

The Golden West

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**The August General Membership meeting
will be Wednesday, August 27th at
7:00 pm via zoom. We will start with a
presentation so the meeting itself will probably
not start until 7:30PM.**

At our August General Membership meeting we will have a speaker from HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response. Raquel Lackey has been volunteering with therapy and crisis response with her canines for over 10 years and is currently the regional manager for the Pacific Northwest region.

HOPE is currently looking for experienced therapy dog teams that would like to take the next step into crisis response. Come to the meeting and learn about their wonderful program. The presentation will start at 7PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/27 GM Meeting 7PM PST via zoom w/ HOPE

8/29-31 Agility - Run Wild

9/6 WC/WCX Cascade Retriever Grounds

9/8 Board Meeting 7PM PST via zoom

9/24 GM Meeting 7PM PST via zoom

10/13 Board Meeting 7PM PST via zoom

10/22 GM Meeting 7PM PST **Annual Meeting**

11/10 Joint Board Meeting 7PM PST via zoom

The Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club is planning to host a WC/WCX test on Saturday, September 6th, 2025, at the Cascade Retrievers Training Grounds in Monroe, WA. Work is underway to have the test approved by both the FCRSA and GRCA. When the premium is completed, it will be made available on the websites of the Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club and the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club, and by contacting Peter Szilard at email: kapefc51@gmail.com or Ron Colyer at email: r_colyer@yahoo.com

**Working Certificate &
Working Certificate Excellent Test**

Sponsored by FCRSA, with GRCA and IWSCA approval
Entries open to Golden & Flat-Coated Retrievers and Irish Water Spaniels

Entries close August 30, 2025

WC/WCX entries are limited to a total of 40 dogs
(Registration will be accepted on the day of the test, up to the limit of 40 dogs)

Hosted by **The Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club**

Date: Saturday, September 6, 2025

Location: Cascade Retrievers Training Grounds
17126 State Route 203, Monroe, WA

Starting time: 9:00 A.M. (Order of tests to be determined by judges)

Judges: Sharon Hilton Snohomish, WA
Chuck Hilton Snohomish, WA

Birds: Ducks on land and water

Fees: WC \$70 WCX \$75 (all amounts in US Funds)

Make checks payable to "NWFCRC" and send to the test secretary:

Peter Szilard

WC/WCX Test Secretary

14515 144th St SE

Snohomish, WA 98290

Email: kapefc51@gmail.com / Phone: 206-794-7810

One entry form per dog, per test (one check for multiple entries is acceptable).

Bitches in season may **not** enter this test.

Full refunds will be given for injured dogs with a veterinary certificate.

***** For Golden Retriever owners/handlers:** a copy of the dog's AKC/CKC registration **must** be included with your entry. A dog may run without the registration, but the title will not be recorded or title certificate processed until the copy is received.

Water and soft drinks will be available on the grounds; **please provide your own lunch**. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the grounds.

***** Anyone attending this event** will need to add their name to an FCRSA Insurance Release and Indemnity form at the registration desk.

WC/WCX Committee: Chairman/Secretary	Peter Szilard
Jo Chinn	Nancy Light
Steve Chinn	Ron Colyer
Linda Givler	Sheila Colyer

**NORTHWEST FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER CLUB
FOR WORKING / HUNT TESTS**

Monroe, Washington
September 6, 2025

I Submit \$ _____ for entry fees. Entered in Stake/Test _____

Dog's Call Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of Dog _____

AKC Reg.# _____ Or ILP # _____

(*** See note regarding Golden Retrievers on previous page)

Or Foreign Reg. # _____ Country of Reg. _____

Breed _____ Sex _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Breeder _____

Name of Actual Owner (print) _____

Owner's Address

Street _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Handler (print) _____

I certify that I am the actual owner of this dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by all rules of the FCRSA and GRCA and the Standard Procedures governing this WC/WCX Test and any decisions made in accord with them, and I further agree that the dog is entered in and will be at this trial at my own risk and that I will hold the trial giving club (Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club), it's members and agents free from liability for any claims arising out of the dog or it's presence at the trial.

