



The Golden West

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The November meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 27th is CANCELLED due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The next meeting will take place in-person on Saturday, December 14th at the EGRC Holiday Party



EGRC HOLIDAY PARTY SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH 4-8 PM

AT THE HOME OF DEB & FRANK PAMPIKS
6133 135TH AVE NE KIRKLAND, WA 98033

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE FOR THE POTLUCK DINNER
WE WILL HAVE A GIFT EXCHANGE FOLLOWING DINNER
PLEASE BRING A GIFT (APPROXIMATE VALUE \$20- \$25) IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE



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Questions; Deb 206 963-4117

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Reminder !!

It's time to renew your EGRC Club Membership for 2025

Renewals are due by January 15, 2025. Membership renewal forms are available on our website (EGRC.org).

As a reminder, members must complete both the renewal form to submit to the membership Chair (Marian), and also submit payment (\$25) for the Treasurer.

Apply for the EGRC 2024 Awards !!!

Celebrate your Goldens accomplishments in 2024 with an EGRC Award!

Not sure what awards are available? Check out the EGRC Awards Criteria on our website (EGRC.org) homepage and fill out the 2024 Awards Application!

The deadline for submitting applications is January 31, 2025. Late applications cannot be accepted.



Members needed!

The Club needs your help:

1) EGRC is looking for two (2) non-Board members membership for the 2025 Audit Budget Committee. Duties would include review of financial records to ensure all EGRC financial reports are accurate and adequate internal controls are in place to safeguard assets of EGRC. The Audit Budget Committee will also prepare the current year's budget, for approval by the Board at their March meeting, and shall include an appropriate amount for charitable donations.

2) EGRC is looking for an individual to fill the role of Club Treasurer for 2026. Experience in accounting and/or bookkeeping is preferred, but not at all required.

If you would be interested in filling any of these important positions, please contact any Board Member (see last page of the Golden West for a list of contacts),



Take a moment to truly relish the time with your pup. Let go of the pressure to chase points, placements, or perfection—those things don't matter to your dog. What they care about is you: your love, your focus, and the bond you share. They aren't concerned with performing to perfection, swimming the fastest, or looking flawless. For them, it's all about being with you.

It's easy to get caught up in rankings, goals, and the pursuit of success, but our dogs remind us of what really matters: connection, joy, and the simple pleasure of sharing time together.

So, pause. Take a deep breath. Laugh, play, and soak in every moment of this journey, whether it's in the ring, in the water, or in the everyday routines you share. These moments are fleeting, but they create memories that will last a lifetime.

Celebrate every step, every splash, and every joyful moment with your furry teammate. They're not just your partner in this—they're your best friend.

- Amy Rosling





Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday October 30, 2024
Place: Via Zoom Conference Call

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Nancy Light, President.

Present: Nancy Light, Marian Tillman, Peter Gortner, Kelli Armstrong, Amy Rosling, Pat Lindquist, Ron Colyer, Sheila Colyer, Trish Hughes, Kathy Fisk, Claudia Shaw, Sharmin Dominke, Gene Daspit; Mavourneen Daspit, Hatch Hachtel, Carol Hachtel, Jennifer Kisker, Dana Fare, Gwen Sieben, Jonathon Stone, Shari Phillips, Lynn Anderson, Susan Bell, Rachelle Mahoney, Maryke Haynes, Pam Pullman, Matthew Palmer, Suzy Miller, Heather Downing.

Guest: Sarah Cooper, Kathy Daspit

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 2024 GM meeting which were published in the October GW. **APPROVED.**

III. Report of the President:

- Welcome members and guests.
- This is our annual meeting, and tonight we will be voting on the 2025 Board of Directors.
- A joint Board meeting of new and current Board members will be held on November 11th. Looking forward for everyone to be there for the hand-off.
- Thanks to Deb and Claudia for putting together our raffle basket for the National and to Pat for bringing it there.
- Thanks to everyone who helped at the WC/WCX.
- Tonight we will be voting on two prospective members.

