

Groom Team USA General Meeting  
Meadowlands Convention Center  
Room B Secacaus, NJ. 4/15/2011

Present:

Tully, Marea, Senior Board Member  
Dreese, Teresa, Board Member  
Purcell, Cheryl, Team Coordinator  
Otto, Kendra, Secretary  
Evans, Michelle, Team Liason

Advisory Board Members Present:

Leady, Lisa

2011 Premium Sponsors:

Andis  
Wahl  
Lambert Kay  
Shark Fin  
44/20  
Groomer's Helper

Meeting called to order at 8:02pm.

Marea called the meeting to order by announcing the newly voted in officers, Kendra Otto as Secretary and Cheryl Purcell as Coordinator.

Kendra Otto then read the minutes from the last meeting in Atlanta. Cheryl made a motion to accept the minutes, Jeri Hoppe seconded, and Motion passed.

Marea then read the Treasurer's report. Cheryl and Kendra both made a motion to accept the minutes.

## Old Business:

The Liz Paul Memorial Award was discussed. Lisa Leady had questioned about when the award would be given out. Christina Pawlosky mentioned that a Poodle and Bichon trophy would be a good idea because Liz was known for both breeds. We resolved that the award would be given to the competitor that had accumulated the most Best in Show wins for 2010 and with approval from Jerry Schinberg, the trophy would be given out at The All American Grooming Show. Jerry Schinberg graciously accepted the offer as an honor to be able to have that award given out at his show.

The Groomer Auction was discussed and ideas were brought up. Amy Triezenberg would donate stained glass; Lindsey Dicken would donate dog hair ornaments. Cheryl mentioned old gently used equipment that has been autographed or engraved by the donor.

Cheryl's mother also will be donating 2 dog themed quilts per year, to be sold to Groom Team for \$65.00ea. Tammy Siert brought up model dog donations.

We concluded that donors could bring the item to The NEPGP Summer Festival and Cheryl would bring them to Chicago, as well as the rest of the donors could bring their donations to The All American.

Olga's old business was brought attention to, and then the point of view was changed. Michelle Breen brought up placing and points to be brought up again. Also more points for Best All Around Groomer will take effect in 2011.

## New Business:

Cheryl made mention that the quad-folders had been updated with the new changes and are available in the booth.

She also reminded everyone of the April 30th deadline for the Groom Team scholarship and for eligibility, you must be able to enter your first year of college.

Jerry Schinberg asked the members of Groom Team USA, who the voting board members are and who's votes count.

Marea answered that she, along with Teresa Dreese and Sue Watson were the voting members.

An announcement was also made that along with the new officers Cheryl and Kendra, that Chuck Simons had also been voted in as our new Public Relations Officer.

Cheryl then made an announcement that her mother should have the 6x9 quilted throw ready for the auction at The All American Grooming Show.

The quilted throws will be available for Groom Team to purchase for a discounted rate of \$65.00ea. She also mentioned that food and drinks will be available to all competitors at the shows that the Groom Team booth is there. She also had an idea for competitors to bring a dog by the booth; this could draw more attention to our booth.

Lindsey Dicken was asked permission at the meeting if we could use her photos from Germany on a DVD to sell for another fundraising opportunity.

She gave us verbal permission and also said that she would ask her father Doug Berry for permission as well, because some of the photos belong to him.

Mention was made that the DVD had been posted on Youtube and Facebook by Anita Gagnon, Kendra spoke to Anita about that matter and it was determined that she did not do that, and it was probably Chuck Simons that initiated it.

Kendra spoke with Chuck and it will be taken off of the internet, so Groom Team can sell the DVD.

Kendra then brought up the idea of updating our Groom Team style, the idea was well received. Ideas were given and we discussed a stylish denim jacket, blazer, pea coat and a sporty tracksuit jacket.

We also discussed selling a "proud supporter" fleece jacket at our booth and eliminating the sweatshirt. Cheryl and Kendra will both be researching the jackets at LLBean and LandsEnd.

Michell Evans said that she had her Groom Team jacket altered and framed the old jacket. She said that she would email a picture of the framed jacket as a potential sponsor gift.

Mention was also made that maybe Jody Murphy would sell smocks for Groom Team with a proud supporter logo.

Cheryl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Kendra 2nd the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Kendra Otto, Groom Team Secretary