



## Eastham Dog Owners' Association September 18, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Vicky Anderson, Joanne Baldauf, Per Bentsen, Cindy Blum, Dianne Cullen, Ed Daniels, Larry DiBona, Kathy Herrick, Ellen Murray

Absent: Kathleen "K2" Mueller, Cindy Nicholson, Tracey Plantier, Lu St. Aubin

The August meeting minutes were approved. (*Motion to accept by CindyB, Per 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed*)

**DOGS OF THE MONTH** – Elvis and Priscilla joined us this evening. Yes, you read this correctly. Dianne's buddy Elvis, a Boston Terrier, ignored us most of the evening while he ate his chew treat. Priscilla, a Shih Tzu who is Larry's best girl, spent most of her time on Larry's lap after first making it clear to Elvis that she was the boss of the evening.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Profit and Loss Statements and Balance Sheets were distributed for August year-to-date compared to last August. Our account balance is \$10,584.49, including \$8455.51 checking, \$2033.26 CD, and \$95.72 PayPal).

- Windmill Weekend receipts totaled \$1135, including raffle tickets (\$567), donations, clothing sales, and memberships. Raffle donors were already sent thank you notes for donating great items that generated such interest. It was a fun and active weekend with a lot of traffic at our well-staffed booth.
- Kathy still needs to track down the Massachusetts tax exempt form.
- A question was asked at Windmill Weekend about what we do with the monies we receive. Kathy will write up a brief summary as an "elevator speech" so that we are consistent as a team in responding to questions like this. *Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Vicki, Larry 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- We received a thank you from Windmill Weekend Parade Chairman Bob Smith. His thanks extended to EDOA and our parade partners Cape Cod Dog and Animal Hospital of Orleans. An extra special honor is that our float won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the Parade!!! Ed brought the trophy to show everyone.
- A photographer at the parade reached out to EDOA to let us know that his daughter has a dog-themed music CD that we might want to use next year so that we can play that music from our float.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (*Motion to accept reports by Vicki, CindyB 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed*)

Education – Ellen reported that our Annual Meeting guest speaker wants EDOA to connect (i.e., Like, Tag) with her Facebook page *The Cooperative Dog*. Her discussion will be Reactivity in Dogs. She will bring her dog but also use props to demonstrate during her one hour talk. Because she is coming from Boston for the evening, a discussion ensued about how much of an honorarium to offer. *Motion to offer up to \$200 for this year's speaker by Larry, Vicki 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.* See New Business for additional information on the Annual Meeting.

Lost Dog Network – Larry has received several calls from people who've seen roaming dogs. Because we did not have lost dog alerts, he advised the callers to notify the Eastham Police Department. Otherwise, it has been quiet and our furry friends are apparently staying close to home.

### **LCAST (Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team)**

- Kathy showed a new LCAST vest. It has the EDOA logo embroidered on front and LCAST spelled out on the back. We will keep these with shelter supplies rather than distribute them in advance to team members.
- Kathy asked if we can get additional LCAST supplies into the Conex box at Nauset High School. Kathy, CindyB and Per are all some storing items at home. Per suggested that we reach out to the BCREPC contact to see if he has completed his inventory of the Conex box so that we can then request additional storage. Kathy agreed to contact him.



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- Fire Chief Mark Foley asked LCAST last month to reach out to the Provincetown animal shelter team. CindyB will contact Morgan Clark, the Ptown Health and Safety Officer, to see if he would be interested in attending an upcoming LCAST meeting.
- The next BCREPC meeting is October 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon at the Barnstable Courthouse Complex. National Grid will be providing an overview of their emergency response plans. Kathy and CindyB will work out which of them will attend this meeting.

Membership – We received five new memberships, including four from Windmill Weekend. Cindy is chasing down payment of an NPS referral. We now have 154 members, the highest membership we've ever had!

