



Eastham Dog Owners' Association  
May 17, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors (BoD) Attending: Joanne Baldauf, Per Bentsen, Ruth Bentsen, Cindy Blum, Tony Cantore, Dianne Cullen, Susan Grunin, Kathy Herrick, Tracey Plantier, Kerry Reid. BoD Absent: Karie Miller, Susie Williams. Members Attending: Pat Anderson, Ed Daniels, Rich Goselin, Donna Goselin, Cindy Nicholson.

President Tracey Plantier opened the meeting at 6: 05 p.m.

**DOG of the MONTH:** Susan brought her Cocker Spaniel Lilo to this evening's meeting. This special needs dog is now 14 years old and is blind because of glaucoma. She has been a member of Susan's family for 7 years. She can hear only in one ear and sometimes loses her ability to walk because of a back disease, but she has mastered her wheelchair when she needs it. She lives with another dog and a parakeet, as well as her humans, and was adopted from an off-Cape rescue. Her physical challenges did not stop her from exploring our meeting room and greeting our members as she wandered under and around the meeting table.

Meeting minutes from April 2018 meeting were approved as originally written. (*Motion to approve by Joanne, Ruth 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed*).

**CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- Ed learned that the Yarmouth Police have started a Dog Walker program to expand on the "Neighborhood Watch" concept. Perhaps this might be a good topic for our annual meeting program.
- Tracey received a thank you for our donation in memory of Officer Sean Gannon to the Truro Police K9 Association.
- Ed reported that our website traffic reaches about 654 people weekly with about 200 responses on Facebook.
- Tracey recently read an article about a small dog attacked by a coyote on its porch in Provincetown. Perhaps we should include a newsletter item about recently designed "coyote vests." Dianne has seen small dogs wearing these at Kent's Point.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ruth summarized Income of \$242 and Expenses of \$573 (includes our donation to Truro K9) since our last report. Overall, we have a total of \$19,560.38 (Checking \$7,099.96, Seamens Bank CD \$10,020.65, CC5 CD \$2,065.92, PayPal \$373.85). (*Motion to accept this report from Tony, Joanne 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed*.)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – (*Motion to accept Committee Reports by CindyB, Joanne 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed*).

Education - Suggestions for annual meeting speakers continue to be discussed. Four ideas were mentioned tonight:

- Tracey has not had success reaching the coyote speaker who did a presentation in Hyannis a few months ago, but perhaps we could obtain and show the "coyotes in our environment" film that was presented there.
- Yarmouth Police Dog Walker program (see Correspondence/General Information above)
- Prison program where prisoners work with dogs on a Monday through Friday basis, and then a family takes the dog for weekends. Eventually the dogs go to veterans to help with PTSD and other needs.
- Program about ticks, their proliferation and the diseases they can transmit. Dianne will check with her vet about interest in doing this presentation.

Lost Dog Network (LDN) – We received one report of a 14-year old blind and deaf cairn terrier who was lost around 11:30 p.m. from his home. Eastham Police searched for him during the night, but sadly, his body was found the next morning. He apparently drowned. LDN members participated in both the search and recovery.

- There was a suggestion that we might want to consider offering a service where EDOA members can walk dogs for other members who've undergone surgery or otherwise cannot walk their dogs.
- We may need more and/or better signs, especially since posting the dog's picture is problematic with wind and rain. Tony will research signage options.

Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team (LCAST)

- An expenditure for a generator is listed in the Eastham capital budget, under Nauset School System, for 2023. We suspect this is the Nauset High School generator that we've been told by the BCREPC that is beyond repair and requires full replacement. If this is correct, where does that leave Nauset High as the regional emergency shelter and LCAST since designated emergency shelter buildings must have a functional generator? CindyB will contact Wellfleet Fire Chief Fissette, co-chair of BCREPC, for an appointment to discuss the status of Nauset High's shelter.

Membership – We currently have 197 members and memberships continue to come in slowly.

Buddy Scholarship – The award will be given to Emma Berson at this weekend's Bow Wow Bash.

Promotions – Tony has a sample EDOA decal on his vehicle and will follow up next month with style and cost options.

