

## COMMUNITY ANIMAL WATCH (CAW) MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2010

Attendees: Steve Urbach, Kim Hatch, Jacqui Deveneau, Marie Hawkins, Debbie Smith, Will Watson-ACO, Pat Holland, Linda Frechette, Lynda Smith

Steve motioned to accept the minutes from the February 17, 2010 meeting. Jacqui seconded the motion. 4 yeas, 0 neas

Brandon Garette is not at this evening's meeting, so Jacqui gives us the Treasurer update. We had \$353.00 in the CAW account. There was an additional \$25.25 that was obtained by tabling at the OOB 365 table at the last event. We also received a \$50 donation, bringing our grand total to \$428.25.

Jacqui motioned to pay an additional \$50 towards the vet bill that Lisa Sylvestre paid for. Steve seconded the vote. 4 yeas, 0 neas

Steve gave us an update on the wonderful website that he has constructed for CAW. Jacqui and he set up the information in the current five tabs offered with the initial set up of the site. The Committee discussed increasing the tabs to 10, since we have already filled the current five. This will bring our total to \$10 per month, with a yearly total of \$120, give or take a few dollars. Jacqui motioned that we agree to increase to the ten tabs, Kim seconded the motion. 4 yeas, 0 neas. It was asked of the committee to think about and bring ideas to the next meeting for the additional tabs.

Steve will bring in the receipts for what he has paid thus far for the website so we might reimburse him the cost.

There was a small article put into the Courier about the new committee. Gillian Graham of the Courier, who covers Old Orchard Beach, called Jacqui to ask if she could do an article about the committee and its mission. Both Jacqui and Will answered questions for her. The article appeared in this week's Courier, and was a very nice account of what we are trying to accomplish. The fact that Gillian also spoke with someone who had adopted one of our cats was a wonderful testament to our work.

We reviewed the press release that Linda Frechette had put together for the group. Additions, deletions and consolidation of similar ideas were discussed and agreed upon. Jacqui will put the new release together and email to us for approval. She will then send it onto Louise at Town Hall to publish.

The Police Department received many calls for people wanting to adopt the bulldog that was found and listed on Craigs List. Unfortunately, the volume of calls takes away from the dispatcher's true job. Will has asked that we change the code access on Craig's list so that more of us can delete pets if need be. Will and/or Jacqui will be contacting Tianna for help on this matter.

Dr. Ann Barksdale wants to limit training of Felv testing to a couple of people, so it was decided that Will and Tianna will be the ones to receive the training.

On the subject of training, Will explained to us that there needs to be training for volunteers to work at the holding facility. This training will take place at the Animal Welfare shelter in Kennebunk. They are willing to add us to their own training of volunteers.

In addition to that training, volunteers must also take FEMA on line training. Since we are a holding facility, we must also be prepared for disaster management in the event of a big event in which many animals would need to be sheltered. The modules are on line as well as the quizzes that need to be passed. Will will get us further information on where on line to find the training modules.

Lynda Smith, Jacqui Deveneau, Marie Hawkins and Kim Hatch have all volunteered. Kim also asked if under 18 year olds could also volunteer. Will is checking to see if there are any Town insurance restraints on this. If not, Kim's daughter and other members of the high school Interact club might be interested.

If enough are interested in the FEMA training, we may have someone come to OOB to train us, or we may need to travel to York EMA for training.

Linda Fréchette is getting more information about the two in-house cats for an interested party.

We still don't have any takers on adopting the two cats at the holding facility. The owner of the bulldog may have come forward, but Will is waiting for positive ID. There is a list of twelve people interested in adopting him.

Brandon purchased two donation jars and put our new logo on them. There are three events upcoming that we would like to put a table at. The first is on March 27, at the Eggstravaganza, the second is on April 10 at the Swop and Shop at Milliken parking lot and the third is on May 2 at the Taste of OOB. Jacqui is asking for volunteers at each, since she is also involved in the OOB 365 committee who is sponsoring these events.

The owner of the Pier has offered to hold a fundraiser on the Pier for our group prior to Memorial Day. This is in memory of his late wife who was an animal lover. We look forward to hearing more information about this event from Will.

Will also offered to have us go in on the large shirt order that the Police Department does for the summer officers. These would be placket polos shirts and could say CAW on the back/and or front. Colors were discussed and Will will get us a cost. These would be purchased individually by members of the Committee.

Steve Urbach is a member of the Saco Bay Rotary Club and has offered to fill out paperwork for us to receive a donation to purchase specific items needed for the CAW, shelter, or anything else we can think of. Lynda Smith came up with a great idea to sell items at our tables for a dollar or so, such as cat or dog toys. Steve said that would work well for Rotary and asked Lynda to check into prices and supplies.

Jacqui is hoping that we can help get more cats off the street, especially with feral kitten season almost upon us. Please spread the word far and wide about adoptions.

Tianna will hopefully be at the next meeting to discuss more about Feral Felines and what we might be able to do to help her group out with the feral cats specifically in Old Orchard Beach.

It was suggested that we put a brochure together about the CAW in the future, for distribution to the public.

Jacqui told us that the dog park fundraiser is on hold for now through the Memorial Park Committee.

Our next meeting is on April 21, 2010 at 6pm at the police station in the Grand Victorian.

