

EASTHAM DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

**Thursday, May 10, 2007 @ 6:30PM
Eastham Police Conference Room**

PRESENT: Lynne Bates, Pat Engstrom, Maureen Fagan, Fred Fenlon, Cindy Nicholson, Mary Beth O'Shea, Linda Van Nest and Val Young

TREASURERS REPORT – Val Young reported the following:

Balance March 8, 2007	\$338.00
Donations	\$20.00
Banked March 13, 2007	\$74.00
Banked April 24, 2007	<u>10.00</u>
Balance as of May 10, 2007	442.00

Dues are due in September of each year.

MINUTES: Previous minutes reviewed and minutes accepted. Lynne suggested the minutes be resent via email before each meeting in the future.

EMERGENCY ANIMAL SHELTER

- Pat Engstrom took the floor and expressed she is still waiting to hear back from the Chief. She will contact him after the Town Meeting and election next week.
- Second flyer and informational flyer to be distributed next week .
- The Cape Codder and Channel 17 needs to be advised.
- Need more volunteers.
- Distributed an updated telephone contact sheet grid which includes phone numbers. All board members volunteered to be included.
- A dedicated meeting to be held for the animal shelter sometime in the future. Pat to advise when committee is ready for this meeting.
- Training will be needed for volunteers.
- Tour of recommended shelter sites to be done.
- Val Young and Pat attended a Family Emergency Education Day convention on Saturday, April 27th at the Cape Cod Community College which also included ways to protect your pets and networked with other towns. The town of Dennis is starting their shelter and was very helpful. Brewster Rescue league has supplies they can't use. Stop by and pickup supplies. If you don't have room to store items, Pat and Lynne have storage space.
- Maureen suggested hotels this time of year has upgrades of their blankets and towels. She'll donate envelopes and postage for this cause.
- Check with the swap shop for items as well.
- Pat and Fred attended the recent Neighborhood Watch meeting held at the Town Hall. Cindy to work with the Neighborhood Watch Group to coordinate phone numbers on our telephone tree.

DOG PARK

Question arose; will the bridge cause a problem with the dog walkers there? Fred to work with Conservation – believes there are many obstacles to create the bridge – plans have been rejected from the State several times. A handout from a successful dog park in Washington State was distributed (attached) which we can review and refer to when the time comes.

NEW MEMBERS – Cindy reported at present 131 members. This represents household members, not registered voters.

INCORPORATION

Thirteen members on the by-laws. Loretta Nielson resigned; Mary Beth O'Shea was nominated and has accepted the vacant spot.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVES –

Eastham Part Time Resident meeting is held twice a year (July 7th and August 25th). Fred to speak with Bob Overton, President, who lives on Fred's street. Perhaps we can set up a booth in the hallway during their meeting?

Katrina who owns the Cape Cod Dog is moving her location to #3 Main Street, Eastham also known as the Mercantile Building, where the Glass Eye used to be. It was mentioned she would be happy to display EDOA flyers at her open house.

WINDMILL WEEKEND –

Need a committee started. Contact Sue Bondi. She expressed interest last week.

MUTT MITT PROGRAM

Lynne reported box has been moved as requested at the Rock Harbor. Should we send a letter to the Selectman requesting boxes at First Encounter? It was decided to wait until after the summer as Eastham's town by-law does not allow dogs in the parking lot or beach during the summer.

PROJECTS FOR TOWN OF EASTHAM - SUMMERTIME

Beach Clean up – Cindy to contact the Eastham Forum.

LOGO – A thank you letter to be sent to creator, Pat's daughter. Pat will send Cindy information. Cindy to email logo to all.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTACT – Lynne requested she no longer be the PR contact. Katrina was thought to be a fantastic asset and was nominated and unanimously voted to replace Lynne in this capacity. (Thanks Katrina)

NEWSLETTER – Mary Beth will prepare a two sided 8.5 x 11 format for our newsletter. Articles must be to her by July 1st for a July 15th release. Articles to include would be our by-laws, Windmill Weekend information, Animal Shelter progress and needs and more.

Next Board Meeting is June 14, 2007 at the Police Conference Room

Adjourned at 7:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Nicholson