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The Official Newsletter for the
GREATER ATLANTA LABRADOR
RETRIEVER CLUB



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Announcements

*The Labrador Community is less one of our own.
Founding GALRC member Clint Vail (Valcar Labradors) passed away
October 16th. 2020 Clint was a Veteran Labrador breeder and
everyone here in the south either knows of Clint or has Valcar
somewhere in their pedigrees.
He will be greatly missed. Clint was 88 years old.*

To read Clint's full obituary. [\(Click Here\)](#)





Announcements

GALRC 25th Anniversary Specialty

Greetings to all GALRC members! The show committee is gearing up and excited about our 25th anniversary specialty to be held in November at Shannondale Farm, Alpharetta, Ga.

Saturday, Nov 20, 2021

Margaret Brown, Ramsayville (UK) - Dogs & Intersex

Katie Somers, Somersun (WA) - Bitches & Non-regular

Stacey Parsons, Everland (WA) - All Sweepstakes

Sunday, Nov 21, 2021

Katie Somers, Somersun (WA) - Dogs & Intersex

Margaret Brown, Ramsayville (UK) - Bitches & Non- regular

Starker Green, Greenstone (TX) - All Sweepstakes

*** pending AKC approval

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This year is a special year for the club since it will be our 25th Silver Anniversary. The show committee is in the beginning stages of planning and we will need every members help.

Ashley Swartzentruber has agreed to solicit and acquire items for the raffle & our fabulous silent auction, although Ashley will be unable to join us this year since her second baby will arrive in October (I do foresee Junior Handlers in her future). Anne Key has agreed to do the ground work and running of the raffle & silent auction but will need help to set up and oversee the weekend.

We will need help in the area of hospitality as well; hospitality is not a one person job, it takes many people to make sure all of the exhibitor needs are met. I'm sure most of you have heard the adage, "many hands make little work." Please consider making the donation of time and service to your club. The specialty has grown considerably over the past few years and the club has acquired a reputation of offering a well run and fun specialty, please help us to continue this tradition. Just remember donating an hour or two of your time over the show weekend is a huge help to the show committee. We need you!

As show chairman, I will have more information about the specialty in the next couple of months so stay tuned! Please contact me at whisperwoodlabs@cox.net or 540-287-6542 if you have ideas or can help in any area.

I look forward to seeing everyone this fall!

Cheryl Little

GALRC Show Chairman



Club Minutes

GALRC Zoom Meeting HELD March 21, 2021

Members present were Barry, Dale, Neil, Jodi, Carol,

Karen, Tom and Julia. Neil called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

Treasurer's Report

As of February 28, 2021 there was an ending balance of \$7,703.03.

Membership checks are coming in. The annual registration for the Georgia Canine Coalition was paid in the amount of \$33.33.

Committee Reports

Cheryl stated she'd be the Show Chair. Neil and Jodi are still looking for alternate show sites. The Shannondale property has not sold. Jodi discussed contacting Dave regarding signing a lease. Barry stated that AKC needs to know the show location by June. Neil will move forward with Dave Shannon. Sandy Creek Park, Oconee Fairgrounds, Jim Miller Park and the International Horse Park are a few being looked at.

New Members

Terry Turner, Ridgeland Labradors - First reading and sponsored by Joyce Woods, Tom and Pam Ireland.

Clint Vail died in October and his obituary will be in the newsletter.



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There was a discussion about the By Laws. Jodi suggested that the Atlanta area be as follows.

West to include Newman
East to include Athens
South to include McDonough
North to include Ballground
Tom to check for AKC approval.

Jodi also suggested that the Board members be required to live in this area. Jodi made a motion, Carol seconded to recommend the By Laws to the General membership. Three current Board members are Julia, Barry and Karen. Tom, Carol and Barry to compose a final version.

Jodi discussed Judges' airfare and possible travel restrictions.

The next meeting is Thursday, April 22nd at 7:30PM.

Barry moved to adjourn the meeting and Carol seconded.



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ARTICLE I

Name and Objects

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be the Greater Atlanta Labrador Retriever Club.

SECTION 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

- a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bred Labrador Retrievers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- b) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Labrador Retrievers shall be judged;
- c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, hunt tests and working certificates;
- d) to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, hunt tests and working certificates under the rules of The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such

bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.



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BYLAWS ARTICLE 1 Membership

SECTION 1.

a) Eligibility. There shall be two types of membership open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

SECTION 2.

a) Dues. Membership dues shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and submitted for approval to the General Membership for a vote, to be payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of September the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

SECTION 3.

a) Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws and the rules of The American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing accompanying the application.