Signature of Owner or His/Her Agent Duly Authorized to make this entry:

_____ Phone _____

Agent's address (if signed for Owner)

Street _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This was a 4 part presentation on blue-green algae put on for working dog handlers by top professionals in their field. While the focus is for search dog handlers the information is good for anyone who has dogs that swim. The first two parts will be in this month's Golden West and the final two parts will be included in the September Golden West.

In this 4-part series a few trusted experts will help us get clear on the facts surrounding the recent deaths caused by blue-green algae and what you need to know to safely respond to call-outs while keeping your dog safe. In Part 1, we welcome EPA Wetlands & Stream Scientist and FEMA Canine Search Specialist Eliodora Chamberlain to help us better understand what exactly is blue-green algae and where we should be keeping our eyes out for it. Dr. Eliodora Chamberlain, EPS Wetlands & Stream Scientist, explains what causes Blue Green Algae to occur and how to identify it.

Part I: Blue-Green Algae & Your Search Dog

What is blue-green algae?

Blue-green algae, more correctly known as cyanobacteria, are frequently found in freshwater systems. They are photosynthetic organisms that can feed off the sun to make their own energy and release oxygen. They are often confused with green algae, because both can produce dense mats that can impede activities like swimming and fishing, and may cause odor problems and oxygen depletion; however, unlike cyanobacteria, green algae are not generally thought to produce toxins.

Blue-green algae are a natural part of water-based ecosystems. They become a problem when nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen) are present in concentrations above what would occur naturally. Harmful algal blooms (HABs) are overgrowths of algae in water. Some produce dangerous toxins in fresh or marine water, but even nontoxic blooms hurt the environment and local economies.

Some freshwater cyanobacterial blooms or cyanoHABs are able to produce highly potent toxins, known as cyanotoxins. Cyanotoxins are produced and contained within the cyanobacterial cells (intracellular). The release of these toxins in an algal bloom into the surrounding water occurs mostly during cell death and lysis (i.e., cell rupture) as opposed to continuous excretion from the cyanobacterial cells. However, some cyanobacteria species are capable of releasing toxins (extracellular) into the water without cell rupture or death.

Where is it found?

Harmful algal blooms are a major environmental problem in all 50 states in freshwater, estuaries and marine waters in the U.S. Red tides, blue-green algae, and cyanobacteria are examples of harmful algal blooms that can have severe impacts on human health, aquatic ecosystems, and the economy. HABs occur in waters (ponds, reservoirs, detention basins, lakes) that are nutrient-rich in nitrogen and phosphorous, exposed to a lot of sunlight, and/or in water that is slow-moving or stagnant.

When does it appear?

Certain environmental conditions in water bodies can intensify algae growth, causing algal blooms. HABs are caused by nutrient pollution, an excess of nitrogen and phosphorous, the use of fossil fuels, agriculture-manure, excess fertilizer, urban stormwater and wastewater/sewage treatment plants, industrial facilities that release nitrate compounds, and your own backyard from fertilizers, yard and pet waste, and certain soaps and detergents contain nitrogen and phosphorous if not properly used or disposed. Activities and uses such as these make the problem worse, which leads to more severe blooms that occur more frequently.

What does it look like (and what doesn't it look like)?

Harmful algal blooms can be green, blue, red or brown. The water may look foamy, scummy or look like paint on the surface of the water. You might also see dead animals floating in the water.

Here are examples of what it does look like:

http://www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness/download/BGA_examples.pdf

Here are examples of what it doesn't look like (Green algae): http://www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness/download/Green_algae_macrophytes_and_invasives.pdf

Part I: Blue-Green Algae & Your Search Dog.....continued

How to tell if there is blue-green algae in the water?

A trained biologist can examine samples with a microscope to determine the exact type and number of organisms present, and some laboratories are equipped to test whether toxins from blue-green algae are present. However, anyone can perform a stick test or a jar test to determine whether a given algae sample is likely to be blue-green or another type.

