



Eastham Dog Owners' Association
March 15, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors (BoD) Attending: Joanne Baldauf, Per Bentsen, Ruth Bentsen, Cindy Blum, Tony Cantore, Susan Grunin, Kathy Herrick, Karie Miller, Tracey Plantier, Susie Williams. BoD Absent: Dianne Cullen, Kerry Reid.

President Tracey Plantier opened the meeting at 6: 10 p.m.

DOG of the MONTH: A very energetic and friendly Sasha accompanied her humans Ruth and Per to this evening's meeting. Sasha is 16 months old, hails from Alabama, and was adopted on November 1st of last year into the Bentsen household. She was at a shelter in Cape Ann for 5 weeks, and "was waiting for us" to be her owners, according to Ruth. Sasha graduated from basic obedience, is much less skittish, and always has a toy in her mouth. She is also an avid licker, a big tail wagger, and she loves the company of other dogs.

Meeting minutes from February 2018 meeting were approved with one minor change. (*Motion to approve by Tony, Cindy 2nd, passed*). We agreed that minutes from the July 2017 meeting are missing and no further attempts will be made to locate them.

CORRESPONDENCE: We received a nice thank-you note from our speaker at last October's annual meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth summarized Income of \$240 and Expenses of \$97 since our last report. Overall, we have a total of \$20,141.41 (Checking \$17,774.50, CD \$2,059.79, PayPal \$307.12).

- Seamen's Bank is offering a 10-month CD for 1.63% which is a better rate than we are currently getting. (*Motion to transfer \$10,000 from our Cape Cod Five account into this Seamen's 10-month CD by Cindy, Joanne 2nd, passed*).

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

Education – Tracey has been in contact with speakers at a recent public discussion in Hyannis about coyote management, as well as a member of the Friends of Cape Cod Wildlife, in effort to understand whether we might want to partner with FCCW to hold a similar discussion in Eastham. There are a variety of considerations to be pursued (i.e., honorarium fees, goal of the speakers and their point of view plus its pertinence to dog owners, understanding current regulations and their impact in our local area, etc.). Tracey will report back at next month's meeting with additional information.

- Please forward any ideas to Tracey for presentation topics at our annual meeting.

Lost Dog Network (LDN) – LDN members searched and put out signage, but there have been no sightings of the pug Elliot who has been missing for several weeks. A searcher from Missing Pet Partnership was encouraged after an initial overview of the area and situation, but her efforts were not successful either.

Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team (LCAST) – LCAST participated in the BCREPC calls regarding recent nor'easters. Although several shelters opened last week, Nauset High could not open because the generator was not working, and LCAST was subsequently not deployed.

- There will be an LCAST training session on Thursday, March 22nd from 6-8 pm at the Wellfleet Fire Department. Current members are encouraged to attend, and we also hope to see some new people in attendance.

Membership – We currently have 183 members.

Buddy Scholarship – One scholarship application has been received so far. Deadline for applications is 3/28/18. Tracey will post on our Facebook page seeking additional applications from qualified applicants.

Promotions – We are still looking for something easily mailable to send along with our 2019 membership cards. Cindy will bring some samples next month. Susie brought samples of "buffs" that could be handmade, and she'll looking into costs and discuss at next month's meeting.

Public Relations – The town bylaws regarding animals is being formatted and will be released soon. A few items may be included on the Town Warrant for public voting on those issues.

- Our donation of chip readers to Eastham Police/Animal Control and Nauset Pet Services was finally published in the Cape Cod Times in early March.



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Newsletter – Susie was congratulated on producing another great newsletter. She thanked all who contributed articles, but also reminded us that we need to find someone else to take over the responsibility.

OLD BUSINESS

Brainstorming session – Tracey would still like to have a session where we discuss how EDOA can get more involved in helping the community. Ideas thus far include more partnering with local organizations, researching and keeping members apprised of local Pet Food Pantries and how we can help them, sponsoring a class for dogs to become companion animals, etc. More discussion will follow.

Wiley Park Bulletin Board – Upcoming LCAST training and Buddy Scholarship information are both posted. The board looks good and is jam packed with information. We need to schedule a poop pickup party for April.

Calendar of Events – We will start to include these with the monthly agenda, so everyone stays apprised of our involvement and need for staffing.

Rabies Clinic – Eastham's rabies clinic is scheduled for April 14th. Ruth, Per, Joanne and Vicky will assist.

Santana Fund – A benefit is being held on March 25th from 1-5 pm at Hog Island Brewery (behind Jailhouse Restaurant in Orleans). There is an admission fee, but we will fund board members who attend and represent EDOA.

Eastham Council of Aging – Tracey continued discussions with them about their desire to partner with different local organizations. For instance, the Companion Animal pets visit COA monthly. They suggested a few ideas: 1) They have "learning sessions" on Wednesdays – perhaps we could do a presentation for them? 2) Is there a way to match people to visit seniors in their neighborhood? More discussion will follow.

NEW BUSINESS

Pet Rescue Pages – Once a month, a listing of pets available for adoption is published in the Cape Cod Times, Cape Codder and Provincetown Banner. Sponsorship costs \$25 per month and requires a one-year commitment (total \$300/year). Our name would be placed under a picture of a pet (we have no control over which pet). What's the benefit to EDOA? Visibility, promotion, community and public relations. (*Motion to sponsor pet rescue pages for one year by Karie, Cindy 2nd, passed*). Cindy Blum will relinquish her planned sponsorship for the next year to EDOA and will work to make that happen.

Animal Advisory Committee – This Eastham committee is seeking two new members. EDOA director Joanne Baldauf is in her 3rd term on the board and is "aging out" with the requirement that three terms are the maximum. Appointment to the AAC is made by the Board of Selectmen. Joanne cautions that a love of dogs is not enough. Most cases involve problem dogs, and include investigation of bites, aggressive behavior, etc. Issues are often contentious. Committee members are expected to conduct investigations, interview involved parties, evaluate the animals in question, take good notes, and make presentations to the Board of Selectmen. If interested, applications are available at Town Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Eastham Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Herrick, Clerk

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