Public Relations – The animal related by-laws were approved at town meeting. As always, send any email blast or website posting requests to Ed. And remember, Susie asked for article submissions for our next newsletter by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**



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Bow Wow Bash – Rescheduled for Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> because of expected rain on Saturday. Food, water and dessert are all set. Companion Animal group will again join us to talk about their program. Setup volunteers are asked to report to Campground Beach between 10-10:15 a.m. Ed will print some EDOA brochures. Tracey has the other basic supplies. Bring chairs. Dog cookies have been donated by CapeAbilities and Utz Chips have been donated by Gretchen Bondi. Thank you to our donors!

Eastham Council on Aging – Tracey will try to pin down COA on when they want us to speak at one of their luncheons.

Calendar of Events – The next event on the calendar is Hands on the Arts, where we will participate only on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Tony will let the HoA team know that we intend to staff a booth again this year. Tracey is going to check with one of her friends about making some simple paper placemats with dog pictures that children could color (to keep with the theme of the event).

- Windmill Weekend - Karie needs a co-leader for this event. We could also use a Parade Coordinator if we are interested in partnering with others to sponsor a float in the parade.
- Paw Palooza – We will not participate in this event. It is held mid-Cape, is a hot venue with little shade, and is expensive to sponsor a booth.

Animal Advisory Committee – There remain two openings on the committee. Dianne considered applying for one position but decided that her work schedule would not allow her the flexibility needed to properly participate. Joanne again reviewed the role of the committee and responsibility of committee members. Without 2 new members, the committee will be defunct. Ed will post a blurb on our website to alert members of the open positions.

### NEW BUSINESS

Police K-9 Program - Ed and Tracey met with Detective Raneo of the Truro Police to get his sense of whether there may be a need or desire for another K-9 team on the Lower Cape. A summary of their meeting notes was electronically distributed to board members. Ed's initial thought was that, under different conditions, K-9 Nero might have saved Officer Gannon's life. At one time, Eastham did have a police dog. Potential expenses associated with obtaining a dog include the cost of the dog, cost of training (although the actual officer/dog training is free in Massachusetts), the cost of backfilling the canine officer during his/her 12-15 weeks of training, and compensation for off-duty work. Ed will reach out to Eastham Police Chief Kulhawik to discuss if there is any interest. At this time, we do not know what or if EDOA could do anything to assist, but the board felt it made sense to first see if the Chief/Department are interested before further discussions about any involvement on our part.

- Tonight's guest Pat Anderson donated two children's denim vests to us tonight. These vests, and others she's made, are colorful and have patches and other designs highlighting K-9 programs. She's donated them to Yarmouth Police where they raised \$500 by auctioning the vests to raise money for their K-9 program. She has police members in her family and is passionate about helping support K-9 teams.
- The Truro Police K-9 Association Board has openings, and they'd be receptive to have an EDOA member on their board.

Eastham Visitor Center – The center is scheduled to open on May 24<sup>th</sup>. We need to get some of our materials (i.e., EDOA brochures, Too Hot for Spot cards, LDN magnets) to them.

Poop Bag Receptacle for Wiley Park – Selectman Martin McDonald suggested that having a receptacle for poop bags at the "back door" of Wiley Park might cut down on the dog poop in that area of the park. Cindy Nicholson brought his suggestion to us, and she also researched options and costs. A solar compactor is cost prohibitive at \$3000. A regular trash can could inspire folks to dump their household garbage there. But there is a mutt mitt dispenser with a smaller can attached that would be a viable alternative, and it could be installed about 10' inside the park so that it is not visible for passersby who might think about dumping other garbage in it. Town Administrator Beebe said if we donated the item, DPW would arrange daily pickups of disposed items. (*Motion to approve \$200 for the purchase of a mutt mitt dispenser with attached poop bag receptacle by Tony, CindyB 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.*)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. *Motion to adjourn by Tony, Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.*

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Eastham Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Herrick, Clerk

Board Terms Expiring in 2018: Cindy Blum, Tony Cantore, Susan Grunin, Kathy Herrick, Tracey Plantier, Susie Williams  
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