For private water bodies, one can do a quick “stick” or “jar test” (http://www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness/download/Jar_Test.pdf). This is a self-assessment tool to see if a farm pond or lake may have blue-green algae present. It does not tell you which species are present. Remember that blue-green algae is naturally present in the environment, it only becomes hazardous when phosphorus and nitrogen are present in concentrations above what would occur naturally and they begin to produce toxins.

To definitively test if a water body has cyanotoxins/HABs, it is best to have it tested in a lab. This can be done through your state agency (environment or health) or local university. State departments of health or environment are the best sources for local information about harmful algal blooms. Click on this link (<https://www.epa.gov/cyanoHabs/state-habs-resources>) to get more information on cyanoHABs in your state.

When in doubt, keep out!

Can I get my water tested?

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To report a suspected algal bloom in your state, click on this link (<https://www.epa.gov/cyanoHabs/state-habs-resources>) to get more information.

Any words of advice for your fellow canine handlers?

HABs grow best in sunlight, nitrogen/phosphorous rich, and slow-moving water. So the safest thing you can do for you and your dog is to keep your dog out of any stagnant or slow-moving water body, especially if it smells bad. If there are algal mats floating in the water, keep your dog out. This can be hard to do when the temperatures are stifling, and your dog is hot. I highly recommend proofing your dog off of water. I know this sounds silly and possibly difficult, especially if you have a dog that loves water, but it could save their life. All of my Labs LOVE water, and one of the first things I teach my dogs is that they are only allowed to get or go in the water under my command. I'm not saying that they are perfect at leaving water (well, because they're dogs!), but I do my best. And I highly recommend that under hot or extremely hot conditions to be proactive about the heat status of your dog. The best way to keep them out of the water (or listen to you with that “leave it” command) is to make sure that they don't get to that point of overheating, and all they see and want is to get in the water.

A handler can also be proactive and do some research ahead of time. When I have done searches in areas that are not known to me, I do my research on the area, and look up nearby water bodies. I will go to that state's environmental/health agency website and find a listing for contaminated waters and/or algal bloom water bodies (ex/ <http://www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness/>). This can be found under a state agency's website or possibly in their Clean Water Act 303 webpage (impaired waters list), or under their recreational water listings.

There are also mapping resources online that can tell you if a water body is impaired, and what it is impaired by. One such resource is <https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/waters-geoviewer>; click on the map link (insert to the right) to launch the application. This will allow you to put in an address, lat/long or other geographic information of your area (or search area). To the left you will find a column for “Layers”. Under “Feature Layers”, you will find EPA data that contains listings and information for 303 Impaired Waters data, waters that are monitored, advisories, etc. If you click on “303(d) Listed Impaired Waters”, and click on the red highlighted impaired water on the map itself, a box will pop up that will give you information, and provide more links that will give you a ton of information along with the “Watershed Report”.

The more you know about the site you are going to search, the better you are able to safeguard you and your dog.

In Part 2 Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) and veterinarian Dr. Eileen Jenkins joins walks us through the key symptoms we should be on the look out for and what to do when suspect our dog may have had an exposure. Dr. Eileen Jenkins, Working Dog Veterinarian, discusses how Blue Green Algae affects dogs, what symptoms to look for if you suspect your dog has been exposed, and what steps you need to take in the event of an exposure.

Part 2: Blue-Green Algae & Your Search Dog

How does blue-green algae affect search dogs?

Search dogs most likely are exposed by wading or swimming in warm surface waters – ponds, lakes or streams. Exposure is most common in summer months, when the water temperature rises to above 20 degrees Celsius, and in still or slow-moving waters. Dogs are exposed by swallowing contaminated water or from licking their paws or fur after swimming or wading in contaminated water.

Although there are more than 2000 species of cyanobacteria, less than 100 create toxins that are a health risk to mammals. Unfortunately, it is difficult to predict which algal blooms are dangerous to your dog, so it is best to avoid water with visible blooms if at all possible. Algal blooms can look like green (or red or blue or black) scum or paint on the surface of the water.

The most common blue-green algae toxins, called microcystins, cause rapid and usually fatal liver failure. Another group of toxins, anatoxins, cause neurologic symptoms and death.

What symptoms should a handler be looking out for?

