



Eastham Dog Owners' Association

April 17, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Vicky Anderson, Joanne Baldauf, Per Bentsen, Cindy Blum, Ed Daniels, Kathy Herrick, Cindy Nicholson, Tracey Plantier and Lu St. Aubin

Absent: Dianne Cullen, Larry DiBona, Ellen Murray and Kathleen "K2" Mueller

Minutes of March 2014 were approved as amended. (*Motion to accept minutes by Tracey, CindyN 2nd, passed.*)

Dog of the Month – Monty, who gets his name from having spent his first summer in Montana, is a “manic ball hawk.” His human, Ed Daniels, said that once he sees any ball, anywhere, he zeroes in on that ball and that’s all he cares about. This two-year old yellow lab is an enthusiastic greeter as well, alerting his family via a vigorous bark when he sees someone approaching. Like his fellow labs, he is also thankful for food of any kind. Monty’s puppy picture is on our Lost Dog Network magnets. He has grown into a handsome and friendly dog.

Treasurer Report – updates are underway.

CORRESPONDENCE – We received three letters this month: a thank you from Eastham Police Officer Diana Back for our assistance at the recent rabies clinic, a letter questioning why EDOA was involved with sponsoring the upcoming Candidates’ Forum (Ed responded that this is a community service effort in conjunction with the Eastham Chamber of Commerce), and a letter from a member interested in volunteering for Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team (LCAST).

COMMITTEE REPORTS (*Motion to accept committee reports by Vicki, Tracey 2nd, passed.*)

Lost Dog Network (LDN) – Tracey held a LDN Coordinators meeting this evening prior to our Board Meeting. A few adjustments were made to the process, including the benefit of have two coordinators assigned to each case so that one can handle the administrative tasks like posting and sending messages, while the other can focus on interaction with the owner and search activities. Tracey plans to schedule a refresher session for searchers in late May/early June. Tracy Plaut from Wellfleet Owners Of Fido (WOOF) attended our meeting and will alert her members about the upcoming training so that we can work together in LDN searches.

LCAST/Emergency Shelter

- The volunteer recruitment meeting will be held Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m. at the Eastham Fire Department. CindyN is leading this effort. She is compiling information packets for attendees. Ed will update a slide show we used a few years ago for recruitment. Flyers are up from Provincetown to Chatham advertising the need for volunteers, and CindyN is also getting public service announcements in print and radio outlets.
- CindyB and Kathy are working on the Basic Training session that all LCAST volunteers will be required to take. That session is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Wellfleet Fire Department. They will write a detailed training plan and will distribute that plan to the leadership team for comment as soon as it is ready.
- CORI (criminal background) check – we are awaiting a response from Fire Chief Mark Foley regarding whether he can find a way to pay for the CORI checks. It is our understanding that, because the shelter is in a school setting, all LCAST volunteers must be checked.
- CindyB and Kathy will write up the variety of volunteer opportunities within LCAST. There are pre-deployment, deployment, and post-deployment needs.
- Dianne will be attending the Animal CPR course being sponsored by the Animal Hospital of Orleans on April 26th from 4-8 p.m. We sought funding for this course from the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BCREPC) via Mark Foley, but he responded back that no funds were available, so EDOA will pay for the class.



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Membership – Membership is up to 133, but there has been little response to our offer for a discount on EDOA merchandise in exchange from bringing in new members.

Buddy Scholarship – CindyB reported that the committee met recently. There is \$1006 in the scholarship account. Two people applied for the scholarship, and the committee decided to award each applicant a \$500. Ed will notify the awardees and will check to see if they can attend the May 17th Bow Wow Bash to receive their award as part of that event. CindyB responded to a letter from Nauset High School asking to learn who will receive the scholarship, and she will respond back that both are graduates of that school.

Education - Ellen sent an update saying that animal behaviorist Vera Wilkinson is confirmed as guest speaker for our annual meeting in October. She is still waiting for confirmation that the Companion Animal Program (CAP) will participate in the May 17th Bow Wow Bash.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Ask the Candidates Forum – Vicki and Ed met recently with Eastham Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jim Russo to discuss plans in detail. The event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 12th at Eastham Town Hall. Candidates for moderator, elementary school committee, selectmen, and town clerk have been invited to attend, plus two unchallenged candidates for library trustee will also attend. The event is open to the community. Details of the planning follow:
 - The first 30 minutes will be a social time for people to arrive, find a seat, write questions, meet the candidates, etc. There will be light refreshments.
 - Kathy and CindyB agreed to greet people as they arrive. Anyone having a question for the candidates will be asked to print their question on an index card and indicate if the question is directed to a particular candidate or position. EDOA volunteers will sort through the questions to group them according to position, candidate, duplicates, etc.
 - Kathy agreed to find boxes into which the index cards with questions can be placed by position. She'll check with Katrina to see if she has the same small boxes we've used before. We expect questions and answers in the 7-8 p.m. timeframe, followed by closing statements.
 - Dianne agreed to be timer. Each candidate will be granted a 2-minute opening statement. Responses to questions will also be limited to 2-minutes. Candidates will be granted a 2-minute closing statement. These are maximum times and candidates may not necessarily use all their time.
 - Vicki will be moderator.
 - Name tags will be available for candidates, EDOA volunteers, and Chamber volunteers who are helping with the event.
 - Refreshments – Jim Russo will bring snacks, but several board members agreed to bring cookies, etc. if needed. Ed will check with Ellen about getting pots of coffee.
 - EDOA members involved in the event should arrive by 6 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Rabies Clinic held on March 29th went well with no issues.
- The Poop Pickup Party at Wiley Park was successful.
- The old backing on the Wiley Park Bulletin Board was replaced by DPW with a rug-like backing. We are still concerned that this can still get wet, but we may be able to cover it with cheap, colorful tablecloths that will add some water prevention.
- Larry took the chip reader from the Eastham Police Department to Nauset Pet Services because that is the location where found dogs are taken.



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- The vendor relationship policy was discussed briefly regarding the need to open the policy to vendors who are not Eastham businesses or members of the Eastham Chamber of Commerce. Kathy will update the policy to clarify that the board will review any offer of a vendor discount, regardless of Eastham business location or Eastham chamber membership.
- PAWS for Celebration is being held on Saturday, May 31st at Drummer Boy Park. We need someone to pick up supplies, including the tent and banner, and to both set up and take down our booth. The tent takes several people (ideally 4) to safely and quickly put it up and take it down. We also need booth volunteers to participate with board members during the event. Ed has taken the lead in the past but he is unable to do so this year. He will send an email blast to members seeking volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

- Do we need a Clerk position to handle official paperwork, filings with State and Federal agencies, and inquiries from these same agencies? We need to understand what is required on what timeframe to ensure that we meet any requirements. This issue was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.
- Grant opportunities – Kathy agreed to research grants that we might be eligible for, in particular to support our activities at the emergency shelter, since it does not appear that start-up funding from BCREPC is available.
- Our vital documents are being maintained on our OneDrive “cloud” drive via a link that Ed will supply. This will aid in accessing organizational documents that are written by individuals but must be accessible by officers and directors. Updates to these documents must be uploaded by the President or Vice President only.

A motion to adjourn was received from Vicki with Tracey 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 15th at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. Dianne will bring Elvis as dog of the month.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Herrick, Secretary