**GPA Houston April Semi Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**Via Zoom**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**                                                                      **Guests Present:**

Pat Freytag                                                                                                          Pam Yoder

Sherrie Kent                                                                                                       Sharry MacLaren

Sheri Clark

Mark Brooks

Julie Caprette

Marlane Bernardo

Chris Ford

Member meeting called to order by Pat Freytag, President at 1:08 p.m.  Quorum met.

**Financial:** Sheri Clark

Presented were financial statements for October 2022, November 2022, December 2022, January 2023, February 2023, March 2023.

Noted that the Merchant services (credit card) was cancelled as of 03/31.

Motion:  Sherrie Kent accept financials   2nd – Mark Brooks             Motion approved unanimous vote.

**Minutes:** Sherrie Kent

Presented minutes for October 2022 and March 2023.

Motion: Julie Caprette to accept minutes               2nd – Mark Brooks            Motion approved unanimous vote.

**Permanent Fosters:**  Pat Freytag

All permanent fosters are doing well. Noted that Gummy was still acting like a puppy.  Tucker has an outbreak of hooks again.  Bruce still remains overly dominant and a bully but doing well in foster home.

**New Business Issues:**  Sherrie Kent

**Appointment of Agent of Record with State of Texas:**  Due to the resignation by Arden Tucker, Mark Brooks volunteered to assume this position.

Motion accept Mark Brooks:  Sheri Clark                2nd Julie Caprette              Motion approved unanimous

Sherrie Kent will file papers with State of Texas – Secretary of State Office

**Change of By-Laws:**

Since moving forward with adoption program – Will GPAH return to quarterly meetings beginning October 2023, where financials and minutes will be presented. If need be, will continue to hold special meetings.

Motion:  Mark Brooks to resume quarterly effective with October 2023.  2nd  Sheri Clark                   Motion approved unanimously

**Membership Dues:**

Since moving to support mode only, membership dues have not been required as no services provided.  After discussion it was discussed that no dues would be required except on voluntary basis and the data base for membership would continue to be maintained.

**Committees:**

Subject of how board wanted to reinstate committees i.e. adoption, volunteer, etc., the board wanted more time to search out remedies. Since no committes are in place, it was decided to wait to send out information to membership/public about adoption of dogs. Subject tabled until future meeting.

**New Volunteers:**

Based on new volunteers that have not adopted from GPAH, are wanting to start volunteering, without having committee yet, how will GPAH handle these new volunteers to go through vetting process.

Since no resolution was found after discussion, this subject was tabled until future meeting.

**P.O. Box:**

New P.O. box has been procured.  There were 4 keys received, President, Secretary, and 2 for Adoption/Planning committee.  New mail address posted to website.

New GPAH mailing address is:

GPA-Houston, P.O. Box 1692, Spring, TX 77383-1692

Sharry M. will handle change of address as necessary.  Pat F. will do change of address from her P.O. box to the new one.

**Liability Insurance:**

Insurance has been procured for the next year.

**Status on Dogs from Australia:** Sharry MacLaren and Pam Yoder

After going through the 2022 and 2023 angle lists and contacting potential adopters, the response was disappointing.  No details on number of foster homes or potential adopters presented, just generalities.  They do have some more ideas to try but will need more time.

No commitment for timeframe to bring in dogs has been made.  Due to difficulties, the last flight from Australia to Dallas we could not commit to accepting any dogs.  With the heat, humidity and weather issues, will revisit requesting dogs in the fall.

Sharry M. reported that the $750.00 adoption fee was mostly positive feedback.

Will table further discussion until next scheduled or special meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Sherrie Kent motion,  Julie Caprette 2nd.  Motion carried.  Adjourned at 3:06 p.m.