Signs of exposure depend on the type of toxin ingested and include:

- Vomiting or diarrhea (sometimes bloody or tarry)
- Pale or yellow mucous membranes
- Lethargy or disorientation
- Muscle tremors or rigidity
- Seizures
- SLUD: salivation, lacrimation, urination, defecation
- Difficulty breathing
- Shock, coma or death

What should a handler do if they suspect their dog has been exposed?

If you suspect your dog has been exposed...

...take him to the nearest veterinarian IMMEDIATELY. Blue-green algae toxicity can cause liver failure within minutes of exposure, so RAPID treatment is essential to survival. Even if you aren't sure, get your partner checked by a veterinarian if he shows any illness after working in water.

If your dog is sick but still alert...

...and you are trained to do so, you can induce vomiting and/or administer activated charcoal while someone else drives you to veterinary care. If your dog is having seizures, or is not alert or cannot swallow, do NOT induce vomiting or administer charcoal. There are no specific antidotes to BG algae toxicity; treatment is aggressive supportive care and monitoring.

Is there any preventive measures a handler can take to protect their search dog?

If your dog is regularly working in warm, surface waters you can discuss the use of hepatoprotectants (like silymarin) and antioxidants (like vitamin E) with your veterinarian. Although not yet studied in dogs, these compounds may help reduce toxicity associated with chronic exposure to microcystins.

TO BE CONTINUED.....

Part 3 and 4 will be included in September's issue of the Golden West



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Place: via Zoom
Date: Monday July 14, 2025

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Amy Rosling, President.

Present: Amy Rosling, Marian Tillman, Dana Fare, Kelli Armstrong, Pat Lindquist, Nancy Light.
Sharmin Dominke, Trish Hughes.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 Board meeting which were published in the June GW. **APPROVED.**

III. Report of Corresponding Secretary (Sharmin)

- Received closeout for the Hunt Test from AKC

IV. Report of Treasurer (Kelli)

- Reports were attached to email with agenda, including summary of the Audit Committee's meeting and recommendations.
- Several payments will be going out for the Hunt Test and Specialty.

V. Report of Committees:

Events:

1. Agility Nancy (Chair) August 29-31, 2025 at Run Wild.

- One of the judges canceled due to a family emergency. She also did not have her courses done.
- It is too late to get another judge so our other judge, Susan Leitner, agreed to be the single judge and we will cancel 4 classes to save on time and cost of paying Susan for her courses. She has some in stock and will send to Lori Sage.
- We are dealing with this crisis as best we can.

2. Specialty - Maryke (2025, 2026, 2027 Chair) June 28-29, 2025 Skagit Co. Fairgrounds.

- Overall, entries were way down, and thus the RVs and BBQ were lower. However, grooming reservations were increased and over sold again.
- A HUGE hit was the decorations done by the Springer club and we are hoping to capitalize on the teams creativity for next year as well.
- Trophies were significantly more than budgeted and trophy sponsorships were lower than budgeted. Both of the items have been noted to address for next year
- The Steward's Fee has increased over previous years and will be accounted for next year
- Fetch more than doubled the anticipated income and CGC/Trick Dog also over performed.
- The ribbons invoice has not been received. The 4-6 month ribbons did not get ordered, so have requested those and will ship. The ribbons list has been updated and will be remedied for next year.

- Despite raising the BBQ ticket price, we still lost a little bit, which is split with PSESSA.
- Kathy Carter's hotel at the airport has not been requested for reimbursement yet
- The judges' receipts have been a little harder to get this year, and they both judge a lot, so not sure if this isn't something often requested anymore.
- We are planning to meet with PSESSA in the coming weeks to go over the shared expenses, those are currently estimated and while we typically are giving PSESSA some money, I don't anticipate it will be too off from what I have accounted for.
- The logo sales resulted in about \$250 in earnings and should cover most of the cost of the Best of the Best event.
- I anticipate we will likely have around \$1200 in earnings.