Buddy Scholarship – Vicki made a donation in memory of her son. We agreed that we should track donations on a May to May basis since our scholarship award is made annually at our May Bow Wow Bash. This tracking will allow us to know exactly how much we have in donations for the year, and therefore to determine the scholarship amount which has varied from year to year.

Mutt Mitts – no updates.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Windmill Weekend – Our float won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize. We had 25-30 dogs and 2 ferrets walk in the parade with their humans. (Note: The ferrets were carried and didn't actually walk ). Cape Cod Dog had someone walk the route in a dog costume, and Animal Hospital of Orleans carried their own banner. Everyone had fun and the reception from the crowd along the route was very positive. There was some confusion at the end of the parade as the police directed our group to walk to the Field of Dreams behind the Police Station rather than continue another 100 yards onto Depot Street. No dogs went onto the Windmill Green where they are restricted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Annual Meeting - This meeting will be held at the Council on Aging on Nauset Road in Eastham. Doors will open to the public at 6 p.m., but Per will be at the building early to ensure that the doors are opened and equipment is set up and working properly. Board members should show up by 5:30 p.m. or earlier. The room has been reserved thanks to Larry and Vicki.

- Ed will open the meeting with a brief summary of the year's activities. To save time, committee chairs will not be asked to present. Our guest speaker will have the floor from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Our board elections will follow. Door prizes will end the meeting.
- Someone needs to handle the sign-in table to greet attendees. Kathy will provide sign-in sheets.
- Anyone coming through the door will get one ticket toward the door prizes. Anyone renewing or obtaining a new membership will receive an additional door prize ticket. CindyB will put together a gift basket. We might also give away a hat or tee shirts. Several members have dog crates that they will bring, and we will ask anyone interested to make a cash offer and take the crate of their choosing. We agreed that board members are not eligible for door prizes.
- Kathy and Larry will handle the membership renewal table. Kathy will obtain the latest membership listing from CindyN.
- CindyB will be in charge of refreshments. Kathy, Joanne and CindyB will bring food snacks (cookies, cakes, etc.). Ellen will again bring coffee and hot chocolate from The Chocolate Sparrow. Others interested in contributing snacks or drinks should contact CindyB.



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- We will advertise the meeting on our website and Facebook pages, as well as email to our members. Ellen will follow up with The Cape Codder and WCAI for public service announcements. Vicki suggested that we also contact the Eastham Chamber to get the meeting announced to their members.
- Elections - EDOA officers and Board of Director members are elected to two-year terms. Any EDOA member is eligible to be an officer or board member. We expect to present a slate of candidates this evening based on outreach to interested members. For next year, we want to establish a formal Nominating Committee to find and vet potential candidates.
- An upcoming vacancy on the Board will result in the need for managers for two activities:
  - We need a volunteer to track and send thank you notices to donors and honorees of the Buddy Scholarship. Vicki has agreed to take on this responsibility.
  - We are also seeking someone to assemble the quarterly EDOA Newsletter. This position does not require that the person actually write the articles but instead to format the newsletter so that content fits and is visually appealing. Experience with Microsoft Word is required (but we are willing to train an interested person who might need a little refresher on Word).

Upcoming Eastham Chamber of Commerce Meeting - Cape Cod Dog will be hosting the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Eastham Chamber at the Mercantile Plaza on Route 6. The meeting is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dianne and Vicki will staff the EDOA table. Ed will register EDOA to participate, and will ensure that Dianne and Vicki have whatever supplies they need for a successful evening.

Fundraising event at Arnold's – On Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>, Arnold's Lobster Shack will be sharing the day's proceeds with the Brewster Chapter of Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) and Wild Care, two of our local animal welfare organizations. If you're looking for some tasty seafood as well as a way to help support these organizations, please stop by on Friday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. (*Motion to adjourn CindyB, Vicki 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed*)

NEXT MEETING = ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Eastham Council on Aging.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Herrick, Secretary