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The applicant must have volunteered at least at one club event and attended one club meeting prior to becoming a member. The applicant must adhere to the Club Code of Ethics. The prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year. All applications are to be filed with the Secretary, and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. At the next Club meeting, the applications will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present and voting by secret ballot at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

- b) Associate Membership. Associate members will not have voting privileges. They shall apply as above but the application shall carry the endorsement of one member in good standing accompanying the application. Associate members are not eligible to be listed or advertise as a breeder on any Club material and this includes posting litter listings, puppies for sale, etc. in the Club newsletter or on the Club website. After completing one(1)year of associate membership in good standing, these members may renew as an associate member or apply as a FULL MEMBER using the above protocol for election to membership in 3(a)
- c) Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not re-apply within six months after such rejection.
- d) Members must adhere to the Club Code of Ethics.

SECTION 4.

- a) Termination of Membership. Membership may be terminated:



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i.) By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.

ii.) By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

iii.) By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of the bylaws.

ARTICLE II

Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1.

a) Club Meetings. Meetings of the Club shall be held each month. Meetings may be held in-person within the Greater Atlanta area or virtually/electronically by such methods as teleconference and/or videoconference at such date and hour, method or place as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed or communicated electronically by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the



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members in good standing residing in the Greater Atlanta area – communities west to include Newnan, east to include Athens, south to include McDonough and north to include Ball Ground.

SECTION 2.

a) Special Club Meetings. Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present (in-person or virtually) and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held either in-person in the Greater Atlanta area or virtually/electronically by such methods as teleconference and/or videoconference at such date and hour, method or place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed or communicated electronically by the Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said meeting notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing residing in Greater Atlanta area – communities west to include Newnan, east to include Athens, south to include McDonough and north to include Ball Ground.

SECTION 3.

a) Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each month within the Greater Atlanta area or virtually/electronically by such methods as teleconference



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and/or videoconference at such date and hour, method or place as may be designated from time to time by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed or communicated electronically by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 4.

a) Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held within the Greater Atlanta area or virtually by such methods as teleconference and/or videoconference at such date and hour, method or place as may be designated from time to time by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed or communicated electronically by the Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 5.

a) Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he is present in-person or virtually. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.



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ARTICLE III Directors and Officers

SECTION 1.

a) Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of the officers and two to four other persons all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for two-year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV, and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2.

a) Officers. The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve in their respective

capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings. While Board Members may be unrestricted as to residence, the Officer positions shall reside in the communities as listed in the club's approved geographical territory. The numerical majority of the Board of Directors shall be resident in the Greater Atlanta area – communities west to include Newnan, east to include Athens, south to include McDonough and north to include Ball Ground.

i.) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.



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- ii.) The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- iii.) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club.
- iv.) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws. If the Recording Secretary is not attending a meeting, the Corresponding Secretary will then be responsible for recording notes for that meeting.
- v.) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- vi.) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person in which case the Board shall be comprised of the officers and up to 4 board members.



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SECTION 3.

a) Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1.

a) Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the last day of December.

b) The Club's official year shall begin January 1.

SECTION 2.

a) Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of November at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article.

SECTION 3.

a) Elections. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.



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SECTION 4.

a) Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of September, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before October 1.

i.) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and position of the Board, and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

ii.) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall before November 1st notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.

iii.) Additional nominations may be made at the October meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate.

No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

iv.) The election will occur at the November meeting, and the new slate will take office on January 1 of alternating years as indicated by the two-year term. Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section. Each retiring officer shall turn over to the



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successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

ARTICLE V Committees

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, field events, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VI Discipline

SECTION 1. American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.



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SECTION 2. Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$25 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board Meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

SECTION 3. Board Hearing. The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow-members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.



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SECTION 4. Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceeding may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's finding and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent of the membership in good standing residing in Greater Atlanta area – communities west to include Newnan, east to include Athens, south to include McDonough and north to include Ball Ground. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.



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SECTION 2. The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII Dissolution

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club but after payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX Order of Business

SECTION 1. At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call

Minutes of last meeting

Report of President

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Report of Secretaries
Report of Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
Election of new members
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of minutes of last meeting
Report of Secretaries
Report of Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment



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Your Kennel Name, Contact person, Website URL, email address and a brief description of your practices. You may include any updated information about current litters.



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