

OOB Community Animal Watch Minutes

Held at Old Orchard Beach Police Station

16 E. Emerson Cummings Blvd.

Meeting: Thursday, September 19th, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Beverly Russell, Chair; Peg Bayles, Treasurer; Dick Bayles; Debbie Anischik; Paul Niemczyk; Sue O'Hara; Arlene Dolgon; Karen Brozek; Officer Will Watson; John Bird; Denise Zahares; Todd Zahares

1. Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with greetings and introductions. Beverly had written an article for the paper about CAW and Denise and Todd Zahares attended this meeting having read the article.
2. Minutes from last month's meeting were accepted.
3. Peg gave Treasurer's Report. CAW received 4 large donations and raised \$1,100 at the Pier Chili Fest. Balance on Card #1 \$67.60 and \$5.91 on Card #2. Peg made point that we need to continue with fundraising as an ongoing effort. At 7:10 p.m. Rep Linda Valentino stopped in to give CAW a donation by way of check. John Bird also made a donation. Discussion of the gentleman who makes Puppydoodles dog treats and he will continue to give donations to CAW from orders of his treats. Grand total in CAW's account is \$8,848.88. Both Beverly and Peg have met several times with Diana in finance at Town Hall to continue to look for ways to work together. A motion was made by Debbie to buy a printer for CAW; Peg seconded it. The motion was approved and voted on. CAW now has a printer, scanner, fax machine and Web connect combination machine.
4. Arlene Dolgon spoke about the Pet Food Bank and the ongoing need for cat food. Arlene and Will agreed to make a time to get together to take an inventory of any pet food being held at the facility.
5. Paul reported that CAW has 442 "Likes" on Facebook with 120 just from the past week.
6. Dogs: The dog park has been fixed up, holes filled in and new grass planted. There is a receptacle that holds "poop bags" for dog owner pick-ups and a large trash can. Fresh water is available for filling dog bowls. Peg and Gail Crowell from AWS are discussing a Pet Adoption Day (2014) in the Dog Park. Date to be last Saturday in May with a rain date of 1st Saturday in June. Peg needs to check with Kim, Town Clerk, as to what is necessary to hold this event. Tina Morrison contacted Beverly regarding CAW paying for 4 signs, approximately \$300, to be put up at the dog park. The signs would read Canine Veteran Memorial Dog Park. Will Watson suggested someone should check with the U.S. War Dogs Association on this matter. Further discussion necessary.

7. Cats: Debbie said with a quick refresher she can be ready if cat trapping is needed. She works with H.A.R.T. (The Homeless Animal Rescue Team) which is a non-profit, (truly) no-kill organization which offers pets a home that would otherwise be left in the streets. Beverly asked if Debbie thought she could arrange a “road trip” to H.A.R.T. (perhaps in October) so we could visit to see how they are set-up. They are open for visits every Saturday from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Debbie will check on this.
8. Fundraising: Paul suggested the possibility of having a wrestling match, perhaps in the Ball Park). There is a group that travels around and wrestles and could be a fundraiser. Beverly agreed to go online and begin the research on this matter. Todd Zahares suggested ticket books for Amato’s with a portion coming to CAW as a donation. A ticket would be good for food items and drink. Todd will research at Amato’s to see how this works. Bake sale Saturday, September 28th, 12 – 4 p.m. at Pet Life in Saco. Volunteers and baked goods all accounted for.

Beverly and Louise (Assistant Town Manager) set-up a note on Town letterhead to provide to organizations who wish to have a receipt when donating bottles, yard sale items, etc. for a tax write-off.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Brozek, Acting Secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17th 2013