



Eastham Dog Owners' Association September 17, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Vicky Anderson, Per Bentsen, Ruth Bentsen, Cindy Blum, Dianne Cullen, Ed Daniels, Kathy Herrick, Karie Miller, Ellen Murray, Cindy Nicholson, and Tracey Plantier . Guest: Ra Quantick. Absent: Larry DiBona,

The August meeting minutes were approved with revision. (*Motion to accept by CindyN, Dianne 2nd, passed*).

DOG OF THE MONTH: Vicky's grand-dog, Casey, joined us this month. This 9-year old golden doodle is an adoptee that spent her first 4-5 years on a farm and has been living with Vicky's daughter since happily being adopted. Casey and Vicky share the same birthday.

Other canine visitors this month included Micha, Elvis and Rigby. Each has been a dog of the month, and all three walked in this year's Windmill Weekend parade.

CORRESPONDENCE/NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

- Katrina Boucher, owner of Cape Cod Dog and a former EDOA board member, thanked us for a donation to support her 190 mile PMC bike ride to support Dana Farber Cancer Center.
- Member Felice Coral let us know of a dangerous dog hearing recently held with the Board of Selectmen. Details about the hearing and outcome can be found in the Cape Codder. Also see page 2 of these minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth reported our monthly and year-to-date income and expenses, including income from the Windmill Weekend raffle (\$529), merchandise sales (\$678), plus new memberships (\$220). A raffle tax report will be filed with the State within the next 10 days.

- Our bank balance is \$15,325.82 (\$12691.31 checking, \$2037.26 CD, \$597.24 PayPal).
- *Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Vicky, Karie 2nd, passed*.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education - Ellen recapped that Jack Bakker from Animal Rescue League of Boston/Brewster Branch will be our guest speaker at next month's Annual Meeting. He will talk about the ARL mission, history and their programs, and he may also bring a few adoptable dogs with him. Because he cannot personally accept a speaker's fee, a donation will be made to ARL. (*Motion to make a \$100 donation to ARL Boston/Brewster Branch by CindyB, Karie, 2nd, passed*).

Lost Dog Network (LDN) – Tracey told the sad story of Kenya, the boxer who ran away from her summer home in Orleans and was found dead several days later near Nickerson Park, the apparent victim of a heartless hit and run driver. Rest in peace, dear Kenya, for it is clear that you were adored by your family who posted over 300 lost dog flyers across the Cape, and know that you brought together both a Cape and off-Cape community of dog lovers who desperately wanted to bring you back home safely.

- Tracey used social media to help communicate about the search for Kenya. She learned that there are a variety of online missing pet sites on Cape, but some are town/area specific and none roll up into a consolidated Cape summary. She is going to see if we can get the interested parties to work together better.
- There is a DJ on WOMR (Steve Trask) who is willing to read lost dog reports on the radio.
- Vicky suggested that we might want to write a "thank you to the community" for their assistance with Kenya and send it to the Cape Cod Times and/or Cape Codder.

Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team (LCAST) – CindyB will schedule a meeting at Wellfleet Fire Department in October to prepare the team in case of any winter storms that require opening the shelter. This will be a refresher for current members and an introduction for new recruits. Dates being considered are October 17, October 18 and October 24 (WFD is available on these three days).



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- CindyB met with Chief Foley who confirmed that Nauset High will not allow another Conex box on their grounds, nor do they have spare room within the school in which to store LCAST supplies. We will have to continue to use the Conex box shared by all support organizations.
- We need to do an inventory of our supplies both in the shared Conex box and for supplies housed by LCAST members. For access to the shared Conex box (as well as access to the school for training), we are dependent upon scheduling with the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee. Chief Foley is supposed to be scheduling a walk-thru at Nauset this fall.

Membership – We now have 174 members. This is a new record for EDOA.

Buddy Scholarship – CindyB will update a flyer on the scholarship and Ed will print it on card stock.

Mutt Mitts – The dispensers are back up and Natural Resources is helping to maintain the bag supply. Vicky will send a thank you to Dick Hilmer from Natural Resources. Our guest Ra Quantick has independently been picking up poop at Wiley Park and Ed will ensure that she receives a stack of bags for her use. Thanks, Ra!

NEW BUSINESS

Membership in Eastham Chamber of Commerce – we received two bills (\$150 membership renewal, \$250 for 1/8 page, 4 color ad in Eastham Guidebook). Are we getting \$400 value for our money? This is difficult to measure. The Eastham Visitors Booth gets 10,000 visitors a year, and by being a member, our information can be distributed there, plus we can get online message postings as chamber members. (*Motion to renew our membership and place an ad in the guidebook, at a total cost of \$400 by Vicky, Tracey 2nd, passed 8 yes, 3 no.*)

- Eastham Chamber Block Party is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at Mercantile Plaza in Eastham from 5-7 pm. Katrina of Cape Cod Dog has invited us to set up a table near her store. Vicky and Kathy volunteered to represent EDOA.

