

Minutes
March 15, 2011
The Cape Cod Dog

Attendance: Ed Daniels, Cindy Nicholson, Collene Caswell, Katrina Boucher, Noelle Smith, Lu St Aubin, Kathy Herrick, Rickard Brezner and Karie Miller.

Meeting was called to order at 6:10PM by Ed Daniels, acting President.

Dog of the Month: LuLu Miller. Lulu arrived at the meeting happy to be there and was a perfect lady through the meeting. Lulu is an almost three year old Golden Doodle owned by Karie Miller!

February Minutes: After a few minor changes to the February minutes, they were accepted by the board.

Laminating Machine: On February 22 Ed sent out an email requesting permission to purchase a Fellowes Saturn SL-95 Laminating Machine from Staples. The laminating machine was on sale for \$45.00 down from \$190.00. An online vote approved the purchase.

Treasury Report: Lu reported a total of 8,846.29 in equity. She rolled over the CD for another 6 months. She requested an inventory of all tees and sweatshirts for upcoming events. The treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

Presidency Status: Ed is willing to remain acting President for now. Cindy Nicholson is willing to act as President from June 20-September 10, 2011 while Ed is out of the State. The board unanimously approved this change of leadership during this time. Ed will resume as acting President upon his return in September.

Membership Report: Lu and Richard requested permission to spend \$200. for a tri-fold mailing to be sent to all Eastham dog owners. The mailing will introduce EDOA to dog owners, discuss what EDOA does and give a list of membership benefits. A membership application will be included at the bottom. As a non-profit organization, the price of stamps is .13 cents. Richard will draft the mailing, Lu will go through the data base of dog owners and Ed will verify the pricing of the stamps. Katrina offered to donate the paper as well as a 30% off copy/print discount card at Staples. The board unanimously approved the request for \$200., as well as the mailing.

Kathy Herrick discussed writing up an elevator speech, describing what EDOA does, so that all members are consistently describing our organization to interested parties. She will draw up the

speech.

Fundraising Report: Katrina mentioned she was donating the proceeds of her Photo's with the Easter Bunny event to the American Red Cross in the wake of the tragedy in Japan.

Shelter Report: Kathy said CCDART has done a walk-through at Nauset, bringing a regional shelter one step closer to this area. Cindy nominated Kathy as Chair and she was unanimously voted in! Congratulations Kathy!

Bow Wow Bash: Date Saturday May 21, 2011 at First Encounter Beach from 12-2PM. Rain date is Sunday, May 22, 2011. Set up will start at 10:30ish. We need grills (Richard and Katrina may have one to donate for the day), permits and food. Collene will look into inviting Companion Animal Program to set up an information table and do a presentation.

At this time we broke from our Committee reports to have an informational session with Scott Kerry regarding our Liability Insurance and Officers and Directors Insurance policy. Scott was interested in the types of events EDOA sponsors and what types of liability we, as an organization, could face. There were several scenarios discussed and how the liability insurance works. Scott left with the information he needed to prepare a policy to fit the needs of EDOA and its Officers. He will be in touch with Lu with further info as he has it. Thank you Scott.

When the board resumed, time was short so we moved on to New Business for now and will revisit Committee Reports next month.

New Business:

Eastham Rabies Clinic: Saturday April 2 from 10am-12pm at the Eastham Police Station. Ed, Karie, Kathy and Cindy will set up an EDOA table.

Kristine Chiaroppo resigned from the board. We currently have 3 members interested in joining the board. We will invite them to May's, but ask that they come to April's meeting to see what we do and how a meeting works.

Goals and Objectives: Ed will put together what we are working on and we will revisit this topic in May.

Town Committee Dialogue: EDOA cannot be politically involved in town issues, so we should reach out to committees before an issue becomes political. Members can speak with other committee heads about dog related issues within the town, such as off-leash rights one town property (Wiley Park). Allow them to air their concerns with members of our group, such as an area of town that may need cleaning up and poop bags and receptacle left for the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm by Ed Daniels.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Collene Caswell