Looking forward:

- Are we good to go to plan for this site next year?
- Any wishes from the Board for next year?
- We are thinking a Beach Party theme would be fun next year... Maybe "Surfs Up!" or "Hang Loose" or just "Beach Party"
- Would the Board like to consider two specialties on Saturday since we are not getting to the 100-dog limit? The Springers are considering this as well. A possible schedule could be:
 - A "Comfy" Saturday: Sweepstakes at 8AM, AM Specialty, long lunch, PM Specialty (I believe the 100-dog limit for AM would INCLUDE the sweepstakes)-- Casual/Beach party attire encouraged.
 - Sunday: Sweepstakes at 9AM, Specialty a little more space in the day similar to the one we have this year.
- For 2027: It looks like "our" weekend is going to be 4th of July weekend, which I cannot recommend for that area with the Reservations and Fireworks, it would be not be advisable to have an outdoor show with what happens in the area. If that is the case, would the Board like to consider an All-Breed to go with? I will confirm the date-challenge this summer and report back.
 - All Breed shows to consider: (no decision needed right now, just need to start shopping if we are going...)
 - Whidbey Island in November (EGRC was there for a long time a lifetime ago);
 - Enumclaw/Rainier;
 - Lynden (might have to be concurrent then and would have 100 dog limit)
 - There are several "re-organized" shows starting up next summer, so one of them might surface as a good one, so we could also just keep this in mind.
- A couple of particular shout outs:

- ❖ I want to thank **Kelli** for being an incredible resource as the Treasurer and helping keep everything moving!
 - ❖ **Lisa Witte** (and **Richard**) really came through with judges' hospitality and transportation, truly couldn't have done it without them this year!
 - ❖ The Fundraisers (Basket, Silent Auction and Fetch/CGC/Trick Dog) are the reason this specialty will be in the black, so a massive shout out to **Kathy Daspit, Mavourneen** and **Gene Daspit, Dana Fare, Jennifer Kisker and Kelli Armstrong** for working these events!
 - ❖ Set up and tear down were not easy this year with a crew that had not done this without our "experts" before (including myself!) but everyone stayed positive in the face of adversity and we are all a little closer because of it.
 - ❖ **Shari Phillips** managed the reservations and then filled in for me for two hours on Sunday while I ran to my cousin's wedding! (Luckily it was an uneventful two hours).
3. Judges Selection Committee - Trish (Chair), Amy Rosling and Sharmin Dominke
 - The committee will contact the 2026 judges.
 - On hold until Sept. for 2027, possibly longer, depending upon the specialty date change and location. Until we know where and when it will be, we have to wait on the judges selection. (See Maryke's report).
 4. Hunt Test Nancy (Chair) June 21-22, 2025 Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds.
 - The financial report was sent to the board but it's not yet final. Still awaiting the landowner to send an invoice for the port-a-potty and dumpster.
 - Will have the final report to the board by our August meeting,
 5. WC/WCX - TBD (chair) Sept. 6, 2025 at Colin's
 - Flat coats responsible for 2025. EGRC will cover for 2026.
 - Ron Colyer is the liaison with the flat coat club.
 6. CCA – (Canine Conformation Assessment) Kerry (Chair)
 - Discussion whether to postpone since all the pieces are not in place and time is running out.
 - The board will confer over email as to next steps so that we will have a report to the membership at the membership meeting.

FINANCES:

1. Audit/Budget Committee Kelli (Chair), Sheila, Frank, Sharmin and Rachelle.
 - Report of the committee was sent to the board.
 - The committee reviewed financial transactions and reconciled to activity posted to the bank statements.
 - There were several transactions that could not be reconciled but further investigation through emails, reports and documentation provided the necessary information.
 - It was the recommendation that any transactions that are being paid directly to a vendor or reimbursed to a club member have detailed documentation before payment or reimbursement can be made, and members should be reminded that all check requests will require a detailed invoice or email with an explanation of charges prior to payment.
2. Donations Committee- TBD (Chair)
 - Members Kathy Fisk, Sandy Scudder, Stacia White.
 - Suggested donations:

- i. \$250 to Washington State University Veterinary medicine – Primary Veterinary Care; with special designation to the teaching hospital operating endowment.
 - ii. \$250 to Purdue University, College of Veterinary Medicine with specific designation to Pigmentary research.
- Will present these suggestions at the membership meeting July 23rd for approval.

