

## Community Animal Watch (CAW) Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2009

Attendees: Will Watson, Jacqui Deveneau, Marie Hawkins, Tina Morrison, Debbie Smith, Mark Chorney, Nancy Tate, Cyndie Weaver, Lynda Smith, Steve Urbach, Rick Lamb, Kim Hatch

The committee members discussed which Board members will take appointments. Nominations were made and voted upon. Jacqui Deveneau was elected as Committee Chair, Steve Urbach was elected as Co-Chair, and Kim Hatch was elected as Secretary. There were 5 neas and 0 neas.

Committee members then reviewed the mission statement and goals. There was much discussion about the wording of goal #5, but the Committee agreed that the wording suits what we want to accomplish for minimum days held at the Town holding facility.


There was also discussion and suggestion that we reword goals #1 and #2. It was agreed that activists be replaced with supporters in goal #1 and that supporting replace that would support the in goal #2.

Nancy Tate gave an update on a kitten taken into the holding facility. The kitten had an eye infection and lost an eye to surgery. The kitten is now being fostered by a woman who paid \$500 out of pocket for the surgery, and is hoping that she might be reimbursed for some or all of the amount. The Committee is hoping that fundraising will help us be able to pay her back at least some of the cost. Nancy also reported on Emmit whose owners died and the cat was left out on his own. He has been vet checked and his picture put on Channel 3 hoping for an adoption to a permanent home. He does need tooth surgery and again the Committee is hoping that fundraising will help this cause.

The donation process was discussed with Will informing us that Jill Eastman will take donations through Town Hall. Her number is 934-5714. We also discussed making up donation cans and putting them around town. The Committee would also like to set up a website that will be linked to the Town's website. We are hoping to find someone willing to set up the website for us for a reasonable fee or for some kind of exchange.

During the donation discussion, the addition of a Treasurer to oversee the funds was brought up. The Committee members agreed that any funds and expenditures will be brought to the Board members who will bring to the CAW Committee to be discussed and then voted on by the Board. Steve Urbach said that he would step up as Treasurer if no one else is interested. It was noted that some Board members are missing from tonight's meeting and Jacqui will check to see if any of them are interested.

Processing of animals through the Holding Facility was discussed. First time fee for loose dog is \$15 for the first offense with \$30 for the second offense. NOTE: Amounts may change per a Committee meeting member who was at the Town Meeting on 12/15/09. A spay/neuter fee of \$125 is charged for an intact animal, with a check to be held by the ACO until a spay/neuter certificate is given to the ACO and the check is then returned to the owner.

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There was discussion to change the name of the first subcommittee from Media to Media/Publicity to get the word out about animals in need on Channel 3 and other ways.

The Committee also discussed who we could get to set up and run the website. Steve Urbach will be checking with various purveyors about this issue.

There was much discussion about where funds would go, who is going to do the fundraising and if we should partner with other town committees for fundraising. To be discussed further.

Jacqui took volunteers for the various subcommittees, Media/Publicity, Finance/Fundraising, Website, and possibly separating cat and dog issues.

It was agreed that we would hold our meetings each month on the third Wednesday of the month, with the next meeting being held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 6 pm at the Police Substation on the ground level of the Grand Victorian.