

Quarterly Minutes Membership/Board Meeting – GPAH

Sunday, July 26, 2026 via TEAMS

1:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order: Ryan B. at 1:04 p.m.

Board Members Present: Ryan Behenna, Cindy Crochet, Sherrie Kent, Amy Bradford, Julie Caprette, Michael Ramirez II, Chris Ford.

Membership Guests: Denise Manos, Lauren Weiner

Announcement: Ryan - Sherri Clark submitted her resignation from the board. She was sent a gift for her service to GPAH and it has been delivered.

Board Positions Open: Ryan R. – Request made to the communication committee to create newsletter article looking for new board member. Amy will notify the committee to be ready so can put up candidates for vote by October.

Financial: Cindy C. – Cindy gave a presentation of the 2nd quarter financials through sharing of her records during the meeting.

Motion to accept financial as presented: Motion by Sherrie K., 2nd by Julie C. Approved.

Permanent Foster Status: Sherrie K. – Emma is doing very well. Tonopah as of last report having more seizures. No report on Tucker.

Adoptions: Ryan B. – Sandy and Bo have been adopted. 9 dogs adopted in 2026.

Fosters/New Dogs: Sherrie K. – New dog, Xyla arrived 07//25/26 and is fostering with Caitlyn N. Raven was not transferred as she is too much of a spook. Still looking to bring in another dog for approved applicants.

Adoption Application Status: Ryan B. – 8 applications pending.

Changes is Children language on GPAH website and Applications: Cindy C., Lauren W., Sherrie K.

The committee presented the updated changes and new procedure to include when doing adoptions with children age 6 to 12. New additional questions to add to BUZZ applications still pending. Lauren and Cindy shared the special handouts they created to assist all home visits, and adoption interviewers whenever children are involved.

Handouts: Lauren W. – Greyhounds and Children; Photos of Greyhounds expressions
Questions for Families with Children email will be used to educate all committee members on handling children. (Attached)

Handout: Cindy C. – Child Pledge to Greyhounds

Motion to accept handouts and initiate to current applications pending that have children 6-12: Amy B. 2nd by Julie C. Approved.

Communications: Amy B. – Provided handouts comparison of email statistics.

Motion to accept submission of handout: Julie C. 2nd Cindy C.

Fundraising:

Lauren W. – Discussion of the success of the latest auction. Lots of donation items have come in. Exceeding storage space, asked to hold all donation items until can get more auctions completed. Survey of membership showed a preference of holding quarterly auctions.

Fundraising committee is working on ways to increase monetary donations for individuals.

Michael R. – Working with Susie W. and Julie C. to research grant writing to increase funding.

Need to set up a meeting with members of the board to provide more details of type funding and needs such as temporary boarding, transportation and other needs.

Motion: To accept looking into more ways to Grant fundraise - Michael R. 2nd Cindy C.
Approved

Goals and Objectives:

Membership: Sherrie K. – Keeping track of 2026 membership through BUZZ is causing some issues that need to be resolved. Cindy C. financial records show 30 paid 2026 dues through paypal. Sherrie K. hand counted renewal membership files for 2026 – 44. BUZZ shows 40 volunteers, but some members names seem to have disappeared. Researching what happened.

International Dogs: Wales and England are trying to stop racing of greyhounds. This will affect available dogs coming from Europe. More to come. GPA National is looking into ways to assist rehoming those dogs but their funds are being stretched with loss of donations. No word from Australia dogs. No word on New Zealand dogs, perhaps Australia is working to assist. More information will be provided when received.

Emergency Foster Care: Cindy C. When re-write of foster home manual, discovered that Sherrie C. and Pat F are listed as emergency contacts of all GPAH fosters. As of now, Sherrie K. has sole responsibility of authorization for emergency care. Sought volunteers to back up Sherrie. Note: Ryan B. and George L. were contacted after the meeting and agreed to be co-emergency contacts.

Publicity: Sherrie K. Voyage Houston Magazine has contacted GPAH to do an article on our group. Consensus of discussion we need more information as they usually just do questionnaire not interview. More to follow.

Legal Update: Michael R. GPAH Logo has be finalized as an official registered trademark. Michael R. will update the site(s) with the registered symbol and then we can legally stop the stolen logo issue in the future.

No further business.

Ryan made a motion to close the meeting. Michael R. 2nd Approved. Meeting closed.