

SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING

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

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

DOG of the MONTH: Our dog of the month was Jennifer, who was brought in by Bev Hobbs. Jennifer was rescued from New Orleans and is 7 1/2 years old. She was rescued in 2013. Jennifer is very friendly almost too friendly loves people but not other dogs. Bev has another dog named Bonnie who is the opposite of Jennifer and not social at all.

Our next guest was Tom from Perro Pro Pet Hero. He did a presentation on pet first aid.

The June and August 2019 meeting minutes were approved (Motion to approve by Maureen; Per 2nd, passed).

CORRESPONDENCE: We received two thank you cards - one from Mary Nee the President of the Animal Rescue League of Boston and one from Chris of Animal Rescue Front. We also received an email from Mariead at the Animal Rescue League.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Cape Cod Five CD matured and was moved to Seamen's Bank as the rate was better. Ruth was able to obtain a 10 month CD for the \$2,500 at 2%. **Insert the rest of the treasures report.**

We received a bill from the Eastham Chamber of Commerce for membership and advertising in the amount of \$411. (Motion was made by Tony, 2nd by Joanne to pay the invoice, passed.)

Website Dash settings for PayPal work at times, follow-up with Ed. Ruth is not getting organization information such as donations. Need to follow up to see who receives the notifications and update to include Ruth.

EDUCATION: We received several inquiries about the pond closures. Although it is not our organizations responsibility to monitor the ponds, Tracey contacted the health department so we would have more information for pet owners regarding algae. They do not test for the algae blooms and only do a visual test as it's very expensive. We also learned that dogs are not susceptible to triple E like people.

LOST DOG NETWORK (LDN): There have been a lot of calls lately but no search is needed.

LOWER CAPE ANIMAL SHELTER TEAM (LCAST): Kathy sent a brief summary – a lot of little problems were noted but it was all good in the end. Per discussed the generator at Nauset High

School – it's working right now. The town has been trying to take responsibility for the generator but Nauset Regional High School is holding onto it.

Per also mentioned that the Red Cross is not stationed on Cape Cod anymore, their headquarters are in Maine.

One of the issues with the shelter was food, may need to arrange for delivery in the case of emergency.

MEMBERSHIP: We currently have 221 members.

BUDDY SCHOLARSHIP: Only 1 application was received but it was a good application.

PROMOTIONS: We have new long sleeve T-shirts. Stuffed animals were also discussed as people loved them at the raffle. Susan mentioned that we should order more for the booths and put EDOA scarves on them.

There was a discussion regarding contacting our existing sponsors and providing gifts to them. Tracey will request a list from Ed so that we can split up our sponsors and everyone can contact a few.

It was noted that Barkers Pet Store in Orleans is closing.

WINDMILL WEEKEND RECAP: Everyone was very helpful and involved. We have a few new contacts from Windmill weekend including Tom who visited us today from Pet Pro Hero and a pet communicator that Tracey will be meeting with this week.

ORLEANS DOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION (ODOG): They have formed a task force and it is going very well. Tracey offered to do a coyote education in Orleans along with Orleans Dog Owners Association a.k.a. ODOG. Many locations in Orleans have their stickers available and there is a survey circulating which anyone is welcome to complete. They currently have 30 members from Eastham which means at some point we could lose 30 members.

We've done nothing yet with the radio broadcast, but it's still in the works.

Bev Hobbs gave us a little information about herself and why she would like to be a board member.

ANNUAL MEETING: Chris from Animal Rescue Front will speak at the meeting. We need volunteers to organize the meeting. Committee heads should be ready to do a quick report on their respective committees. If anyone can bake something or bring something for the meeting.

TURNIPFEST: Tracey to confirm that Vicky still wants to organize. Ruth and Joanne will help organize and the day of Turnipfest. Dianne is happy to wear the dog costume.

Executive session commenced at 7:48 PM.

The annual meeting is October 17, 2019 at 6 PM. Our next member will take Emmy's spot on the Board. She has 13 months left. Dianne made a motion to appoint Bev Hobbs to the Board, Joanne 2nd. Tracy to let Ed know Bev's information.

Board Member terms – Ruth has agreed to stay on as the treasurer. Per has agreed to stay on although not as Vice President. Joanne, Karie and Dianne will all continue on the Board and accept another term. Tony was nominated by Per to be the next Vice President.

Donation to Capabilities: A motion was made by Tony to donate \$500, 2nd by Joanne, passed.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

NEXT MEETING: ANNUAL MEETING on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 6 p.m. at Eastham Council on Aging.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Grunin, Clerk

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