

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

Attendees: Kris Cassar; Renee Gardner; Karen Marrotte; Ed Miltner; Tracy Miltner; Jill Olejniczak; Diane Saraceni; Lori Sartwell; Ernie Simo

The meeting was brought to order at 7:32 pm.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The minutes of the August meeting was accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott - Given by Tracy Miltner

- Michelle was on vacation this week. The report was accepted as is.

President's Report - Tracy Miltner

- Rocky was returned to the shelter this morning. He is in good condition. Thanks to Facebook and Channel 8 WTNH-TV, the word got out quickly and he was returned unharmed.
- We are looking to add cameras to our alarm system. We will work on that this week and hopefully have an acceptable proposal.
- Four AWS people will be attending the ACES Conference in San Diego, CA on September 26-29. This is an all expense paid trip thanks to the Ryan Newman Foundation.
- Our Annual Meeting will be held on November 12, at the Richmond Center on Main Street. This is also election time. This year the election will be held for President, Treasurer and Director of Fundraising. Tracy has already said that she will not be running again. If anyone know of an applicant, please let us know. The applicant must be a member for at least 30 days before the meeting. Lori Sartwell will be running again for Director.

Vice President - Diane Saraceni

- The grant to Union Savings Bank had computer difficulties. However, the bank will let us submit our application one day after the closing date.
- If you hear of any animal welfare grants, please let Diane know as soon as possible.

Director of Fundraising - Lori Sartwell

- Chase Community Giving, by Chase Bank, has a \$10,000 grant that they will give to the non-profit that has the most clicks on their website. You need to go to [chase.com](http://chase.com) before September 29 and click on the AWS site. Please let all your friends on Facebook know so they can click also. The winner will be announced on September 20.

- The Wine Tour is scheduled for October 20. The cost is \$125/person or \$225/2 people. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. The information on how to register is on the website.
- We will be sponsoring a game on December 8 with the Danbury Whalers. The information is also on the website. Please help to spread the word. AWS will make \$4.00 on every ticket that is sold just by spreading the word. Tickets will be sent from the Whalers, one week before the event.

Director of Public Relations and Marketing - Jill Olejnuzak

- Jill will be helping obtain vendors for Dog Days.
- Kendra's Halo of Hope will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2:00 - 5:00 at Harrybrook Park. We will have a table at the event. All proceeds will benefit the shelter.
- We will be having a tag sale on Sunday, October 28, 9:00 - 3:00 pm
- The Holiday Bazaar will be at the Railroad Station in New Milford on December 1.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- The following animal count taken on July 31, 2012.

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
Taken In	7	5
Placed	26	11
Died/Euthanized	5	2
Foster	1	2
In House	57	19

- Maintenance - The fence in the large play yard was damaged when hit by a car. The driver did come to the shelter and said that he had insurance and would take care of the damage.
- Trap and Neuter - There is a barn on Chapin Road where Jill Franco and Renee have been trapping cats. So far, 3 are neutered; there is still one kitten and 4 adults that need to be trapped..
- Volunteers - We have lost many of our cat volunteers and also we have lost our kids as they returned back to school. We need help with cleaning in the morning. Our staff can handle the load right now, but many hands make less work. If anyone know of a stay at home mom that would like to help us, please let Renee know.

Education - Kris Cassar

- Kris did a presentation this past month at the Candlewood Club in Brookfield.
- Also she is scheduled to have a reading at the Roxbury and New Milford Libraries

Unfinished Business - Dog Days.

- We have vendors and also gift cards from local stores.

- We are still in need of drawing prizes. We will have a 4-pack of Danbury Whaler tickets as one of the prizes.
- So far the schedule looks like this:
  - 10:00 Agility Try-outs
  - 11:00 New Milford Police Dog
  - 3:00 Parade of Rescues
  - 3:30 Drawings

New Business

none

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectively Submitted by:

Karen Marrotte