



Eastham Dog Owners' Association
January 18, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Attending: Joanne Baldauf, Per Bentsen, Ruth Bentsen, Cindy Blum, Tony Cantore, Dianne Cullen, Susan Grunin, Karie Miller, Tracey Plantier. Board Members Absent: Kathy Herrick, Kerry Reid, Susie Williams. Members Attending: Ed Daniels. Public Attending: ACO Andi Williams and Nala (dog of the month) and Tata Wetherbee from Nauset Pet.

Prior to the meeting, group photos were taken of the presentation of microchip scanners to ACO Williams and Tata Wetherbee, representing Nauset Pet.

The meeting was called to order at 6:25pm.

Dog of the Month: "Nala, lab-mix rescue, has been with ACO Williams since she was 9 weeks old. She is a food-driven lab who recently was joined by a 16 week old Texas rescue named Gunner, a wild child with hound ears. ACO Williams also shared information on coyotes to share with other members of EDOA.

A motion by Cindy B., 2nd by Karie to approve the Secretary's report passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

Ed Daniels reported that

- a communication volunteer had left the committee
- Donation to SATO was doubled
- 803 likes and 384 visits on Facebook
- There will be one more e-mail for members who have not paid their 2018 dues. So far this year there are 129 members...an increase of 18 members from 2017
- Memorial pages have been updated on the web site, a blog on "dog bites" has been instituted, and a "guest blog" begun.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported Income of \$2,716 and expenses of \$1,597.00. A motion by Tony, 2nd by Dianne to approve the Treasurer's Report passed unanimously.

At this point the following changes in the 2018 Budget were discussed and will be included in the Budget:

- Windmill Weekend \$550.00
- Buddy Scholarship \$2,000.00
- Annual Meeting \$300.00
- Charitable Contributions \$500.00
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A motion by Karie, 2nd by Tony to approve the changes to the 2018 Budget passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Education: TBD

Lost Dog Network: Tracey reported that the month had been relatively quiet. Dispatchers had no matches. Two weeks ago, a woman lost a small dog on a very cold day. The dog came back 1 ½ hours and the owner talked w/Tracey and found out what to do should she face the same problem again.

- Per related a story about a lost greyhound. After directing the owner to inform the police, Per and Sasha followed prints in the sand, retrieved the dog, put it in Per's car, returned it to the owner who let it run free out of Per's car.



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LCAST: Per and Cindy B. coordinated the possible shelter openings during the last storm. Many of the winter volunteers have gone. DART is having similar problems w/staffing.

- A suggestion of owner use of a "Pet Travel Bag" that can be found at Target was suggested as a way to prepare owners to be ready for shelter opening.

Promotions: Cindy Blum solicited suggestions of items that might be used in enhancing the EDOA's presence. Among the items were jar openers, tick pullers, pet whistles, treat bags and can covers

Newsletter: Ideas and/or story ideas should be sent to Susie. Reminder: 2018 is The Year of the Dog.

A motion by Per, 2nd by Cindy B. to approve committee reports passed unanimously.

New Business

Board members were asked to brainstorm EDOA goals for 2018 and come to the February meeting with their lists prioritized for discussion.

The following were noted as events for the 2018 calendar: Bow Wow Bash (first Encounter? Campground?), Rabies Clinic, Hands on the Arts, Turnip Festival, Poop Party (week before Easter), and Windmill Weekend.

Discussion on the condition of the Wiley Park Bulletin Board ended in a decision to "refresh it."

The Board decided to send a dog basket for Sophie to Cindy N. who had an unfortunate conflict (she lost) with the ice while walking her dog.

Adjournment: A motion by Per, 2nd by Dianne to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the Eastham Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Baldauf
Secretary pro tem

Board Terms Expiring in 2018: Cindy Blum, Tony Cantore, Susan Grunin, Kathy Herrick, Tracey Plantier, Susie Williams
Board Terms Expiring in 2019: Joanne Baldauf, Per Bentsen, Ruth Bentsen, Dianne Cullen, Karie Miller, Kerry Reid