

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May, 2019

Board of Directors (BoD) Attending: Joanne Baldauf, Per Bentsen, Ruth Bentsen, Susan Grunin, Tracey Plantier, Kerry Reid, Maureen Grosso, Karie Miller, Tony Cantore and Dianne Cullen; Absent: Emmy Carroll. Also present Ed Daniels.

President Tracey Plantier opened the meeting at 6: 12 p.m at Eastham Police Station.

DOG of the MONTH: N/A

Meeting minutes from the April 2019 meeting were approved (Motion to approve by Maureen; Joanne 2nd, passed).

CORRESPONDENCE: Article(s) from the Cape Cod Times on lost dogs. Article focused on the recent lost dogs, including 2 missing in Eastham but failed to mention the EDOA, only Helping Lost/Found Pets on Cape Cod Get Back Home. Ed received a note through the website regarding issues between neighbors regarding dog poop.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have received \$170 of donations. Ruth summarized Income of \$230 and Expenses of \$21 since our last report. Overall, we have a total of \$22,014.17 (CC5 Checking \$9,052.76, Seamen's Bank CD \$10,213.32, CC5 CD \$2,084.52 and PayPal \$663.57). There was discussion as to whether donors are listed on the website - they are listed but the amount is not shown.

Motion to approve by Tony, Karie 2nd, passed.

EDUCATION: Postponed. However there was discussion regarding education for our members. Some ideas include tick borne illnesses, aging/senior pets & foods to feed. Discussion regarding which of these topics would be appropriate for for the annual meeting or at a separate venue. Would like to have local veterinarians involved - Ark Angel, Animal Hospital of Orleans, Brewster Animal Hospital, Eastham Animal Hospital. Most feel that it would be best for a separate event as it would take too long at the annual meeting.

RESIGNATION: Vicky has decided to step down as a board member; she would still like to write the thank you notes.

LOST DOG NETWORK (LDN): Loki who went missing at Nickerson State Park - was found at Brewster Day Camp!

LOWER CAPE ANIMAL SHELTER TEAM (LCAST): Per did not attend the last meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: We currently have 194 members. Discussion regarding our long time members that are not registering - could be due to loss of pet or moving out of the area. There are 75 prior members lost since 2012. Currently on same membership track as last year.

WE HIT 900 LIKES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TODAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BUDDY SCHOLARSHIP:

Scholarship recipient was to be Irene Turner, a senior at Nauset who is very deserving, however, Irene has decided to take a gap semester before going to college. She lives in Eastham, has a B average, volunteers at NESAs every Sunday and is struggling financially. She plans to go to school for marine biology. The Board has decided she still qualifies for the scholarship but not until she attends school. We will hold the funds until January. Scholarship will not be announced at the Bow Wow Bash.

PROMOTIONS: n/a. Please let Ed know if there is anything we would like to promote.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: n/a.

WEBSITE: Ed - we are relying on Ethan to update the website. Discussion regarding making a payment or payments to Hampshire Marketing for their work on the website. They have never billed for work. Tony made a motion to make a payment of \$300 to Hampshire Marketing, 2nd by Joanne, passed. Payment to be made via EDOA PayPal account.

Ruth made a motion to accept committee reports, Dianne 2nd, passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

EVENT CALENDAR: Wiley Pick-up party. Tracey and one other person attended - it was a quick cleanup as the park was in good shape already. Claire is always there picking up.

A message was passed along from Vicky that candidate's night went very well.

Hands On Arts - Tony will take care of reserving the spot. Need volunteers.

Turnipfest - Vicky usually handles but everyone to keep in mind that she may not want to.

Bow Wow Bash - reviewed the task and supply list which is being organized by Maureen. Katrina of Cape Cod Dog has or will be donating cookies for the event. Discussion regarding the sale of the EDOA towels which have a mistake - price will be marked down to \$10 each, possibly \$5 each to move them out. Susan suggested donating to ARL if we still cannot move them. It was suggested and agreed that the Board wear name tags so members know who's who at Bow Wow Bash.

NEW BUSINESS:

PET INSURANCE: Discussion regarding pros and cons of pet insurance. Many board members have had great experience with pet insurance. Ed will create a blog topic and send an email blast around.

BOARD POSITION- There is an open Board position with Vicky resigning.

COYOTE EDUCATION: Mass Fish & Wildlife is doing another talk on Cape June 18 at Mass Maritime, 6 pm.

TOWN MODERATOR - Vicky has made a request to recognize the Town Moderator. The general consensus seems to be it is not our position to do so.

Motion to adjourn made by Tony, 2nd Joanne, passed.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 20, 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