CLUB AFFAIRS:

1. Upcoming Meetings/Events

7/23 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom	9/24 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
8/11 Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom	10/13 Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
8/27 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom	10/22 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
8/29-31 Agility – Run Wild	11/10 Joint Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
9/6 WC/WCX Colin's property	11/26 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
9/8 Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom	12/6 Holiday Party at Deb & Frank Pampiks

Note: All Board Meetings will have the same Zoom link.

- Programs – Dana (Chair)
 - Our August membership meeting will have a speaker from HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response. Raquel Lackey has been volunteering with therapy and crisis response with her canines for over 10 years and is currently the regional manager for the Pacific Northwest region.
 - HOPE is currently looking for experienced therapy dog teams that would like to take the next step into crisis response.
- Golden West – Sharmin (Chair)
 - Deadline for articles/brags or items members want printed will be the date of each monthly Board meeting. The Golden West will go out to the membership the week after the Board meeting.
- Website – Kathy (Chair)
 - No report received.
- Puppy Referral – Claudia (Chair) –
 - Nothing to report
- Awards Pat (Chair)
 - Nothing to report
- Property - TBD (Chair)
 - Kelli is working on a job description for a Property Chair. Will have it by the August Board meeting.
 - Steve Hughes offered to be Chair.
 - We will table the Chair job description until our August meeting.
- Sunshine Committee –Suzy (Chair) –
 - No report received
- Social media – Kathy (Chair)
 - No report received
- GRCA News Column – Rachelle (Chair)
 - No report received.

- Nominating Committee – TBD (Chair)
MOTION: To appoint Steve Hughes, Stacia White and Kathy Fisk (as Chair) to the Nominating Committee. **APPROVED.**
- Membership (Marian Chair)
 - 61 members (33 voting, 28 non-voting)
 - New applicant for membership will be presented at the general membership meeting on July 23rd. (Kimberly Brockenbrough)
 - Request by Steve Hughes to be a Voting Member due to his contributions made to the club.**MOTION:** To change Steve Hughes' membership status from Non-voting to Voting.
APPROVED.

VI. Unfinished Business – Appointment of a property chair will be decided at the August Board meeting.

VII. New Business – Trailer

- i. Ron ran into trouble with the trailer when bringing it to the fairgrounds.
- ii. It was left at the fairgrounds and then brought to a storage facility, while we figure out what is needed.
- iii. It will need to be unloaded before it can be taken to the Trailer company where it was purchased to see what repair is needed and if covered by warranty.
- iv. In any event, we will need to find another place to store it, as the Colyer's do not want it on their property anymore.
- v. Sharmin offered to go see the trailer on Wednesday to see if the trailer has brake issues.
- vi. Trish paid for the storage facility and will send receipts to Kelli for reimbursement.
- vii. To be continued.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman,

Recording Secretary



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday July 23, 2025
Place: Via Zoom

I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Amy Rosling, President.

Present: Lynn Anderson, Kelli Armstrong, Susan Bell, Alice Brown, Sarah Cooper Gene Daspit, Mavourneen Daspit, Kathy Daspit, Sharmin Dominke, Heather Downing, Dana Fare, Kathy Fisk, Steve Hughes, Trish Hughes, Jennifer Kisker, Nancy Light, Pat Lindquist, Shari Phillips, Amy Rosling, Yoshino Sakamoto, Claudia Shaw, Jonathon Stone, Renee Stone, Marian Tillman

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 25th GM meeting which were published in the July GW.
APPROVED.

