



Meeting Minutes - June 25, 2008 LGRAW Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Meeting Location – LGRAW Clubhouse

Board Members present:

- Joe Luccioni, President
- Mary Keeffe, Treasurer
- Mark Miller, Director
- Laurie Lukanich, Director
- John Bush, Director
- Bridget Smith, Director
- Tony Flesch, Director
- Thomas "TO" Okazaki, Director

Board Members not present:

- Steven Rush, Vice President
- Jason Anton, Secretary\*
- Kathryn Gleghorn, Director

Non-Board Members present:

- Jack Green
- Judy Dominiec
- Tony Dominiec
- Stacie Sauber
- Doug Noell
- Kirsten Keats

\*In Jason's absence, Bridget Smith acted as scribe for this meeting.

Joe Luccioni - Meeting called to order @ 7:31pm

Approval of last meeting's minutes - Joe asked is there were any questions, comments on the minutes from last month, there was not. Tony Flesch motioned that they be approved, Mary Keeffe seconded this motion. Minutes were passed / approved by all Board Members present.

Financial Review - Mary Keeffe provided the details and summary of the club's assets to date. (Approximately \$21K in Building Fund, \$10K in Checking account). Mary also provided details on the Race Analysis for the Hound Dog Hustle. She reported that all expenses for the race have been paid. There are 15 Rescue Groups that will be sent a donation. The profit of the race before the donations was \$8,219.75, slightly less than last year's race. Difference can be attributed to less sponsors and money paid out for the finish line.

**ACTION ITEM (Closed 7/1/08) – Joe to send this list of groups to Mary so she can process the checks and to Bridget to be included in the minutes.**

**Joe provided the following list to Mary and Bridget on 7/1//08:**

Texas Great Pyrenees Rescue  
Texas Independent Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue  
Texas Alaskan Malamute Rescue  
Great Dane Rescue of North Texas  
Dallas-Ft Worth Labrador Retriever Rescue Club  
Humane Animal Rescue Team (HART)  
Texas Boxer Rescue  
Adopt a Husky of Dallas  
North Texas Basset Hound Rescue  
Greyhounds Unlimited



Border Collie Rescue Texas, Inc.  
Golden Retriever Rescue of North Texas  
Metroport Humane Society  
Friends of Rescued Mastiffs (FORM)  
Weimaraner Rescue of North Texas

#### RACE DIRECTOR UPDATES:

**Bold in the Cold** - Joe Luccioni reported that Mike Evans will be the RD for the 2009 race; he will be assisted by Jeff Barnhart. The date of the race is still TBD. Joe reported later in the meeting that the RD for the 2009 Grapevine Fillie Trot, Steve Rushton, contacted him to say that the date of their race has been set for 1/31/2009. Joe will pass this information on to Mike and Jeff.

**Double Trouble** – October 18, 2008 - Joe Luccioni reported that Mary Ann Calvio has stepped down as co-RD for this year due to family commitments. Pam Truhn will continue as RD for this year. Joe requested that if anyone is available to help Pam it would be most appreciated.

**Hound Dog Hustle** - Joe Luccioni and Mary Keeffe reported the final Financial Review Race Analysis for the race which included the proceeds, expenses, profit and donation comparisons for 2008 and 2007. As Race Director, Joe requested that the Club donate \$500 to each group which is the same amount that was given from the 2007 race. In an email to the Board dated 6/25/08 entitled "HD Race Payout Proposals", T.O. gave three payout options to discuss. (The \$500 option; an 80/20 option [\$450 payment to each group], and a third option that was between the two [\$475 payment to each group]). Arguments were heard on each.

It was agreed to vote between two proposals – a \$500 payment to each group or a \$450 payment to each group. Six (6) of the board members present voted for the \$500 payment, two (2) present voted for the \$450 payment. It was therefore passed that each rescue group would receive a \$500 donation from the 2008 Hound Dog Hustle.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Bush and Mark Miller – Volunteers, Brochures and Fun Runs

- Trail Run (Rick Sanford and Kelly Richards, Race Directors) was a huge success. Comment was made that this should be an annual event.
- Upcoming – Freedom Run, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00am @ Carroll Middle School (Henry Galpin, Race Director) Bridget reported that there will be \$25 RAWear gift certificates given as prizes to the overall winners, male and female).

