

EASTHAM DOG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 20, 2019

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

President Tracey Plantier opened the meeting at 6: 06 p.m.

DOG OF THE MONTH: No official dog of the month, although Karie did bring Lulu with her to the meeting.

This month's meeting format was a little different as we had many guests in attendance.

Guest speakers were: Chris from the Animal Rescue Front, Linda and Jack Wood, of Orleans, Mairead Graf from the Animal Rescue League of Boston and Felice Coral of WOMR.

Our first speaker was Chris from the Animal Rescue Front ("ARF"). ARF was formed after Hurricane Katrina. They have seven entities in Mississippi they work with and transport dogs to the Northeast every three weeks with stops in Maine and New Hampshire. They have a couple very generous benefactors which help keep the rescue going. The goal was to help 900 animals each year, but she thinks they will help 1100 this year and she's looking for help! She's also happy to help with the emergency shelter in Eastham.

Next was Mairead Graf, the Development Officer of the Animal Rescue League of Boston ("ARL"). She has been in the position for 1.5 years. Currently the ARL is doing a challenge match to raise funds. All the money raised on Cape Cod stays on Cape Cod. Their goal is \$15,000. They have a mailing going out to 8,000 businesses and people and are looking for new donors support the ARL. Businesses partnering can expect social media plugs and exposure. The ARL Facebook page has over 90,000 followers alone. The match challenge goes to October 15, 2019. It was also noted that the President of the ARL is a member of the EDOA.

Our next guest speakers were Linda and Jack Wood regarding the ongoing issues in Orleans with dog owners. So far their petition has 500 signatures. The issues revolve around beaches which close April 1 to pets. There is a task force to educate the selectmen in the Town. Primarily issues with dogs seem to revolve around the Kent's Point and Wildflower Lane areas.

Our final guest was Felice Coral of WOMR radio. She would like to introduce the EDOA to the rest of the Cape. Her radio show would offer a reasonable amount of exposure. She estimates a prerecorded 20-30 minute segment on responsible dog ownership, enjoying the Cape with your

dog and an overview of what the EDOA does. Note: A key point should be that you do not have to live in Eastham to be a part of the EDOA.

Thank you to all our guests today for attending our meeting.

New Business:

ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The Town of Eastham recommends disbanding the Animal Advisory Committee as it is not needed. The Board agrees as there are rarely issues anymore, and the Town now has a dog officer to handle any issues.

COYOTE CAUTION SIGNS: Coyote caution signs have been put up in Wiley Park and also a Cottontail Acres. There was a report of a dog being bitten at Cottontail Acres by a coyote. It was noted that sometimes coyotes bite not to kill but to give a message. The conservation officer's approval was sought for the signs. Permanent signs will not be ordered until she has approved the final language on the signs.

DONATIONS: Donation to ARL. We have \$300 left in the budget, Toni thinks we should limit it to local organizations. Susan proposes donating \$500 to the ARF and ARL, Tracey agreed. Per made a motion for a \$500.00 donation to ARL and \$500.00 to ARF, Karie 2nd, passed.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 7 new members.

Motion to accept the May Minutes made by Maureen, seconded by Ruth, passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Board discussed the ongoing issues in Orleans regarding dog owners – many do not feel the EDOA should be involved as the issues are not in Eastham. However, some feel that the issues will eventually carry forward to Eastham either by more restrictions or more people coming to enjoy Eastham with their pets as they cannot do so in Orleans and/or Brewster. Tony suggests a review of the EDOA's Mission Statement to see if it needs to revised/updated.

There was discussion on the timing of the next meeting. Karie would like to meet in August due to planning needed for the Windmill Weekend.

Karie also mentioned that Chris of the ARF would be an excellent resource for the EDOA as she is local and looking for help. It was suggested that Katrina of the Cape Cod Dog could bring Captain Jack who was rescued by ARF and adopted by Katrina, to share her story.

INVENTORY:

We have 35 towels left. Discussion on whether an order needs to be placed for upcoming events. It was suggested we look at little stuffed animals to buy in order to sell. It was also mentioned that Cindy Nicholson thinks we should change the shirt logo. Most agreed we should sell what we have before ordering more inventory. There was also a request to obtain weights for the tent

for events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August ___, 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