IV. Report of the Board (Nancy)

- Please see the October Board minutes published in the October GW.

V. Report of Corresponding Secretary (Susan)

- Still have not received closeout papers for the Specialty.

VI. Report of Treasurer (Kelli) – bank balances were reported.

- Need to get clarification from our insurance broker as to what the premium of \$1,220.00 covers. Seems we have two separate policies; one covering the trailer and the other covering liability and directors.

VII. Report of Committees:

Events:

1. Agility (Nancy) August 29-31, 2025

- We have secured two judges. One is local (Susan Leitner) the other is from Tennessee (Sherry Spivey).
- Many clubs have been finding it difficult to get local judges (OR and WA), since there are not enough local judges for all the clubs.
- We could save money for the out-of-town judge if we used an Uber or Shuttle service, rather than renting a car for the judge. Or if a member is willing to pick up and drop off.
- Will let Lori know to purchase the ticket for Sherry Spivey after the contract is signed.

- Double checking with Kelli on the final numbers of the 2024 trial, our loss was \$30 more than originally reported.
2. Specialty (Shari) June 29, 30 2024 –
 - Final report – we had a \$5509.00 gain.
 - Nancy will send a copy of the financial report to the board.
 - Logo-wear is ready and Shari will pick up soon.
 3. Specialty (Maryke) June 28-29, 2025
 - Have AKC approval for the Specialty
 - Contract for the venue will be going out next month
 - Superintendent has been confirmed
 - Need volunteers for several areas – please contact Maryke if you want to help.
 - Theme is Camp Out – will use something like L.L. Bean camping ads in their catalog.
 - Found a logo maker
 - Also have a food truck secured
 4. Judges Selection Committee (Trish) –
 - We have all the suggested names.
 - There are several judges who either do not want to judge since they are members of the Club or are not available.
 - Will get survey monkey out in two surveys due to limit of the number that can be sent out. Will send out to folks with last names A-L and M-Z
 - Will allow 2 weeks for voting.
 5. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 21-22, 2025
 - Nancy, Susan and Peter attended a Tri-Club Zoom meeting this morning. Discussed possible charges to club for using equipment for smaller events like training days, 5-series and WC/WCX events. There was no decision, but we may not have to do that. Also discussed keeping track of equipment and expenses for equipment repair.
 - Tri-Club has written several job descriptions and is continuing to write more of them. (i.e. Chair, Secretary, etc.).
 - 2025 not started. Susan will be Secretary and Nancy will be Chair.
 6. Tracking (TD/TDX) No report
 7. WC/WCX (Susan & Nancy) October 13, 2024
 - Report is in the GW along with pictures. Financials very close to budget. Loss of about \$58.00
 - Chris Butler's pictures are available. His link is on our FB page.
 - Kathy Adams also has photos, and they are free to participants. Her link is also on our FB page.
 - Rita Robbins of GRCA has received Reports and GRNews qualifiers should receive their certificates soon and photos will be published in the GRNews in a few months.
 8. Holiday Party – December 14, 2024, hosted by Deb & Frank Pampiks.
 - Potluck
 - Gift exchange
 - Will send out more information as we get closer to the date.

- Nancy made a suggestion of a fun activity we could do at the Holiday Party. The White River Golden Retriever Club mentioned in their GRCA news column that at the end of the year everyone gets an index card and an envelope and writes down their goal(s) for the coming year. They seal it in the envelope, puts their name on the envelope, and gives to the person who will hold them until the following year when they are returned to everyone and opened, and shared with the group.
- Marian volunteered to supply the cards/envelopes at the party and keep them until the following Holiday Party.

