

**ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC.  
8 DODD ROAD  
NEW MILFORD, CT 06776**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 2012**

Attendees: Renee Gardner; Elsa Kastner; Karen Marrotte; Audrey McKay; Ed Miltner; Tracy Miltner; Jill Olejniczak; Diane Saraceni; Lori Sartwell; Michelle Scott

The meeting began at 7:30 pm at the Dodd Road location

President's Report - Tracy Miltner

- The Secretary minutes from the July 9 meeting were accepted.
- The Financial reports from the July 9 meeting were accepted.
- AWS has been selected to attend an all expense paid trip to the ACES Conference (Animal Center Education Services) in San Diego, CA on September 26-29, 2012. We will be sending two members from the Board and two other members. Details of the trip will be at the October meeting.
- New Milford Ambulance came and picked up their oxygen masks. We are still awaiting for representatives from the other local fire departments. Tracey will send a picture and story to the paper.
- An election for the Director, Public Relations and Marketing will take place immediately following this meeting.

Vice President - Diane Saraceno

- Diane has created a database of upcoming grants.
- Diane is excited about attending the ACES Conference.

Director, Fundraising - Lori Sartwell

- The Danbury Whalers has discounted tickets for non-profits. We can sell tickets to the game of our choice and received the difference between the retail price and the discounted price. We can also share in the 50/50 raffle held at every game for the participating non-profits. We will be selecting a date for this family event in Danbury.
- Lori has obtained Madison Handbags for Dog Days.
- Lori's Mom is crocheting a blanket for the Dog Days drawing table.
- We are the honorary recipients of \$245 from the Roxbury Library. A presentation was on Sunday, August 5, 2012. Lori and Diane attended.
- On August 8, 2012, we received a check in the amount of \$1,100. from the Brookfield Library from their summer reading program. We also received a dog house full of dog and cat treats. Depending on how many books were read, a child would place a cookie into the dog house. The more books, the larger the treat. The dog house was filled over the summer. A very successful event for both the library and for us.

- A CT wine tour will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012. The bus will be leaving from the shelter and this will be an all day event. Watch our website for details.
- We are looking for volunteers for our fall Tag Sale (date to be announced). Donations are coming in weekly.
- The Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 1 at the railroad station in New Milford. Set up for the event will be on Friday, November 30. Many hands make less work.

Director, Marketing and Public Relations

- We will be voting on a new Director immediately following this meeting.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- TNR - We have received permission to trap at a farm on Chapin Road. There are approximately 9 cats. Many of the cats will relocate to different barns and that makes it hard to trap them all. Also there are cats on W. Meetinghouse Road. The lady started trapping earlier in the year, however, she has not done anything since May and claims that she lost the trap. Renee's feeling is that you have to spay/neuter all the cats at once or it is a lost cause. The shelter has already laid out \$750. and there are cats that are still breeding at this location.
- We are changing the information on the collection boxes to a Dog Days ad.
- Barbara Levy from the Jewish Federation will be coming to the shelter for a tour with several local synagogues on September 9, at 2:00 pm. Barbara does a reading program for the synagogues and she would like to come here. The lesson she is teaching is be kind to animals. The ages range from preschool to middle school. The older kids can get a tour of the facility to show the difference between a shelter and a pet store.
- Volunteer Orientation Classes will start again in the fall. It is not easy to find people that can work the TNR program. Most volunteers want to walk a small dogs, pet a few cats and go home. Maybe in the winter, we can do a seminar on TNR and get some volunteers that way.

- Animal Report as of July 31, 2012

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In-house	74	19
Taken In	23	6
Placed	16	9
Died	3	1
Foster Care	7	2
<b>Total In-House</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>14</b>

- No maintenance issues at this time.

Education - Kris Cassar (absent)

- A nursery school came for a tour during the past month and they brought donations for the animals.

#### Unfinished Business

- Dog Days is coming together but very slowly. We are hoping to get gift cards from Stop & Shop again this year. We are hoping to get samples of dog/cat food for the “ditty” bags. Ed Miltner will contact the New Milford Music Center for the sound system. Renee has contact someone that can do the CDC Certification (Canine Good Citizen). We are still in need of raffle gifts. They do not need to be animal related. Set up for Dog Days will be on Friday, September 21. Time to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Karen Marrotte