III. **Report of the Board (Amy)**

- Amy opened by acknowledging that many members have expressed a desire to make club meetings more efficient, given everyone's busy schedules outside of their shared enthusiasm for Golden Retrievers. To support this goal, members are kindly asked to review meeting agendas and any submitted reports in advance. This preparation will help keep meetings focused, avoid repetitive report readings, and show respect for everyone's time.
- At the most recent board meeting, the agenda was particularly full. One of the key decisions made was to **postpone the upcoming Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)**. The board encountered challenges in meeting essential planning deadlines and, rather than rushing the event or compromising quality, chose to delay it. The intention is to uphold the high standards of excellence and financial responsibility that the club is known for.
- Amy invited any members interested in helping with the CCA to consider joining the **CCA Committee**. Ideally, someone with previous experience will step into a leadership role, but the committee also welcomes anyone enthusiastic and willing to learn.
- Additionally, the board has formed a **Nominating Committee** to identify candidates for open **offices and board member-at-large positions**. The committee will be contacting members soon, but anyone interested in serving is encouraged to reach out directly to **Kathy Fisk, Stacia White, or Steve Hughes**.
- Lastly, Amy shared a logistical update: the **club trailer may have brake issues** and needs to be inspected. It is currently in storage but must be **unloaded this weekend** so it can be taken in. Volunteers to assist with unloading are greatly appreciated.
- Amy closed by thanking members for their continued commitment and participation, emphasizing that it's the dedication and involvement of members that keep EGRC strong and vibrant.

IV. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Sharmin)**

- Received multiple closeouts from AKC forwarded those to chairs of those events.
- When a request for reports is sent to committee chairs, it includes a submission deadline. This deadline ensures there is enough time to create and distribute an updated agenda, giving members plenty of opportunity to review it in advance. This preparation helps our meetings run more efficiently and stay on schedule. If you are unable to submit your report by the deadline, this is completely fine – your report will simply be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep meetings focused and productive.

V. **Report of Treasurer (Kelli)** – Bank balances were reported.

VI. **Report of Committees:**

- Events:
 1. Agility Nancy (Chair)
 - August 29-31, 2025 at Run Wild

- We lost one judge due to family emergency, and rather than going with one judge, we have secured judge Graham Loken to substitute. Information is on Lori Sage's website.
- 2. Specialty Maryke (2025, 2026, 2027 Chair)
 - Report has been sent to the Board for review.
- 3. Judges Selection Committee – Trish (Chair)
 - On hold until September for 2027 – possibly longer depending upon the specialty date change date and location.
- 4. Hunt Test – Nancy (Chair) June 21-22, 2025
 - Nothing new to report
- 5. WC/WCX – TBD (Chair)
 - No Chair needed until 2026.
 - Ron Colyer is the liaison with the flat coat club.
- 6. CCA – (Canine Conformation Assessment) – Kerry (Chair)
 - Event has been postponed until 2026. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email a Board member.
 - Lynn Anderson expressed her interest.
- FINANCES:
 1. Audit/Budget Committee – Kelli (Chair), Sheila Colyer, Frank Pampiks, Sharmin Dominke and Rachelle Mahoney are the committee members.
 - Audit completed and report sent to the Board.
 2. Donations Committee – TBD (chair)
 - Members Kathy Fisk, Sandy Scudder and Stacia White.
 - The committee recommended \$250 to be donated to Washington State University Veterinary Medicine – Primary veterinary care with special designation to the teaching hospital operating endowment, and \$250 to Purdue University, College of Veterinary Medicine, with specific designation to Pigmentary research.

MOTION: To approve donations to the recommended recipients: \$250 to WA State University Veterinary Medicine as designated; and \$250 to Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine as designated towards Pigmentary research. **APPROVED.**

- CLUB AFFAIRS:
Upcoming Meetings/Events

8/11 Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST viz Zoom	10/13 Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
8/27 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom	10/22 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
8/29-31 Agility – Run Wild	11/10 Joint Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
9/6 WC/WCX Colin's property	11/26 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
9/8 Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom	12/6 Holiday Party at Deb & Frank Pampiks
9/24 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom	

- Programs – Dana (Chair)
- Prior to the start of this meeting, Darla Rewers, DVM, Ancient Art Vets, gave a presentation on the various holistic services that are provided at her practice.
- At our 8/27 Membership meeting, Raquel Lackey from HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response will be our guest speaker.
- Golden West – Sharmin (Chair)

