentine  
Marlane Bernardo

Guests:

Meeting Commenced: 1:08pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed April and May financials. Medical expenses and payroll were the largest expenses. A couple of foreign exchange charges were paid as some kennel medications came in from Canada and Australia.

Arden moved to approve the financials and Mark seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes**

April and May minutes were reviewed and approved. Mark moved to approve the minutes and Sherrie seconded the motion.

**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 13 dogs in the program including 8 permanent fosters. Pinky, Coffee and Toby are available and Kiowa and Hefner are adoption pending. Marley is being returned due to not getting along with resident dog.
- Currently 7 applications (some awaiting reference checks) and 22 adoptions year to date (mostly from prior adopters).

**Fundraising Update**

- We will try and do monthly Facebook mini auctions of one item per month.

**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the monthly newsletter.

Arden moved to adjourn and Mark seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, May 23, 2021  
VIA EMAIL

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Mark Brooks  
Marlane Bernado  
Jennifer Winters

Email sent to Board of Directors:

Dogs:

Boss: has a cut toe but is healing well. There are a couple of applicants interested in him; one applicant is scheduled for May 29th.

Coffee: has been in foster with Bev and Dave; so far, reports have been very encouraging as Coffee learns that the world is not as scary as he first thought. He has made good progress and will continue in foster for now.

Greta: is being treated for HGE (hemorrhagic gastroenteritis) and is slowly recovering. There is an applicant interested in meeting her when she is well.

Hefner: still Hefner - waiting to hear about a foster interest.

Koyuki: owner surrender due to owner's severe allergies. She is available - high prey drive.

Pinky: waiting on results of allergy blood test that was done last week. As an incentive for an adopter, a year's worth of Apoquel (her allergy med) has been donated.

Stevie: available - did have some interest from Louisiana but have not heard back since original inquiry.

Knight: just finished coccidia treatment and will go to Pat's for fostering and evaluation next week.

Kiowa: CT scan was clean; limping most likely to do corn. She is now available.

Toby: had his 1st heartworm treatment on the 17th; currently on prednisone (and gabapentin as needed). Second/third treatments scheduled 24 hours apart in mid-June.

Adoptions: 19 adoptions to date.

Applicants: currently, have 6 adoption applicants and 1 foster approved applicant on file. The majority of dogs remaining in the program are the more difficult to adopt dogs due to prey drive, medical, etc. Adoption Committee is working through the applicants trying to match as many dogs as possible to the applicant's needs.

Pat will follow up on changes needed, if any, on 501(c)(3) status when we transition to support mode.

Will highlight several Pups of the Month for June newsletter as we did in May. Single item Facebook auction will begin at the end of May.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, April 25, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Guests:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Mark Brooks

Meeting Commenced: 1:00pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed March financials. Medical expenses and Kennel supplies biggest expenses, payroll had 3 pay periods so it shows a higher value and the Dumpster fee has gone up due to fuel charge.

Julie moved to approve the financials and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes**

No February minutes and March meeting was canceled

**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 19 dogs in the program, 7 available, 1 foster with intent, 2 unavailable (Kiowa was returned and needs to have a CT scan as she is limping and Toby will be undergoing Heartworm treatment) and 8 permanent fosters.
- Currently 17 adoptions and 6 applications mostly from prior adopters at this time. Some applicants are in apartments which may delay home visits. A couple of the applications are questionable due to special issues.

**Fundraising Update**

- Will be doing monthly Facebook mini actions of one item per month.

**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the monthly newsletter.

Mark moved to adjourn and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved.



GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, February 28, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Guests:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Marlane Bernardo  
Jennifer Winters

Meeting Commenced: 1:04pm

**Treasurer Report** – No financials.

**Meeting Minutes**

January minutes reviewed and approved. Julie moved to approve the minutes and Sherrie seconded the motion. Approved

**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 30 dogs in the program, 14 available, 3 fosters with intent, 6 unavailable and 7 permanent fosters. Banker's shock treatment by all accounts was successful. We just have to keep an eye on his leg. Greta was in heat but ready to be spayed. Marley has an injured toe, but looking good. Sabrina had to have emergency surgery but is doing well.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- Currently 20 applications (9 from prior adopters) at this time. Some applicants are in apartments which may delay home visits. A couple of the applications are questionable due to special issues.

**Fundraising Update**

- Membership Party has been moved to October 24, but we are sending awards mid-month.
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**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the monthly newsletter.
- Trying to seek legal advice regarding 501c3 status as we are not going to adopt in the future but remain a supporting organization for our permanent fosters and members.

Chris moved to adjourn and Jennifer seconded the motion. Approved.

GPA Houston Monthly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, January 24, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Guests:

Sherrie Kent  
Arden Tucker  
Julie Caprette  
Beverly Points  
Sherri Clark  
Pat Freytag  
Chris Ford  
Marlane Bernardo  
Mark Brooks

Meeting Commenced: 1:06pm

**Treasurer Report** – Discussed October, November and December financials. Medical expenses and Kennel supplies biggest expenses. Giftshop expense was for annual fee plus telephone and internet.

Julie moved to approve the financials and Mark seconded the motion. Approved

**Meeting Minutes**

October minutes reviewed and approved. No November or December minutes due to weather and holiday conflicts. Mark moved to approve the minutes and Sherri seconded the motion. Approved

**Dogs**

Dog Status

- 34 dogs in the program, 16 available, 11 unavailable and 7 permanent fosters. Discussed Banker's shockwave treatment, Beau's return, Paulie in foster with intent and Stevie (greyhound mix) arrival and Olivia in foster home.

Current Adoptions, Applications

- 61 adoptions in 2020 and currently 18 applications (9 from prior adopters) at this time. Some applicants are in apartments which may delay home visits. A couple of the applications are questionable due to special issues.

**Fundraising Update**

- Facebook Auction was very successful - raising about \$6400.
- The December Matching fund was also great, raising just under \$28,000 dollars which was matched by the fund.

**Covid Rules**

- We will continue to restrict the public into The Noble Center and continue to monitor the situation. Announcements will be published on Facebook, the website and on the monthly newsletter.

Bev moved to adjourn and Mark seconded the motion. Approved.