

Motion to Greyhound Rescue Wales AGM 2011

Amended following Annual General Meeting 30.10.11.

Preamble

This meeting notes that:

- GRW has recently received substantial income in the form of legacies, mainly from the legacy of the late Lee Frank of south London.
- That the total amount held in reserve by GRW is now approximately £500,000.
- That the Executive Committee of GRW has resolved that a reserve fund of £50,000 (approximately one year's income) be established. This fund will be used to meet any unexpected expenditure or to replace any shortfall in income as may be necessary to achieve the objects of the charity.

This meeting believes that the substantial funds now available to the charity represent a unique and long-hoped for opportunity to achieve the aims of the organisation in the long term future.

In order to make this opportunity a reality, this meeting believes that a full and proper investigation should be conducted into the possible options for the use of the funds now available to the charity.

Resolution 1: Reserves

This meeting instructs the Executive Committee of GRW to hold in reserve the full amount of funds secured from legacies other than the reserve of £50,000, until agreement has been reached as to its use following the conclusion of the work of the working group established under resolution 2 below and the decision of the General Meeting of members to be convened under 2.10 below

Resolution 2: Working Group

This meeting resolves to establish a working group.

2.1. Working Group Remit

The working group will investigate a minimum of three options for the best use of the

substantial amount of monies, donated as legacies, currently held by GRW; the group will ensure that adequate time is devoted to the examination of each option and will make recommendations about the best way to use these funds in order to further the objects of the charity.

2.2. Outputs

The working group will produce a full report into the relevant options, including: financial projections; options for management; an assessment of risks, and; an assessment of the potential benefits in terms of achieving the objects of the organisation.

The working group will subsequently produce a business plan for one or more preferred options.

2.3. Considerations

The working group will take into account in making its recommendations: the findings of: the most recent Organisational Review (February 2007); the Working Group on the use of legacy money (March 2007); any subsequent relevant discussions and recommendations of the Executive Committee as evidenced by minutes or other reports of that Committee.

A prime consideration of the working group will be the need to ensure the long term sustainability and viability of any proposals it makes.

2.4. Composition

The Working Group will be composed of no less than three and no more than five members appointed by a Special General Meeting of GRW which will be convened by the Executive Committee early in 2012.

In appointing members the AGM will consider their personal integrity, experience of GRW, professional expertise, and other qualities they might bring to the Group.

2.5. Powers to enlist support

The working group will seek the views of the membership about possible options for investigation at an early stage in it's work.

The working group will be able to consult, engage and involve any individuals or organisations it believes able to assist it.

Any individuals so engaged will be able to take a full part in the deliberations of the working group, they will be entitled to receive all information which is made available to the members of the working group, and will be enabled by the group to provide advice and guidance to the group.

2.6. Budget

The working group will seek to enlist as much as possible of the support and services it needs on a voluntary (not paid for) basis.

However, it is likely that some services will need to be paid for in order to ensure, that the service provided is of an adequate standard, and to ensure the accountability, in law, of the person or organisation providing the service. For example the working group may need to purchase legal services, architectural design services or other kinds of professional expertise.

For these reasons the working group is allocated a budget of a maximum £5000. Should it wish to exceed this budget, approval will be required from either the Executive Committee of GRW, or a General Meeting of Members.

2.7. Remuneration of Working Group Members

No working group member shall receive any payment other than the re-imbusement of out of pocket expenses. Any payment of expenses will need to be approved by the Treasurer and accounts will be submitted, as is normal practice, to the Executive Committee.

2.8. Timescale

The working group will produce an interim report within six months and complete its work within eleven months of this meeting.

2.9. Accountability

While the working group is in operation it will present a progress report to each meeting of the Executive Committee and a monthly update of any spending to the treasurer .

t will submit its interim and final reports/business plans to the Executive Committee for their view and comment.

2.10. Conclusion

Once the Executive Committee has received the final report of the Working Group, it will convene a Special/Annual General Meeting of Members, within two calendar months, and according to the constitution of GRW.

The Annual/Special General Meeting so convened will consider, amend and approve the recommendations of the Working Group.