



Eastham Dog Owners' Association
November 17, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

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

VP Tracey Plantier chaired this evening's meeting, and we began by welcoming our new board member Tony Cantore to his first meeting.

Minutes from October were approved. (*Motion to approve by Joanne, Tony 2nd, passed*).

DOF OF THE MONTH: Maizy came with her owner Susie this evening. We hadn't seen Maizy since she attended our October 2015 EDOA Annual Meeting. Our guest speaker that night was Jack Bakker from ARL of Boston, and he brought Maizy to that meeting in hopes that someone attending might want to offer Maizy a forever home. Well, Susie and Maizy bonded that night, as Maizy jumped into Susie's lap to take a nap during the meeting. Today, Maizy and Susie's Jack Russell Jake are fast friends, and having Maizy around has given Jake a renewed energy and enthusiasm as well as a new pal.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Kathy sent a thank you to the Eastham Chamber of Commerce regarding our recent participation in the Main Street Mercantile Block Party. Four board members (Joanne, Kathy, Susie and Vicky) staffed our table throughout the evening. It was a good opportunity to meet other Chamber members, tell them about EDOA, and learn about their business or organization. This was the 2nd year we've participated.
- Ed Daniels received our updated website security certificate. We are using "HTTPS" protocol for secure communications on our website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth Bentsen provided an overview of our financial status. We have \$19,601.53 (\$17,248.82 checking, \$2045.19 CD and \$307.52 PayPal). Income last month was from annual dues and donations while expenses were related to annual accounting reports and our annual meeting. (*Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Susie, Joanne 2nd, passed*).

- We operate on a January to December fiscal year. At the December meeting, we need to discuss how to award the 2017 Buddy Scholarship since we expect to have funds in that account exceeding the \$1000 we usually award. We might want to consider a larger award to one recipient or multiple recipients, depending upon the total in that account by 12/31/16.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (*Motion to approve Committee Reports by Susie, Ruth 2nd, passed*)

Education – Ellen is accepting ideas for speakers at our next annual meeting in October 2017.

Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team (LCAST) – If we need to deploy at Nauset High School, we have enough experience to do this successfully. Kathy and Cindy are planning a training exercise in January (date TBD) that will allow us to "think outside the box" – what happens if we need to open an emergency pet shelter but Nauset High is not available? Stay tuned for more information.

Lost Dog Network (LDN) – Tracey was a dog whisper over a 24-hour period in mid-October. In that period, she was involved in finding 4 lost dogs. Two Akitas approached her on Herring Brook, then a blind Yorkie was found by a neighbor and Tracey delivered her back to her owner, and finally, a Mini-Schnauzer responded to its name and jumped into her arms. Ah, all in a day's work for a Lost Dog Network volunteer!

- There have been no updates on lost dog Monty in Orleans, but signs are still up seeking a \$500 reward by the owner.
- Tracey is continuing to look at locator tools again. GPS devices apparently sound better than they work, according to reviews.

Buddy Scholarship – see Treasurer's Report above.

Membership – We have 196 or 197 members in 2016. Ed is ready to begin the 2017 membership drive.

- We need to do a reconciliation of our membership list with our mail distribution list since several members have commented to Ed, Tracey, and others that they never see anything from EDOA. Ed and Tracey will follow up on this.
- Stuffer items to send with membership cards – can we include something new and useful? Perhaps tick removal devices with EDOA stamped on them, maybe key tags, etc.?

Public Relations – Ed had a list of town offices and business vendors who support EDOA, and asked for volunteers to stop by these contacts to thank them for their support. He, Karie and Susie will agree on a script we can use and will then distribute it to the board members so that we have a consistent approach. The plan is to visit with these supporters in the spring and fall.

OLD BUSINESS

Storage of gear – Karie and Vicky have office supplies and related goods. Per and Ruth have merchandise. Cindy has LCAST supplies. Kathy will post the recent inventory list onto OneDrive so that all can access it. Tracey offered that we can store everything at her home and will work to make this happen.



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NEW BUSINESS

The Eastham Turnip Festival is this Saturday at Nauset High School from 1-4 pm. We will have a table adjacent to the Companion Animal Program. Ed, Joanne, Kathy and Ruth will staff the table during the event, and will gather the necessary supplies for the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

NEXT DOG OF THE MONTH: Madison with her owner Tony

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 6 p.m. at Eastham Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Herrick, Clerk