9. Health Clinic – no report

10. CCA (Kerry) – Kerry is setting up a meeting with Caroline.

FINANCES:

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli/Rachelle/Trish) –no report.
2. Donations Committee (Sandy, Stacia, Kathy) – no report

CLUB AFFAIRS:

1. Membership (Marian) 70 members (41 voting/29 non-voting).
 - Voting tonight on two applicants for membership
 - Updated membership renewals on our website.
2. Golden West (Peter) Deadline November 15th, Publishing around November 18th.
3. Website – (Peter) – Accepting any suggestions for improvement of the website or if anyone wants to see something added.
4. Puppy referral (Claudia) We have a new listing –Will send out renewal for next year.
5. Rescue (Alice/Rachelle) – no report
6. Meetings:
 - Joint Board Meeting November 11, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom – Board members please let Nancy know if you will not be able to attend.
 - Holiday Party & General Meeting December 14th in person at Deb & Fank Pampiks.
 - Future Board meetings to be determined by new Board at the joint Board meeting.
7. Awards (Pat) –
 - Recipients of awards in 2023 should plan to return them to Pat.
 - If you will be attending the Holiday Party, you can return awards to Pat at that time.
 - Discussed discontinuing the Roberta Anderson awards since they are not perpetual and are duplicates of other trophies that exist. The Board will make a decision – if you have any thoughts, contact Nancy and/or Pat.
 - Awards application is on our website and was attached to the last GW.
8. Awards Banquet (Nancy) no date set yet. Most likely late March to ensure enough time is given for engraving.
9. Property (Deb) no report.

- 10. GR News Column (Rachelle) – no report
- 11. Sunshine Committee – no report
- 12. Social media (Marj, Kathy, Marian, Kelli, Kerry) – Kathy reported that we have over 1600 followers on Facebook.
- 13. Nominating Committee (Trish, Ron, Lisa) – no report
- 14. Election of New members –
 - Sarah Cooper and Kathy Daspit were voted in as new members.

VIII. Unfinished Business – no report

IX. New Business – Vote for 2025 Board – the Nominating Committee submitted the following for the new term:

- Amy Rosling, President
- Peter Gortner, Vice President
- Kelli Armstrong – Treasurer
- Sharmin Dominke – Corresponding Secretary
- Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary
- Nancy Light, Pat Lindquist, Dana Fare – Members at Large

MOTION: To approve the Board as presented by the Nominating Committee.
APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
Joint Board Meeting Minutes
Place: via Zoom
Date: Monday November 14, 2024

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Peter Gortner, Vice-President. Present: Nancy, Marian, Kelli, Pat, Peter, Susan, Amy, Dana, Sharmin. Absent: Alice.

- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
Motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 2024 Board meeting which were published in the October GW. **APPROVED.**

- III. **Report of the President**
 - Welcome new Board members Sharmin Dominke and Dana Fare.
 - Thank you for your service to outgoing Board members Susan Bell and Alice Brown.
 - Several liaison appointments need to be made tonight as well as setting dates for upcoming meetings.

- IV. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Susan)**
 - Closeout papers were received from AKC for our 2024 Specialty.
 - GRCA and AKC have been contacted with the results of our October Board election.
 - Kelli will be updating our status with the Secretary of State of WA.

- V. **Report of Treasurer (Kelli)**
 - Bank balances for checking and savings were reported.
 - The \$85 received from the sale of the logo-wear were entered under "miscellaneous income."
 - We have two separate policies with two separate insurance companies.
 - 1. Coverage for the Trailer and Liability (\$1220 premium)
 - 2. Directors and Officers (\$973 for 2024 which renews in Feb)
 - 3. Kelli will speak with our broker for the Liability & Trailer coverage, to see if we can consolidate the D&O coverage for 2025 into that same policy.

- VI. **Report of Committees:**

Events:
 - 1. Agility (Nancy) August 29-30, 2025
 - There was a discrepancy in the 2024 financial report which indicated we did not reimburse Lori Sage for her payment to AKC for our application since we did not receive an invoice from her. This has been corrected and does not affect the financial report.
 - Completed contract has been sent to Run Wild.
 - Lori is working on sending contracts to our two judges (Susan Leitner and Sherri Spivey).
 - There is a \$250 deposit that needs to be sent to Run Wild (a bit more than last year).

