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MINUTES
Thursday, March 20, 2008 @ 6:30PM
Council on Aging

Present: Cindy Nicholson, Lu St Aubin, Ed Daniels, Katrina Boucher, Pat Engstrom, Linda Van Nest, Mary Beth O'Shea, Erin Shupenis, and Marty Haspel.

Guest Present: Ed Lynch.

Cindy Nicholson opened the meeting; quorum verified.

Minutes: Previous minutes of February 21, 2008 reviewed and approved with one change to the spelling of Marty Haspel's name.

New Board Members: Marty Haspel was voted in for one of the opening positions on the Board

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for the period of 1/31/08 to 3/19/08 was approved.

Opening Balance	\$ 946.31	Expenses:	
Donations	+ 200.66	Website Rental/Computer	- \$20.66
Membership Dues	+ 530.00	Stamps for 2008 dues/Postage	- 55.76
T-Shirts	+ 15.00		
Ending Balance	\$1,615.55		

501 Public Charities Status: Pat Engstrom presented information on the following foundation that grants money to shelter organizations to assist with the expenses. The fee that EDOA will have to pay to is \$500. Handsel Foundation, animalgrantmakers.org/members/mullins.html – Ralph & Virginia Mullins Foundation. Mary Beth will help with applying for the grant and be the contact person.

May Town Meeting: Cindy Nicholson passed around a hand out flyer that she has been working on and thinking of distributing at the May Town Meeting. Hopefully we will be able to add the website address to the handouts.

More discussion needed on the hand out flyers and copies of the Town's report at various places, including the post offices so that we can continue to educate the public about the shelter's progress.

Website: The domain name EasthamDogOwnersAssociation.Com has expired. It was suggested that we use .ORG instead of .COM if possible. Ed Daniels offered to work on getting our website up and in working condition. He asked and was given permission to spend approximately \$60 for website/host yearly expenses.

Emergency Pet Shelter: Pat Engstrom discussed the status of the future Emergency Pet Shelter. She also updated the members on the Red Cross Shelter Training Class. It has come to her attention that the training is an extensive process requiring applications, back ground checks to name just a few of the requirements. Pat is trying to have a meeting with Sheila Vanderhoef regarding the basic requirements of EDOA members helping out at the shelter in case of an emergency.

More discussion was done on the basic requirements and expectations the Town has for a future Emergency Pet Shelter that was received from Town Administrator Sheila Vanderhoef. Kennel Cough Vaccination was covered in detail and also current Distemper Vaccinations.

Rabies Clinic is scheduled for April 5th in Eastham.

Clean Up Committee, etc. The Wiley Park Poop Pick-up Party March 16th was a success. More than 75 pounds of dog waste was collected. Claire Bransfield coordinates the future pick-ups at Wiley Park that take place the second Saturday of every month.

Fund Raising Ideas & Miscellaneous Topics: It was mentioned that Charlene Polequin would possibly donate her time, during the summer months of June and July. She teaches CPR for Pets. Having a maximum of 12 people in a 3 ½ hour class, weekends only. The normal fee is approximately \$45; suggested we might charge \$25 to Members.

Katrina shared a photo from Robby McQueeney – The Dune Tramp artist, www.dunetramp.com.

Windmill Weekend: Theme for the parade will be 50's and dates will be Friday September 5th – Sunday September 7th, 2008. Erin to research the possibility of adding an EDOA dog show to the community event.

Future Discussions:

Marty Haspel mentioned a suggestion for future discussions, A new Town Committee, an Animal Matters Review Board. A hearing board to deal with animal complaints or animal related problems consisting of “dog people” instead of or maybe with the Town’s Selectmen. Animal Control Officer, Animal Trainer, Dog Breeder, Dog Club Member, Members of the Community, Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician and others would make up the Board.

Dyer Beach – Eastham side of Rock Harbor, a question was asked about the hours and times it was available – possible changing with the tides? It was mentioned to bring this up again at the next meeting when Lynne would be able to assist in the discussion.

Next Board Meeting is April 17, 2008 at the Council on Aging.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lu St.Aubin
Secretary