

Community Animal Watch

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 17, 2011

Location: OOB Police Department Conference Room

Present: Jacqui Deveneau, Chair; Traci Gikas, Acting Secretary; Paul Niemczyk, Treasurer; Lynda Smith, Arlene Dolgon, Peg Bayles, Will Watson, ACO.

Public Attendees: Maria Pastulovic, Julie S. Deans, Sandi Partee, Beverly Russell, Dick Bayles, Nancy Tate, Katie Lisnik-HSUS, Danielle Cook-UNE student auditing for Citizenship Class

Next meeting: Thursday, December 15, 2011, 6:30PM, OOB Police Department Conference Room

Meeting Called to order: 6:20P.M.

Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions of Committee

- Welcomed Danielle Cook, Maria Pastulovic and Katie Lisniu to the meeting.
- Kim Hatch is resigning from the committee due to family medical issues. Lynda Smith is resigning from the committee due to change in residence which takes her out of OOB. Steve Urbach is resigning from the committee but will continue to update the committee's website.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Sunday, December 4, 2011 – OOB Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 10, 2011 @ 5:00P.M. – Saco Spirit's 1st Annual Holiday Parade of Lights.

Item 2 – Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer – Reports a balance of \$910.06 available.
- Committee Scrapbook-Julie Deans has been enlisted to prepare a scrapbook of the Committee's activities for use at tabling events. Some of the materials were donated but there are a few others necessary. Motion was made by Lynda Smith to pay for the materials and Julie's time. Motion was seconded by Peg Bayles. Vote was unanimous.
- Arlene Dolgon presented bills in the amount of \$381 for reimbursement. Traci Gikas presented bills in the amount of \$458 for reimbursement. Jacqui Deveneau explained why the bills could not be reimbursed in full. Lynda Smith made a motion that each person be reimbursed in the amount of \$200.00 for the time being. Motion was seconded by Paul Niemczyk. Motion carried.
- Jacqui Deveneau brought the Saco Holiday of Lights Parade on Saturday, December 10, 2011 to the committee's attention. She would like for CAW to be represented in the parade and asked for volunteers to walk either with their dogs or without them. There is a \$25 entry fee and Jacqui asked that CAW pay the fee. Paul Niemczyk made the a motion to pay the entry fee. Lynda Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items:

1. *Traci Gikas will provide veterinary bills to Jacqui for the Committee's records.*
2. *Jacqui will submit a request to Town Hall for the agreed upon reimbursements.*

Item 3 – Discussion of Pet Food Drive

- Store donations are decreasing. Will Watson, ACO suggested Arlene Dolgon and Traci Gikas try Agway in Arundel and Longhorn in Buxton.
- Salvation Army - Arlene Dolgon continues to provide the Food Bank with cat food donations and Will Watson, ACO continues to handle the dog food.
- OOB Food Bank – No discussion

Action Items:

1. *Traci Gikas and Arlene Dolgon will get in touch with the suggested stores to discuss the possibility of food donations and possibly an on-going fund-raising effort.*

Item 4 – Website Report

- Traci Gikas reported that the website was not being updated. The Agenda is for the September 15, 2011 meeting. The minutes are for the July 21, 2011 meeting.

Action Items:

1. *Jacqui Deveneau will contact Steve Urbach and request that he update the website as soon as possible.*

Item 5 – Discussion of Brochures – TABLED

Item 6 – Report on Animals

- Arlene Dolgon updated the committee on Sammy's progress. He is doing fine, eating and gaining weight.
- Traci Gikas reported on her work with Beverly Russell regarding Macy, a Jack Russell/Beagle mix who is owned by Maureen O'Connor. See attached report.

Action Items:

1. *Traci Gikas will continue to monitor the situation with Macy.*

Item 7 – Report from Nancy Tate and Arlene Dolgon

- Foster homes for feral cats and kittens are desperately needed.

Item 8 - Subcommittees

- Media TV Ad-Share rewrite
- Linda F. is supposed to be handling write ups in the Courier and JT but she hasn't been attending meetings.
- OOB365 – Article for the OOB365 Magazine – Michele had written a small blurb but it isn't what is needed. Traci Gikas volunteered to write the article.
- Finance/Fund-raising – the tabling event at the November 8th election brought in \$50 in donations.

Action Items:

1. *Traci Gikas will write an expanded article about CAW and get it to Jacqui Deveneau in time to make the November 30, 2011 deadline.*

Item 9 – Feral Felines – Tianna – no discussion

Item 10 – Other Business

- Will Watson, ACO informed the committee that OOB has a contract with the Maine Veterinary Emergency Clinic. The contract guarantees discounted fix rates for any animal brought in by an authorized individual.
- Katie Lisnik – Maine State Director – Guest speaker
HSUS has completed a survey concerning Free Roaming Cats. The year long survey estimates there are between 20-30K cats, focused in areas of larger populace.
Katie is beginning a community outreach program to work with area communities to help find ways to control the feral cat population throughout Maine. She would like to hold a meeting for the tri-city area of Saco, Biddeford and Old Orchard Beach sometime in January 2012.
ASPCAPro.org – operational nuts and bolts. Free webinars available.
Maine Federation of HS – meeting Wednesday, March 28, 2012
New England Federation of HS – Weekend conference – Saturday-Monday, April 14-16, 2012.
- Peg Bayles, Committee member – Asked how a person can identify whether or not a cat belongs to someone or not. HSUS is instituting a Cat Protection and Policy position which will work with Best Friends and the ASPCA. Basically the response was to look for a collar. Other than that there isn't any visual way to make the determination.

- It was announced that the Courier will run Found Ads free. So if you find an animal and you don't want to contact OOB's Animal Control Officer you can run an ad in this newspaper.
- Pet Life – Owner, James Brady- Arelene got a donation and James has offered to allow CAW to do a tabling event.
- Sandi Partee – outlined a fund-raising program called Meal a Month. Traci Gikas offered to get in touch with Sandi to assess this program and look at ways to implement it.
- Will Watson, ACO – gave a report concerning the number of animals that were taken to AWS between July 2010 and June 2011.

Statistics for Shelter Usage between July 2010 and June 2011

Type of Animal	Captured	Surrendered	Returned	Total
Dogs	4	41	30	75
Cats	22	92	2	116
Miscellaneous	14			14

- **Item 11- Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20P.M.

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Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Acting Secretary: L. Traci Gikas

Acting Secretary