MOTION: To expend the sum of \$250 as deposit to pay Run Wild for the 2025 Agility Trials. **APPROVED.**

 - 2. Specialty June 28, 29 2025

MOTION: To appoint Amy as Liaison for the Specialty. **APPROVED**

3. Judges Selection Committee (Amy) –
 - Trish is finalizing the 2026 list of judges and will be sent to Peter who will send out the link to membership for voting.
4. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 21-22, 2025
 - Nancy has signed the Tri-Club agreement for the year.
 - Have updated the charges that the three clubs use for the trailer.
 - We are looking for judges.
5. Tracking (TD/TDX) no report
6. WC/WCX (Nancy) no report
7. Holiday Party December 14, 2024 – details in the GM minutes
 - Peter will email Deb about what she wants to publish in the GW regarding bringing pot-luck items and gift exchange items.
8. Health Clinic – Stacia not able to find a vet so this is off the table for now.

FINANCES:

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli)
 - In January of each year the Board appoints a committee, consisting of the Treasurer and two non-board members.
 - Peter will put an announcement in the GW for volunteers to be on the Committee.
2. Donations Committee
MOTION: to appoint Dana as liaison to the Donations Committee. **APPROVED**

CLUB AFFAIRS:

2. Membership (Marian)
 - 72 members (42 voting/ 30 non-voting).
 - Some members are paying via pay-pal but neglecting to send in their renewal forms.
3. Golden West (Nancy) Deadline November 20. Publishing about November 25.
4. Website – (Peter) The awards application has been added to the front page of our website.
5. Puppy referral (Amy) – Peter has added Maryke to the Breeders list.
6. Rescue –
 - Nancy received an email about placing a young male Golden who had food issues with other males. She passed this along to Rachelle and has not yet heard back from her.
 - MOTION:** To appoint Nancy as liaison to Rachelle for Rescue. **APPROVED**
7. Meetings:
 - There will be no General Meeting in November, since we will have our meeting at the Holiday Party on December 14th.
 - Board Meeting – December 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - General Membership meeting January 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - Further discussions to be held regarding future dates for meetings.

8. Awards (Pat) –

MOTION: To eliminate the Roberta Anderson awards. **APPROVED**

- There was discussion regarding perpetual awards being given to recipients to keep for the year and then returned. There was concern regarding the difficulty in transporting and possible breakage. Some suggestions:
 - Club pays for engraving the trophy, but keeps it at the Club (or with Awards Chair)
 - Recipient pays a deposit if they really want to take it. Deposit returned when trophy is returned to the Club.No decision was made.

9. Awards Banquet (Pat) @ Deb & Frank Pampiks

- Suggested time to hold the awards is April.
- Will check with Deb and Frank if there is a good date in April when they can host.

10. Property (Nancy) no report

11. CCA (Nancy) – Kerry has set the date: March 8, 2025, at Sharon Colvin’s building.

- 24 dogs
- Needs volunteers for many spots, has some already filled:
 - Score sheet compiler: Leann McDermot
 - Photographer: Gail George Sackett
- Has a list of 6 possible judges
- Marian will provide the wicket

12. Sunshine Committee (Nancy) card sent to Shari Phillips (knee surgery)

13. Social media (Kelli)- no report

14. GRCA Delegate (Amy) – no report.

15. GRCA News Columnist

MOTION: To appoint Amy as liaison to Rachele regarding her column.
APPROVED

VII. Unfinished Business – none

VIII. New Business – Kelli asked that we update the signers on our account with U.S. Bank. It was agreed that they would be:

- Kelli, Nancy, and Peter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman,
Recording Secretary

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Rescue Committee	Rachelle Mahoney	

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
2024 Holiday Party	Deb, Frank Pampiks	425-881-0867
WC/WCX	Susan Bell Nancy Light	425-318-9754 425-354-3609

The Objectives of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- e) 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.

