

Meeting Minutes – Board of Directors – January 2019

Board of Directors (BoD) Attending: Vicky Anderson, Joanne Baldauf, Per Bentsen, Ruth Bentsen, Tony Cantore, Susan Grunin, Karie Miller, Tracey Plantier, Dianne Cullen, Kerry Reid, Maureen Gossoo and Emmy Carroll.

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

DOG of the MONTH: Wendy Green Wolf came with her two dogs, Maybe and Sally. Wendy recently relocated to the Cape. Sally, age 7 is a pitbull/bloodhound mix and Wendy's service dog. Maybe is about 11.5 and is part boxer and "maybe a little of this, maybe that" - hence the name "Maybe". Both dogs are rescues.

Meeting minutes from the November 2018 meeting were approved. (Motion to approve by Vicky, Joanne 2nd, passed).

CORRESPONDENCE: We received a thank you note from Susie for her parting gift. Also received a Christmas card. Vicky mentioned that Kathy Herrick had send her a thank you for the donation to the Buddy Scholarship fund. Vicky will send a card from the Board to Kathy to thank her for her service.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth outlined the options to renew the CD at Seamen's Bank. All in favor of a 15 month CD at 2.23% (Motion to approve by Vicky, Maureen 2nd, passed).

2019 BUDGET: The Board reviewed the budget and decided that the following categories would be revised:

Investment Interest - increase the budget to \$200 from \$10

Merchandise - decrease to \$1,000 from \$1,200

Windmill Weekend Raffle - decrease to \$500 from \$550

Other Raffle Sales - remove from 2019 Budget

Merchandise Sales Expenses - decrease to \$2,000 from \$2,500

Website - increase to \$1,000 from \$500

(Motion to accept Budget with changes by Vicky, Karie 2nd, passed).

EDUCATION: Tony was this month's presenter. His topic - How Dogs Think. See article of the same name written by Kathleen Schreiber and published in Smart Science. Based on *The Secret Language of Dogs*, 2016 by Victoria Stillwell Inc., Published by Ten Speed Press.

Vicky will do next month's education on ponds and anaplasmosis.

LOST DOG NETWORK (LDN): Has been quiet. There was one report of a dog that jumped out a window but the dog returned home on his own. NOTE - all lost dogs now go to ARL in Brewster and not Nauset Kennels.

Tracey mentioned new technology she had researched back in 2016 called Finding Rover. It is a facial recognition software for pets! It has a high match rate of 97%. In 2014 the software was brand new. Tracey looked into it again to see if it is still active and there is a 2019 update and it was featured on Good Morning America. Tracey contacted Mary Nee at the Animal Rescue League of Brewster to see if they have heard of it or would be interested in it. One pro, it's free. Con - the shelter would have to take and upload pictures of all the dogs. However, most shelters do this anyway. Could we offer to take pictures of members pets and create a database?

LOWER CAPE ANIMAL SHELTER TEAM (LCAST): Per - the last meeting was cancelled. There should be one in February. Per recently attended a CPR class hosted by Red Cross. It was not a pet CPR class. Susan mentioned a pet CPR presentation/class would be a good idea for 2019 annual meeting. Tracey going to look into it as she believes there was one recently in Chatham. The presentation at the Council on Aging was not well attended.

MEMBERSHIP: We currently have 90 members.

BUDDY SCHOLARSHIP: Cindy Blum will keep doing the scholarship and applications will start in February. The 2019 scholarship will be \$2,000.

PROMOTIONS: EDOA decals are going out with membership cards.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: We should approach Ark Angel and Brewster Animal Hospital to see if they will join the discount program. Dianne will speak to Brewster Animal Hospital and Tracey to Ark Angel. Karie mentioned that Colleen (pet sitter) still wants to offer discounts.

WEBSITE: Ed not present. There may be issues with membership renewals and payments thru the website. Tracey is going to review and website page by page to see what updates need to be made due to discussions regarding outdated items.

NEWSLETTER: Defunct.

Joanne made a motion to accept committee reports, Tony 2nd, passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tracey proposed a brainstorming session for February meeting & EDOA goals for 2019.

Dr. Taylor Kirby-Madden is now offering a 15% discount on her behavior practice which she does out of her home in Brewster.

Discussion on the bulletin board - we will laminate items for Wiley Park Board. Vicky brought up the bulletin board at the Eastham Transfer Station... most agreed it was not our responsibility.

EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW:

Do we do the coyote presentation again in 2019? Yes.

Discussion on a beach garbage pick-up at Eastham beaches in Spring.

Could we do a movie night at Wellfleet Cinemas and all go see "The Dogs Way Home". Go as a group with a discount and put it out to our members as well.

Discussion moved to making a donation for dog food for Government employees currently out of work. Per suggested \$200 to Cape Cod Dog. Vicky moved for \$200, Emmy 2nd, passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Ruth, Diane 2nd, passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6 p.m. at Eastham Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Grunin, Clerk

Board Terms Expiring in 2019: Joanne Baldauf, Per Bentsen, Ruth Bentsen, Dianne Cullen, Karie Miller, Kerry Reid