T.O. - RAW off to the Races

- Upcoming races are the Too Hot to Handle 5K and 15K (7/19) in Dallas and the El Scorcho 25K and 50K (7/20, midnight start) in Ft. Worth. Rick Sanford will be coordinating a RAW aide station at the El Scorcho this year.

Bridget Smith and Kathryn Gleghorn – Entertainment

- Previous successes "School's Out Tie Dyed Pizza Party" (possible new annual event?) and the Annual Wine Chaser.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Annual RAW Luau – July 26 at Ray and Noreen Henry's house)
  - "Bloody Sunday" – Bloody Mary Contest, Sunday, August 31
- Possible other events:
  - Rock Climbing (working with Alan Walker to get a date)
  - Karaoke (RAW – oke) at the Back Porch in Grapevine (Thursday nights)



- Ranger's games – group discounts on many games. Bridget will post on the BB to see if enough people are interested (have to have at least 20 people)

#### Tony Flesch – Media and Footprint Update

- August 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the next issue (to be mailed in September). July Issue is online and in the mail.
- Tony reported that he will stay on as the Footprint Coordinator even though he will not be on the Board.

#### Laurie Lukanich – Membership Update

- Laurie provided the membership statistics for June 2008.
- Laurie also reported that she has received several positive comments via email from new members and first time visitors.

#### Joe Luccioni and Steven Rush – Community Liaison, Maintenance

- Joe reported that response to a relay type race whereby RAW would supply race management and runners to groups who wanted to hold a race for fundraising has been too low for the club to pursue.
- Joe reported that RAW has been assigned the same area of trail in the “Adopt a Trail” program.

Bridget – RAWear – No report at this time.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

##### July 4th festivities agenda

- Elections – Mark Miller will assist Steve Rush as the other Board member in counting the ballots. Will need to recruit a non-Board member the day of the elections to help as well.
  - David Smith will be cooking the Brats and Hots this year
  - Bridget reviewed the following agenda for the day, this information will be posted on the BB:
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7:00am Freedom Run – Carroll Middle School

10:00am 9/11 Memorial Dedication, Intersection of State Highway 26 and Texan Trail in the Grapevine Station Mall.

4:00pm Softball Game

6:00pm Brats and Hots!! BBQ Dinner

7:00pm Annual Meeting and Elections

7:30pm Best Foot Forward and 2007 Club Award Presentations

Ongoing Backyard fun (Badminton, Horseshoes, Croquet, Bocce, Hill Billy Golf)

Fireworks at Dusk

What to bring: BYOB, side dish to share (see below for suggestions), lawn chairs and/or blankets.

If you do not like Brats or Hots, you are welcome to grill something else on your own.

- Last name beginning with A – H: Snacks / Appetizers
- Last name beginning with I - Q: Salads / Side Dish
- Last name beginning with R - Z: Desserts

Club to provide: Bratwurst, Hot dogs, rolls, condiments, paper products and utensils



What not to bring: Please do not bring your own fireworks / firecrackers/ sparklers of any kind. Also, if you decide to bring your pet, please remember that many pets are afraid of fireworks, so please use caution and kindness when making the decision as to whether to bring them along.

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**ACTION ITEM – Joe will take the plaque to get it engraved to present to the Best Foot Forward winner at the annual meeting on the 4th of July.**

Other club awards for 2007 will be presented to:

Cleveland Ray Spirit Award – Kelly “K2” Richards  
Tried and True Volunteer – Jeff “Barney” Barnhart  
Tried and True Volunteer – Junior – Matt Sanford  
WOW-zer Award – Steve Grady  
Gunga Din – most Water Duty – Brad Liles  
Most Miles Walked / Run (Male and Female) – TBD – names pending results fro Steve Rush

Round Table –

- Many present gave their thanks and praise to Joe for his time and efforts and for a job well done this past year. These sentiments were “seconded” many times.
- Joe thanked Doug Noell for all he does for the Club and getting the Footprint mailed out.

The Meeting was adjourned @ 8:45 pm.

Please note that future Board meeting dates will be scheduled by the new board!