



Eastham Dog Owners' Association
December 15, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors (BoD) Attending: Vicky Anderson, Joanne Baldauf, Ruth Bentsen, Cindy Blum, Tony Cantore, Dianne Cullen, Kathy Herrick, Ellen Murray, Susie Williams. BoD Absent: Kimberly Inman, Karie Miller, Tracey Plantier. Members Attending: Ed Daniels.

Minutes from November were approved with two minor revisions. (*Motion to approve by Joanne, Ruth 2nd, passed*).

DOF OF THE MONTH: Tony brought his faithful companion Madison to this evening's meeting. Unlike most other dog visitors, Madison stayed by Tony's side during the meeting, demonstrating the strong bond they have. They've been together for 5 years, since Madison was just 11 weeks old. Madison, a golden retriever, is best friends with Gracie and Ella, two dogs we've met at board or LCAST meetings. That friendship began when Madison was 3 months old. She and Tony were walking from Coast Guard Beach to Nauset Beach, and off in the distance, a woman with a golden was walking toward them. Not only did Madison and Gracie become friends, but that's when our two board members Tony and Cindy also started their friendship. When they decided to walk at Wiley Park, they met another dog walker and her Australian Shepherd Ella. Three dogs and their humans all became friends that day, and they continue to walk together almost daily here on the Lower Cape.

CORRESPONDENCE

- We received an email from a woman who appreciates the information our web page offers, and who recommended another site about pet safety.
- We received a Lost Dog magnet back from a woman who got one at Turnip Festival, but later realized that we didn't cover her area. It was a nice gesture to return it to us rather than toss it away.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth provided an overview of our financial status. We have \$20,960.17 (\$17,783.82 checking, \$2045.19 CD and \$1131.16 PayPal). Income last month was from annual dues, donations (general fund and Buddy Scholarship), and merchandise sales while expenses were related to accounting and website expenses. (*Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Cindy, Susie 2nd, passed*).

- 2017 annual budget planning is underway. Please review our 2016 reports and be ready to discuss 2017 planning at our January meeting.
- Question: Did Ed buy the big stuffed dog? No, but Vicky is willing to house it. Discussion ensued. *Motion to buy the big stuffed dog to have at our events by Cindy, Dianne 2nd passed.*
- Ed continues to negotiate and reduce our website costs but acknowledges it would be even more expensive to move to another provider.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education – There are several ideas about guest speakers for the next annual meeting in October 2017. Tracey shared information (via an email to board members) about a woman who rescued an abused dog. Vicky received a request from a National Park ranger to speak at one of our meetings. Ellen will share information (via an email to board members) about the Harwich Animal Control Officer and his award winning German Shepherd. A final suggestion was that dog training information is always practical and useful. Ellen will reach out to various sources about their willingness to speak and will bring results back to a future meeting.

Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team (LCAST) – We will try again to get a date in late January or early February for a training session.

Lost Dog Network (LDN) – Tracey submitted a report indicating that as of December 15th, the LDN phone has received 99 calls this year. The only known lost dog now is Monty in Orleans, who has been missing since the night before Thanksgiving. The owner still has signs up offering a reward for this dog.

- Tracey is considering Saturday, April 23rd, for the annual LDN meeting. Stay tuned for more information.

Buddy Scholarship – Question: should we give \$1500 for our May 2017 award? We have the funds because of the generosity of members, their companies and others. *Motion to award \$1500 for May 2017 by Cindy, Joanne 2nd, passed.*

Membership – Cindy Nicholson shared two membership documents with us (via email) and asked for suggestions for any revisions. So far, we have 84 memberships for 2017. Last month we discussed what we could give members in their packet. Susie and CindyB brought items to consider – a tick remover, tug toy, leash, etc., all which could be imprinted with EDOA logo. Discussion will continue next month.

Mutt Mitts – Ellen is still filling the Hemenway and Salt Pond boxes. She has no issues and there were no other updates.

Public Relations – The EDOA newsletter was distributed and posted on our website, and some were printed to distribute to Agway, Cape Cod Dog, Nauset Pet Services, and Barkers. Susie did a great job! Can we get plastic holders to stock the newsletters at these vendors? Yes, we have a supply in our event supply box.

- Ed and committee members Susie and Karie will have talking points and a meeting schedule targeted for March so that we can approach our supporters with a consistent message. The plan is to reach out twice a year to vendors and town committees who support us.
- The Cape Cod Times has monthly ads for non-profit organizations. Is this anything we should consider?

OLD BUSINESS



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Turnip Festival – It was fun and an opportunity to talk to a lot of people. Ed, Kathy and Ruth staffed our booth. We need a better solution for hanging merchandise since the hangers (for tee shirts) kept falling off the edge of the table.

Storage of gear –Tracey offered that we can store everything at her home and will work to make this happen.

NEW BUSINESS

Karie has another cuckoo clock to raffle.

Eastham Council on Aging – we again received information that the COA Director would like to have EDOA speak, although there is confusion about exactly what she is looking for. Vicky will follow up for more detail

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. (*Motion by Kathy, Cindy 2nd, passed*).

NEXT DOG OF THE MONTH: TBD

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 19, 2016 at 6 p.m. at Eastham Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Herrick, Clerk