



Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors
April 19, 2012

6:18 P.M. The Board of Directors gathered at 10 Mary Rd, Eastham. Meeting called to order by Ed Daniels, President.

Present: Ed Daniels, Noelle Smith, Doug Meyers, Cindy Blum, Karie Miller, Kathy Herrick, Per Bentsen, Richard Brezner, Lu St. Aubin, Ellen Murray

Absent: Cindy Nicholson, Katrina Boucher

Scholarship: Cindy B. reports that the committee needs to meet.

Membership: Ed reports numbers continue to grow slowly now and seem to be at about the same level as other years. Richard suggests that members' interest seems to be in the Lost Dog Network and the discounts but many do not know of the benefits of membership. Per notes that at the Rabies Clinic there were many people who had no knowledge of EDOA. Consensus is that there is a continuing need to focus on getting our name out there. Noelle offers the suggestion that we look toward expanding EDOA range to other towns. Promotional materials may help suggested Ellen and Ed such as pens or refrigerator magnets. Noelle recommended PSA on the radio and the Chamber of Commerce. Karie suggested placing materials at the library.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting: Richard makes a motion that EDOA sponsor two members attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting for \$60. Seconded by Cindy B.

Vote to approve passes unanimously.

Lost Dog Network report by Kathy Herrick is heard. It is difficult to coordinate and search at the same time. We need phone numbers to call for immediate help as email does not necessarily get read in a timely manner by many who are in fact available to search. We have a phone number for the LDN 508-905-3364. All calls to this number will be forwarded to the coordinator and can be changed easily through an on-line connection.

Paws for Celebration will have an EDOA presence. Ed is organizing the EDOA booth. There will be "talking points" distributed to staff, EDOA logo merchandise for sale, memberships offered. There will be no raffles as per the rules of P for C. Main goal is to educate attendees of our mission.

Tick season is here.

Rabies Clinic was held by the Board of Health. EDOA served with crowd control. Per, Ruth & Cindy N assisted.

Photos with the Easter Bunny was held at Cape Cod Dog. Richard, Ellen, Kathy and Carolyn donated services for the event. \$340 was received for new memberships. Thanks to all.

Bow Wow Bash is scheduled for Saturday May 19 - rain date May 20. Cindy N. is coordinating. Claire Bransfield volunteered to donate / shop for chips and rolls etc. Ellen will donate ice.

Pet Insurance: town of Eastham may offer this to employees. Some discussion if organizations might be included.

Wiley Park Complaints: Poop along the trails and loose dogs in the parking lot have been reported. It is recommended that dogs be kept on lead while in and around the parking lot.

Grants:

The Sandy Meadow parking area grant has been awarded to EDOA. We await town meeting for the next step. Other town use is still a possibility.

The Youth Community Development Council has \$5000 in grant funds available to non-profit organizations.

Education:

Ellen offered that Nancy Bishop might be a good choice for the Annual Meeting in October. Education regarding coyotes was suggested as another topic that might be of interest.

Future Meetings:

It was asked if we would continue to meet during the summer. Ed informed that it would be the call of the acting President, Cindy N.

8:04 P.M. - Motion to adjourn:

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted: Notes by Noelle Smith and Karie Miller, compiled by Ed Daniels