



Eastham Dog Owners' Association May 15, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Vicky Anderson, Joanne Baldauf, Cindy Blum, Dianne Cullen, Ed Daniels, Larry DiBona, Kathy Herrick, Kathleen "K2" Mueller, Ellen Murray and Tracey Plantier

Absent: Per Bentsen, Cindy Nicholson, Lu St. Aubin

Minutes of April 2014 were approved. (*Motion to accept minutes by Vicky, CindyB 2nd, passed*).

Dog of the Month – Dianne's Boston terrier Elvis joined us this evening, and he even made an unexpected appearance at the Board of Selectmen meeting that was being held next door. This 4-year old has lived with Dianne for about ten months. She saw him at the Brewster Animal Rescue League where he'd been for just three days. He is an energetic little guy who loves playing with his treat ball. He was already named Elvis when Dianne first saw him, and coincidentally, that was the name of her first Boston terrier who passed away five years ago. It was a sign that they were meant to be with one another.

Treasurer Report – the Profit and Loss Prior Year Comparison spreadsheet was distributed for review. Books are balanced and annual reports are ready for review as well. We are currently submitting a variety of reports that are due the State and Federal government. We are also planning to break off the government report filing responsibility from the Treasurer position and will create a new position of EDOA Clerk to handle that workload. A motion was made to spend up to \$50 to send flowers to Nancy Daniels to thank for her help in reviewing our financials (*Motion by CindyB, K2 2nd, passed*).

CORRESPONDENCE – Some members have responded with their availability to help at upcoming events. Another member sent a nice note complimenting our efforts at the LCAST recruitment meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (*Motion to accept committee reports by K2, Vicky 2nd, passed.*)

Lost Dog Network (LDN) – Tracey reported that the LDN Alert signs for Bubba were taken down last week. This Yorkie was never sighted after his owners notified us of his failure to return home. A LDN Searchers meeting is being considered for June 7th. Tracey will send an email notification to LDN Searchers and Coordinators to invite them to attend this session to refresh everyone on process and procedures as our busy season approaches. The current LDN Coordinator is Larry DiBona.

LCAST/Emergency Shelter – Volunteer training is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th from 1-4 p.m. at the Wellfleet Fire Department on Route 6. Kathy will send a reminder to folks who attended the April 24th recruitment meeting.

- Dianne Cullen and Carol DiBona are now certified in Red Cross Pet First Aid after attending a recent training class. They have a 30-minute video that will be helpful in sharing their knowledge with others.

Membership – Membership is up to 137.

Buddy Scholarship – CindyB confirmed that our two scholarship awards will be presented at the May 17th Bow Wow Bash. Because we do not have a rain date for the Bash, Ed will personally contact the awardees if we have to cancel that day. Weather forecasts call for 90% chance of rain plus 22 mph winds on Saturday, but we will wait and see how the weather turns out before deciding whether to cancel or not.

Education - Ellen will confirm Companion Animal Program's attendance at this Saturday's Bow Wow Bash. She will also reach out to Nancy Bishop regarding her interest in holding an agility demonstration at next year's Bow Wow Bash.

Mutt Mitts – all is okay. Complaints regarding the quality of the bags supplied by the town have been forwarded.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

- Ask the Candidates Forum – this was a terrific event that went off like clockwork because of the planning that Vicky did, although she was not able to attend. All but one candidate attended, and the room was jam packed with interested citizens. Candidates were very respectful of the rules. The “meet and greet” with snacks and drinks didn’t materialize because of the crowds and subsequent limited seating so this may need to be reconsidered for next year. We all agreed that EDOA got good publicity for being a community oriented organization and we will consider sponsoring this event again next year. Vicky will send thank you notes to the candidates and to moderator Dave Shropfer for their participation.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bow Wow Bash is Saturday, May 17th – CindyN needs tables. CindyB will bring two and Ed will reach out to Katrina Boucher to borrow two more from her. Ellen will pay for ice at The Superette and Larry agreed to pick it up on the day of the event.
- PAWS for Celebration is a 3-hour event that will be held on Saturday, May 31st at Drummer Boy Park. We need six volunteers consisting of one board member and one volunteer per hour.
- Our participation in Hands on the Arts is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th. Although this is a two-day event scheduled from 10 am to 5 pm on both Saturday and Sunday, our commitment is only for Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

- CindyB wrote to The Black Dog Company seeking another big, black stuffed dog for use at our event booths. They could only supply a smaller stuffed dog, and she will send a thank you for this donation.

A motion to adjourn was received from Kathy, CindyB 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 19th at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. K2 will bring Charlie as Dog of the Month.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Herrick, Secretary