

Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue

Meeting Minutes

4/27/25

I. Call to order

Jessica Sutton called to order the Board meeting of Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue at 4:02 p.m. on April 27, 2025, via Zoom.

II. Attendees

Jessica Sutton
Barbara Renken
Sandy Diamond
Kriss Harrigian
Carole Spies
Jackie Smith-Hastie

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Reports for October, November and December were formally approved and the Quickbooks issue has been resolved. As of 1/31/25, our cash balance was \$87,566.63.

V. Old Business

1. Fundraising update

- Kriss is still looking into a Paint & Sip fundraiser.

2. Dog update

Clifford/Benny

Dog Rep: Barbara Renken

Foster: Jennifer & Dave Stavish/San Diego

Medical: Healthy. Benny's vet wants to do blood work in August to continue prescribing fluoxetine. This is problematic given the failed attempts to draw his blood in the past. Vet wants to try again with the oral meds the night before and the morning of the visit.

Behavior: Anxiety, leash reactivity, challenging visitors to the home. Doing very well with puppy Rosie in the home.

Action plan: Jennifer and Dave were planning to work on desensitizing Benny to the doorbell, but that has proved difficult with Rosie in residence so they haven't been working on it. Increase social media posts, refresh his bio on our website.

Adoption Outlook: Practicing patience

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Lady G

Dog Rep: Sandy Diamond

Foster: Mariet Zograbyan/Tujungga

Medical: Lubricant in left eye for the rest of her life. Mass on iris of right eye, possible melanocytoma vs melanoma. She is overweight. Need to schedule an eye exam in May.

Behavior: Shy and timid. She doesn't play with other dogs.

Action plan: Need to schedule eye recheck in May 2025.

Adoption outlook: Hopeful. She will need a calm and patient adopter.

Maisie

Dog Rep: Carole Spies

Foster: Lisa Rosenberg/Santa Clarita

Medical: Watching her liver values

Behavior: None

Action plan: Continue promoting her

Adoption outlook: Hopeful

Ella

Dog Rep: Jessica Sutton

Foster: Mariana Valderhaug

Medical issues: None

Behavior: Mouthy and pulls on leash

Action plan: Head collar helps with pulling

Adoption Outlook: Very good

Rico

Dog Rep: Carole Spies

Foster: Rob Maresca

Medical: Has allergies; Cytopoint has helped

Behavior: Digging

Action Plan: Continue promoting him

Adoption outlook: Very good

Griffin

Adopted!

Gracie

Adopted!

3. Foster & Events Committee update

- FRR hosted an event at Steelcraft on 3/15. Received one adoption application from the event
- FRR's 5th birthday party was held at Common Space on 4/6.

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- No other events are currently scheduled
- Looking for an Events Coordinator
- We have some new volunteers working on foster handouts
- More FB and IG posts for foster recruitment
- Newsletter went out in March with a push for new foster homes
- Zoom Socials/Waggin' Wednesdays are off to a good start and will be held weekly

4. Knack update
Sandy to send list of requested updates to Euan

VI. New Business

1. Clear the Shelters is being held again later this year. Jackie suggested we participate again.

2. Adoption packet for Adopters
It was suggested we put together some items for new adopters

3. Board member travel
Discussed who would be out of town and when

4. Need projects for new volunteers
Discussed what things new volunteers could work on to keep them engaged.
Clear the Shelters was one suggestion.

5. Add new trainer for FRR foster dogs
The board approved using Kim Harrison as another trainer that we can hire for foster dog behavior needs.

6. Fosters Needed handout
Barbara requested a smaller, 3 x 5 handout for foster recruitment that would be smaller and easier to hang in pet stores, vets, etc.

VII. Next Meeting

May 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

VIII. Adjournment

Jessica adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.