

Old Orchard Beach Community Animal Watch Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 22, 2012

Location: Town Hall Council Chambers

Present: Kim Schwickrath, Chair; Beverly Russell, Vice-Chair; Traci Gikas, Secretary;  
Arlene Dolgon, Maria Pastulovic, First Alternate

Public Attendees: Lorrie Moore, Bob Riley

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AS THERE ARE CURRENTLY SIX APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Meeting Called to order at 6:46PM

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Kim Schwickrath recognized Beverly Russell, Vice-Chair for all of her hard work which made the Bottle Drive at AZ's Market so successful.

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Acceptance of Minutes: Arlene Dolgon motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Beverly Russell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

**Item 1 – Election of Treasurer**

Traci Gikas motioned to elect Peg Bayles at Treasurer. Arlene Dolgon seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Due to Peg Bayles being unable to attend this meeting a letter of acceptance, if elected, from her was put into the record.

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**Item 2 – Discussion of how we move forward from here**

This matter was discussed in detail.

A. It was decided that Arlene Dolgon would handle the Pet Food Bank Program. Arlene Dolgon will provide a status report to the Committee at the monthly meetings.

B. The difficulties with the website were discussed and it was suggested that we contact the OOB High School and request the names of students that are in need of community service hours, who also meet the requirements needed to help improve the current site.

**Action Item:**

Item 2-B - Traci Gikas will contact the OOB High School for the names of the students.

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### Item 3 – Subcommittee Reports

#### A. Fund-raising Subcommittee

1. **Bottle Drive** – It was reported that the Bottle Drive netted \$328.00. AZ's Market will continue to keep an active account for CAW. Anyone can bring in refundables, state the refundables are to be donated to CAW and the redemption value will be applied to CAW's account.
2. Traci Gikas provided everyone present with a 2012 calendar on which all the current fund raising events have been listed.
3. **Pet Life Bake Sale** – March 31, 2012 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.  
The proceeds from the bake sale will be applied towards the surgery needed for Pichu.
4. **Swap and Shop** - April 14, 2012 from 8:00am to 2:00pm. To be held in Radley's Parking lot.
5. **Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale** – It has not been decided whether or not it will be a one or two day event. If it only goes one day Committee still needs to decide whether it will be Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Bell Buoy** - Fund raising dinner
7. **Jimmy the Greek's** – Fund raising dinner
8. **Raging Tide** - There is a signed contract for a new team to play at the OOB Ballpark this summer. We would like to have a fund raiser at the park this summer.

#### Action Items:

Item 3-A-3 – Kim Schwickrath will provide chocolate chip cookies. Traci Gikas will provide Katah. Traci Gikas will coordinate communications regarding donated baked goods and tabling times. Traci Gikas will provide usable brochures for the event.

Item 3-A-4 – Jacqui Deveneau will handle the registration with OOB365. Traci Gikas will handle contacting the town to supply the tables. Traci Gikas will coordinate communications regarding donated items and tabling times. Traci Gikas will collect and store all donated items until the day of the sale.

Item 3-A-5 - Traci Gikas will be responsible for collecting and storing donated items until the time of the sale. Traci Gikas will also contact the Fire Chief for the verbage the OOB Fire Department uses when advertising for donated items for their annual fund raiser.

Item 3-A-6 - Arlene Dolgon will contact the owner of Bell Buoy about the possibility of a fund raising event.

Item 3-A-7 - Beverly Russell will contact the owner of Jimmy the Greek's about the possibility of a fund raising event.

Item 3-A-8 - Traci Gikas will find out who we need to contact to start the process.

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**B. Food Bank Subcommittee**

1. This subcommittee is being dissolved.

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**C. Media Subcommittee**

1. The Media Subcommittee is being dissolved.
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**New Business:**

**Michael Castigna** – Mr. Castigna contacted Beverly Russell and Arlene Dolgon to ask for help with his 9 year old long-hair Chihuahua, Pichu. Pichu was had a scheduled veterinary visit which Mr. Castigna could not afford. This visit was to exam a tumor which is growing on Pichu's left eye. Arlene Dolgon advised that Mr. Castigna should go ahead and keep the appointment with the Scarborough Animal Hospital and she would cover the bill of One hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars (\$173.00). Mr. Castigna was also provided with an estimate for the required surgery. Arlene Dolgon and Beverly Russell would like CAW to intercede on Pichu's behalf. Arlene Dolgon would also like to be reimbursed for the Scarborough Animal Hospital bill.

Traci Gikas motioned that Arlene Dolgon be reimbursed the One Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars (\$173.00). Beverly Russell seconded motion. Unanimously passed.

**Action Items:**

1. Arlene Dolgon supplied the bill from Scarborough Animal Hospital to Traci Gikas who will turn it in to Francis Beaulieu at Town Hall for reimbursement.
  2. Arlene Dolgon supplied Traci Gikas with a copy of the estimate for the surgery. Traci Gikas will check with several other veterinary clinics in an attempt to secure a lower price.
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**Good and Welfare:**

It was reported that Liz Dunkerly has not taken the white kitten she found to AWS. She intends to keep the kitten until a new home can be found or the owner comes forward.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM

Minutes submitted by: *L. Traci Gikas*