- Deadline for articles/brags or items members want printed will be the date of each monthly Board meeting.
- The Golden West will go out to the membership the week after the Board meeting.
- Nothing new to report.
- Website – Kathy (Chair)
 - Amy has received some member interest in joining the committee regarding re-design of the website.
- Puppy Referral – Claudia (Chair) –
 - Nothing new to report
- Property TBD (Chair)
 - Will be looking a volunteer to chair the committee.
 - Still working on a job description
- Sunshine Committee – Suzy (Chair) – Sent out multiple cards.
- Social media – Kathy Fisk– (Chair)
 - No report received
- GRCA News Column – Rachelle (Chair)
 - No report received.
- Nominating Committee – TBD (Chair)
 - We had many members volunteer to serve on this committee but in accordance with the bylaws, it is limited to 3 members. The Board voted and the committee is Kathy Fisk (chair), Stacia White and Steve Hughes.
- Membership – Marian (Chair)
 - 61 members (33 voting and 28 non-voting)
 - We will be voting to elect Kimberly Brockenbrough
- Website re-design – Steve (Chair)
 - Still seeking volunteers to help with this – reach out to Steve or a Board Member≥

VII. Unfinished Business
none

VIII. New Business

- **Trailer:**
 - Need helpers to move our equipment out of the trailer and into the storage unit so that the Trailer can then be brought over to Trailers Plus for repair. Pls contact Amy if you can help.
- **Election of new member:**
 - Kimberly Brockenbrough – was voted into membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

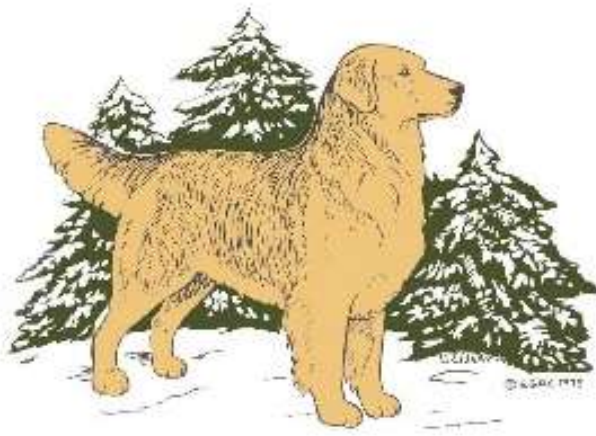
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Audit/Budget	Kelli,Armstrong	425-275-6633
Donations	TBD	
GRCA Columnist	Rachelle Mahoney	605-906-1991
Judges Selection	Trish Hughes	206-719-3437
Membership	Marian Tillman	425-941-6341
Newsletter Editor	Sharmin Dominke	206-795-0804
Nominating	Kathy Fisk	425-418-9450
Programs	Dana Fare	425-691-9290
Property	TBD	
Puppy Referral	Claudia Shaw	425-827-7253
Social Media	Kathy Fisk	425-418-9450
Sunshine	Suzy Miller	206-300-3821
Web Manager	Kathy Fisk	425-418-9450

SPECIAL EVENTS

2025 Agility	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2025 Hunt Test	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2025 Specialty	Maryke Haynes	206-351-3095
2024 Awards	Pat Lindquist	253-888-9733
2025 Holiday Party	Deb & Frank Pampiks	425-881-0867
2026 WC/WCX	TBD	



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- To preserve the structure, soundness, temperament, natural abilities and personality of the Golden Retriever as described in the breed standard and to do all possible to bring their natural abilities and qualities to perfection.
- To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever shall be judged.
- To protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows, field events, obedience trials and all functions and events where EGRC is being represented.
- To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- To educate members and the public in all aspects of owning a Golden Retriever.

General Information

General Meetings are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Check the calendar on the web site at www.egrc.org. The **Board of Directors** usually meets once a month. Contact a Board member for upcoming meeting dates. Members wishing to attend must call the President to state their business.

Application for Membership: Prospective members must attend either one or two meetings or functions before application of intent to join is accepted. Application forms may be obtained from Board members, the Membership Chair, or from the web site.

Change of Address. If you have moved, changed your phone number or your e-mail address, please e-mail our Membership Chair, Marian Tillman, marian@ridesoft.com, with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.