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MINUTES
Thursday, September 18, 2008 @ 6:55 PM
ELKS

Present: Cindy Nicholson, Lu St Aubin, Ed Daniels, Mary Beth O'Shea, Fred Fenlon, Bernie Kaplan, Katrina Boucher and Marty Haspel.

Cindy Nicholson opened the meeting; quorum verified.

Minutes: Previous minutes of August 21st, 2008 were not reviewed or presented because they were not prepared.

Agenda Tonight: Cape Cod DART – Animal Shelter, Animal Matters Review Board, Windmill Weekend Green Results, Annual Meeting, Massachusetts House Bill 5092 and Other New Business

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for the period of 8/20/08 to 9/14/08 was presented by Mary Beth O'Shea and was approved.

Balance in Bank 8/20/08	\$1,957.92
Memberships	70.00
T-Shirt Sales	30.00
Cookie Sales	24.00
Raffle Sales	117.00
New Donations	16.00
Donation Adj. Fred Loan Repaid	-100.00
Less Permit – Raffle	-10.00
Less MA Annual Report 11/1/2007 filed	<u>-15.00</u>
Ending Balance 9/14/08	\$2089.92

Board Members: We still are looking for new Board Members.

Windmill Weekend: September 7th. Sunday we had a booth on the Green, next year it has been suggested that we should have a booth both Saturday and Sunday. Open discussion and suggestions were made on improving EDOA awareness in the community. Handouts, raffles, plants, money procedures, brochure holders, dog photos, dog food samples, and hand wipes were among many of the suggestions.

Cape Cod DART - Animal Shelter: We all agreed we were concerned with the Cape Cod Disaster Animal Response Team Volunteer Application. Open discussion on what is or is not happening with the shelter. No longer town responsible – now state responsible. Contact Gail A’Brunzo Operational Manager of SMART of Massachusetts. Training course on line – FEMA courses. What are the facilities – people side vs. animal side? Federal regulations? Who is the Administrator? Future discussions will continue.

Animal Matters Review Board: Marty presented in more detail to the Board suggestions and recommendations for an Eastham Animal Matters Hearing Board. As stated before this board would make recommendations concerning animal issues in the community. One thought was to remove the responsibility from the Selectmen and another thought was to have an appointed Board that would assist or advise the Selectmen. The second thought seemed like it might be accepted more by the Selectman. It was suggested that Marty outline to Cindy something that could be circulated and discussed again at a future meeting.

Massachusetts HB 5092 Bad News for all Dog Owners: This is a conglomeration of many anti-dog, anti-responsible breeder, and anti-responsible owner proposals. Marty brought this to our attention and has also made many others aware. We are encouraging residents in the community to express their opposition to this bill as has EDOA.

Annual Meeting: Our second annual meeting will be October 16th, 2008 at the Council on Aging. 1405 Nauset Road, Eastham. Our special guests will be Heather Garre, of Tail Waggin’ Dog Training and Diana Palm, Eastham Animal Control Officer. We will have refreshments and new membership benefits and new membership cards for our members.

Next Board Meeting is October 16, 2008 at the Council on Aging.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lu St.Aubin
Secretary