

Community Animal Watch Committee

May 19, 2011

Attendees: Will Watson, Jacqui Deveneau, Michelle Greenlaw, Arlene Dolgon, Fred Dolgon, Sharon Inkpen, Karen Brozek, Kim Hatch, Paul Niemczyk, Tina Morrison, Linda Frechette, Julie Deans

Introductions done since this is Michelle's first meeting.

Treasurers Report-We have \$497.26 in our account currently per Paul.

We would like to continue to pay the bill that Lisa Sylvestre has. Kim motioned that we pay \$100 of the remaining \$222. Paul seconded the motion, 4 yeas, 0 neas

Linda reports that the kitten that the bill was for is in a permanent home and doing very well.

Arlene reports that we have quite a bit of dog food but not much cat food. She will be checking with Hannaford again regarding more food, hopefully a pallet of cat food. She has purchased some cat food with money donations that she has received. Tina reports that we are helping a shelter in Portland with dog food and they in turn will keep an eye out for cat food donations. Arlene wanted to point out that Will received a very nice letter for a particularly helpful visit to a home regarding an ill dog. Much thanks to Will for all that he does.

Steve is not here tonight, so we don't have an update on what we owe him for the website.

Paul has agreed to take over the Facebook aspect of the Committee.

Steve will put together whatever we agree on in Committee on the brochure. We would like to add that we are on Facebook and add AWS information to the brochure. We are rewording #6 to read that the contract was awarded to AWS and we will be maintaining the contract. Jacqui would like to add the meeting date and time with the contact information on the brochure. This was discussed and decided against at this time, in case our meetings ever change. We would not be able to reprint the brochures.

Karen and Tina would like to have the brochure formatted in thirds so that it will fold with the words in column form. Tina also pointed out that we should update the top right hand to read Community Animal Watch, and to add Town of Old Orchard Beach as the payee for checks. Will points out that we need to pay attention to the thirds, since there is a machine that automatically folds them. We should also put steps in that people can follow if they find an abandoned pet or lose a pet.

Karen and Tina are offering to redo the brochure. They will send out the raw product for all of us to look at before we move onto printing.

We are also considering removing the photos that are on the back of the brochure. Fred suggests that we put the word Adopted next to each picture. Another question arose as to where any emails that are sent to that go to the website address listed on the front of the brochure. Jacqui will check with Steve.

OOB Community Animal Watch is the Facebook site.

Arlene explains the workings of the feral colonies such as feeding, neuter and rerelease, and fostering after spaying for 3 days. Arlene says that they can get flea meds at the vet when spaying is done. There are three trappers in OOB. The only person that was offering holding of the cats is now ill, so we could really use short term foster homes.

At the next meeting, we would like to concentrate on fundraising. Michelle has worked with fundraising events for non profits, so she will have valuable input into this matter.

Taste of OOB tabling brought in \$117.00. Baked goods went well at this event. The Ballpark Baseball event had rough weather, but we still made \$50.

The Balloon Festival will be held on June 24 through 26. That will be our next tabling event. We need help at the Ballpark BBQ from 9 to 5, and Sunday from 9 to 3 in the square downtown. Jacqui will be there for most of the weekend.

The animals that go through the holding facility are counted at the end of the fiscal year. For last fiscal year, July to December 2010 there were 52 dogs, 26 cats, a python and a pig that were picked up and taken to the holding facility. Will had heard from AWS that there have been over the 100 that have been turned in by him or surrendered by townspeople.

The Director of Public Works will be putting down some type of ground cover at the dog park if there are no other decisions made per Tina's report.

Tianna sends her request for wet and dry kitten food since we are in kitten season. Please check the FOFF web site for upcoming events. Tianna will have a table at Deering Oaks Park on Sunday. Band and onsite vendors, training demos, etc. will be at the event. There is a photo contest online if you would like to check it out.

Sunday, May 29th, Luminary Night will be held in Memorial Park which will honor those who have served. All the funds will be going to improving the Memorial Park part of the Park.

There will be a flag raising ceremony starting each night after Memorial Day. If you would like to honor a family member please contact Tina.

The library has donated their amnesty pet food from overdue fees that they collected. Thanks to them for their generosity.

Will is going on vacation for the next week. Calls still come to OOB station.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16 at the police station.