

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 12, 2012

PLACE:

Attendees: Jocelyn Basto; Kris Cassar; Ed Miltner; Dawn Moore; Ernie Simo; James Slupatchuk

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

I. Secretary's Report

1. A minor correction needs to be made to the February minutes; 61 cats were in house and one cat in foster care. The minutes were accepted by Ernie Simo and Michelle Scott.

II. Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

1. The Treasurer's report was accepted as is. If anyone has a specific question, an expanded version of the financials is available upon request.

III. President's Report - Tracy Miltner

1. Our shelter computers now have a credit card processor attached to each one. A credit card can now be scanned and the transaction will go into the proper account. This will be a big time saver when processing adoptions and store sales.

IV. Vice President's Report - Wendy DelMonte

1. Wendy is taking an on-line Grant Writing class and she is enjoying it.

2. A shed is being donated by S. K. Kelly Electrical Company and will be delivered and placed by them. Wendy will meet with the Zoning Department to see if a permit is needed.

V. Director of PR/Marketing - Sue Kelly

1. The posters that were made by New Milford High School Cut and Paste Department are ready to be picked up. The students donated the printing and lamination. The poster is, "It's Raining Cats and Dogs".

2. Sue is writing a articles for the newsletter. This issue will feature a cat and dog and meet the staff.

3. A suggestion was made to donate animal oxygen masks to either the local fire departments or to the Town ambulance. Ed Miltner will ask if the departments already have the masks and, if not, who should they be donated to.

VI. Director of Fundraising - Lori Sartwell

1. Deb Stevenson, President of the Women's Club, came to the shelter for a tour. The Women's Club gives donations to local non-profit organizations.

VII. Shelter Manager's Report - Renee Gardner

1. The animal count as of February 29, 2012 is:

	In-House	Placed	Adopted	Foster
Dogs	16	15	19	2
Cats	46	23	16	2

2. Maintenance - the locks have been replaced on the back and side doors of the shelter.

3. The TNR (Trap and Release) program at Greentree Toyota is on going.

4. Laura Wikum, Wells Valley Stables, is applying for 501c3 status. She also wants to do cat rescue.

VIII. Education - Kris Cassar

1. Kris received her certificate on December 15, 2011. She gave a presentation to 4-5 year olds at St. Joseph School in Brookfield on February 29, 2012. It was well received by teachers and students.

2. Kris has been asked by Eileen Holden from Pettibone School in New Milford to give a presentation on April 4, 2012.

3. New Milford High School is having a Zoology Day sometime during April and asked Kris if she would be interested in giving a presentation at that time.

IX. New Business

1. Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held at the shelter on April 15, 2012 from noon until 2:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact the shelter or put your name on the Volunteer clip board.

2. A Kick-Off meeting will be held on Monday, March 19, at the shelter for Dog Days 2012. The date for the event is September 22 from 10:00 - 4:00 pm.

3. Kero, the new police dog, has been training at the shelter.

4. A draft copy of the By-Laws was sent to Tracy. It will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at their April meeting and, when ready, will be presented to the membership.

5. Dawn Moore and Deb Lee will hold the Holiday Bazaar this year. The tentative date is December 8, 2012 at the railroad station.

6. It has been brought to our attention the DAWS (Danbury Animal Welfare Society) has been posting on Brookfield Patch.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Respectively submitted by:

Karen Marrotte