Windmill Weekend Review – our 2-day participation went smoothly, including setup and breakdown. We had a lot of traffic with questions about dogs on the green, dogs on beaches, etc. One visitor wants to do a TV program about dogs on Cape Cod – CindyN will get the contact information to Ed. Tracey talked to a person from Connecticut who was interested in our lost dog network and other teams we have. Yet another person talked to CindyN about animal CPR.

- Our partners Cape Cod Dog and Animal Hospital of Orleans could not help this year with a float, but they were happy to have us post their banners with ours on Ed's truck. Thanks to Larry for helping post the banners. We had 30 walkers which was a pleasant surprise since only 15 people let us know in advance that they would walk with us in the parade. The dogs got along well and brought a lot of smiles to viewers and walkers alike.

Eastham Turnip Festival is scheduled for November 21st (the weekend before Thanksgiving). This year the venue at Nauset High will expand to include the gym as well as the cafeteria. Vicky will coordinate our participation.

Wiley Park Poop Pickup – scheduled for Saturday, September 26 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ed will send out an email blast.

Animal Advisory Group – this town committee, which we understood was being disbanded, apparently participated in a dangerous dog hearing with the Board of Selectmen and Animal Control. Details were published in a recent Cape Codder article but we understand that there was agreement by officials that the dog is not dangerous and that containment in an acceptable enclosure (fencing) and requiring a leash when walking the dog were recommended. The case will be revisited by the Selectmen in another month or two.



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New Vendors - three local vendors may soon start offering discounts to EDOA members. However, we need to confirm their discount programs before publishing the details to our members. Ed will follow-up on these offers and will get the information out to board members. (*Motion to accept all new vendors by Vicky, Tracey 2nd, passed*).

ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING

Refreshments – CindyB will coordinate and will send a message to members. Kathy volunteered to bake.

Publicity Flyer – CindyN will produce the flyer. CindyB will coordinate distribution, and Dianne, Vicky and Karie volunteered to distribute/post flyers.

Publicity – Ellen will coordinate. Ed will send Ellen a list of our normal public service announcements/vendors.

Invitation to Chief Kulhawik - Ed

Reserve the Council on Aging – Larry already did this. Vicky will follow-up with the town to confirm that we need the building open by 5 pm. Vicky and Per might plan to arrive by 4 and stay there to ensure we are not locked out (as happened a year or so ago).

Committee Reports – Ed will summarize instead of having each chairperson report. If you head a committee, send highlights to Ed and also be certain to add the name of your committee to your name tag that evening.

Projector and Computer – Ed

New Memberships and Renewals – Dianne and Karie

Name Tags – CindyN has the tags/people fill them out themselves

Greeters – Tracey and Kathy

Raffle for Cuckoo Clock – we will offer more raffle tickets at this meeting and pull the winner that night.

Resignations

- Ed will resign at the end of tonight's meeting as the President. He agreed last year to fill one additional year of a two year term. Larry tendered his resignation from the board but has one year remaining on his term. He will active as a LDN Coordinator.
- EDOA bylaws allow for the board to appoint a replacement for vacancies on terms that have not expired.
 - *Motion to appoint Cindy Blum to fill the year remaining on Larry DiBona's board seat (to expire in October 2016) by Karie, CindyN 2nd, unanimous.*
 - *Motion to appoint Per Bentsen to fill the year remaining on Ed Daniel's President position (to expire in October 2016) by Tracey, CindyB 2nd, unanimous.*

Elections

- EDOA bylaws require that officers must first serve as board members before they can be elected to an officer position.
 - Per agreed to fill a one-year term as President (appointed).



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- Vicky agreed to run for a two-year term as Vice President (must be elected).
- We have four board positions open (Per appointed to fill one-year term as President, Vicky who will run for Vice President, CindyB appointed to Larry's one year term as board member, and Dianne whose 2-year term as board member is expiring).)
- We have four EDOA members who have expressed interest in joining the EDOA Board. One is an incumbent (Dianne) and the other three would be new board members. CindyB will contact each of them to reconfirm their interest and to ask that each write up a short bio about their background and interest. Names will be on the ballot and must be elected.
- Ed Daniels and Cindy Nicholson will both be leaving officer positions/the board at the conclusion of this year's annual meeting. Both possess extensive working knowledge of EDOA's website and structure as well as a long history of institutional knowledge. Fortunately, both plan to stay involved behind the scenes as active EDOA members and to help Per, Vicky and the rest of us transition as we move forward.
 - Per specifically asked to discuss with Ed his responsibilities as President, including a Schedule of Filings with the State and Feds, access/use of Facebook account, files on the Cloud, etc. Much of this information is documented.
 - Kathy suggested that we review existing documentation and update and/or create any documentation that will help with this and future transitions.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vicky, CindyB 2nd, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 15th, 6 pm at Eastham Council on Aging. This is our Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Herrick, Secretary