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MINUTES

Thursday, September 15, 2011
Chocolate Sparrow

Attendees: Ed Daniels, Cindy Nicholson, Cindy Blum, Karie Miller, Lu St.Aubin, Kathy Herrick, plus one member Per Bentsen

Welcome

Ed Daniels welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 6:15p.m.

Minutes

Ed Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes from August 2011. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Cindy Nicholson made a nomination for our present Vice President, Ed Daniels to fill the vacant President's position until our annual meeting in 2012 (to complete the 2 year term) – was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Lu St.Aubin reported the following:

Windmill Weekend earnings - \$1,090. Majority of income from Sunday

1. Merchandise - \$773 (caps, t-shirts, cookies, etc)
2. Raffle \$243 (last year around \$150)
3. Memberships: 4 members paid \$50 (last year had 5). 3 @ \$10, 1 @ \$20, 1 raffle winner

Checkbook balance \$5,709.00 / CD \$2,020.50 @ .25% interest = \$7,729.50 liquid cash

Cindy N motion to accept Treasurer's report as read/ Cindy B 2nd: approved unanimously.

Ed Daniels discussed the new development of the EDOA banners thought lost. Jim and Cindy paid to replace. In light of the fact we now have 2 sets (the first set not destroyed as previously thought); Ed asked approval to reimburse the Nicholson's for the tent and banners. Cindy B motioned to reimburse, Karie 2nds. Approved unanimously.

Lu has a tape recorder – she'll bring to next board meeting

Correspondence

1. Fred Fenlon emailed to Cindy N, Town Administrator, Sheila Vanderhoef, & Police Chief Kulhawik stating EDOA website has an animal shelter available at Nauset Regional HS. Cindy N confirmed our website did indeed say that. The website was updated immediately by removing the shelter availability at Nauset HS. Sent return reply to him thanking him for bringing that to our attention.
2. Lori Hovenstine left a message for the Board at the Windmill Weekend booth asking for EDOA volunteers to help with a dog park. Stated “Town Administrator has the land for a dog park”. Our booth volunteer expressed writer was annoyed EDOA not supportive of dog park.
 - a. Cindy N talked to Sheila. The land in question is “Sandy Meadow/Roach property” and she did not and cannot promise any land. This needs to go before the Selectmen. Many dog owners have expressed concerns that if we did have a local dog park would we lose our rights elsewhere? i.e., beach and Wiley? Sheila confirmed that is a legitimate concern.
 - b. Cindy N called Lori back and left message. No reply yet.
 - c. Topic discussed, who would maintain? Dog water? Create pond? Cindy N recommended we come up with a consistent message as apparently booth volunteers at the Windmill Weekend told passersby that a dog park is our #1 priority. How do we communicate that this is not our #1 priority?

-We have to appreciate that some dogs cannot be let off leash. But we have to remember that some people who want a dog park may also want other restrictions on dogs.

Consensus: We’ll inform our members of her effort but can not endorse at this time. We just don’t have capacity to work on this; expense, time, and manpower.

Liability Insurance

Lu called Rogers & Gray on 8/23/2011. Estimate of \$1,200 for Directors & Officers for \$1 million coverage. Rogers & Gray contact didn’t think we need liability coverage because if someone was going to use, they would sue everyone and go after those with money. Also said she’d email info but Lu never received it. Lu spoke with Noelle who said she’d follow up on this but was not available at meeting.

Membership – 133 members after Windmill Weekend. Annual membership drive is in January. Cindy B suggested having membership renewal available at our Annual Meeting in October – then Ed suggested perhaps raffle something off to those who renew at this meeting.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Kathy Herrick took floor and opened with Nauset Regional HS Shelter will not be opening in foreseeable future. DART does not enough volunteers to cover Sandwich & DY per CC DART’s meeting the previous evening and cannot open Nauset at this time.

Nauset pet location has challenges as it is located in the paint, metal and wood shops. Several years ago when we reviewed the sight it was thought to be “workable” but at that

time we had no other site which to compare it to. Not conducive for an emergency shelter, cannot move equipment, no hazardous materials data sheets available per Per.

WINDMILL WEEKEND

Cindy N opened with “it was a great and successful opportunity to have a booth on the green”. Next year we need to create something for kids to do at booth.

Booth: Sunday is the busier day, Saturday more kids.

Next year need:

- More help with setup and teardown.
- Start fundraising earlier, need more raffle items for kids
- One board member on each shift to educate & ensure proper information
- Develop better system for raffle money being kept separate from sales
- Purchase cash box
- Literature needed; laminated or easel board identifying what we do. Where does the money go? Need elevator speech about what we do, need more pertinent literature to educate the public. Important that every board member can explain who we are, what we do, etc. so that we have a message that is short, understandable and consistent.
- Start fundraising (raffle gifts) in June

We have magnets, decals and squeaky toys left over.

Parade: Great parade, float looked great and was a good turnout. The Cape Cod Dog, Nauset Pet Services and EDOA worked together in creating the float. The morning of the parade Cindy rec'd a message on her cell phone from DirtWorks expressing they heard 3rd person that we didn't need their truck to pull the flatbed. Lou will find out if DirtWorks is upset. Before parade started someone came up to Kirsten Davis to say “people don't like dogs in parade because they don't pick up their dogs poop”. In spite of the walkers handing out candy to children and dog bones to dogs we also handed out Mutt Mitts. It was mentioned some young walkers with our group didn't pick up.

Lost Dog Network

Ed Daniels asked how many dogs lost this past season.

Kathy Herrick replied: Three searches this summer:

1 dog killed by coyote (carcass found)

1 dog found (owner didn't cancel or notify EDOA)

1 dog found – owner cancelled on EDOA but system updated wrong list of people (Marty Haspel). Cindy researched website discovered that the contact list for the initial lost dog alert was correct; the “alert to call-off” needed up-dating which she was able to do.

Discussed distribution lists and our present system limitations. Presently alert goes out to five lost dog committee members. Might be helpful to create a coordinator list to assign responsibility? Rotate coordinators. Not many volunteers responding to alert.

New meeting to be scheduled to reconnect with volunteers.

ANNUAL MEETING: October 20, 2011 @ Chapel In The Pines

Ellen is coordinating with our guest speaker from CARE (Nancy) and will be bringing two dogs to demonstrate. Modalities for dog health, chiropractor, and acupuncture to be discussed and demonstrated. Thunder jackets for anxiety & general anxiety to be presented.

Time table:

- Doors open at 6PM. New membership or renewals for 2012 suggested receive an Eastham Dog cookie.
- Raffles as people come in (magnets, squeaky toys, cookies)
- Refreshments – Karie leads
- Elections
- Time 6:30 – 7:15 for speakers. Can give 15-30 minutes more if good response.
- Flyer – Ed will create/Karie volunteered help in distributing
- Board members terms – Lu still needs to verify openings and terms and get to Ed
- Cindy N will prepare election ballots

ADJOURNED AT 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Herrick & Cindy Nicholson
Board Members