

ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC.
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NEW MILFORD, CT 06776

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2012

Attendees: Jocelyn Basto; Kris Cassar; Renee Gardner; Karen Marrotte; Ed Miltner; Tracy Miltner; Diane Saraceni; Lori Sartwell; Michelle Scott; Ernie Simo

The meeting began at 7:42 pm at the Dodd Road location.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The minutes from the September meeting were accepted.

President's Report - Tracy Miltner

- We will be having elections at the November meeting. The open positions will be for President, Treasurer and Director of Fundraising. Michelle Scott will be running again for Treasurer. Each of the positions will be for a two year term.
- The November 12th meeting will be held at the Richmond Center (Senior Center) on Main Street in New Milford, CT.
- The Annual Letter of Appeal will be going out in early November.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- The 2013 budget will be voted on at the November 12th meeting.
- All of the financials are in order

Vice President - Diane Saraceni

- We have applied for a grant from Union Savings Bank and as of this meeting, we have not had a response.
- If anyone knows of any animal grants, please let us know. Every little bit helps.
- Diane attended the 2012 ACES Conference in San Diego, CA along with three other AWS people. She said it is a great place to network with other shelters, large and small, across the country. A press release will be going out soon. Maybe we will be able to receive an educational grant for the 2013 conference.

Director of Fundraising - Lori Sartwell

- Lori designed the very professional Dog Days brochure. Thank you Lori.
- Unfortunately the Wine Tour for October 20th is canceled. There is a lack of participation and if we go ahead with less people, there will not be any profit. Lori may plan to have this event in the spring of 2013. The Board felt that with the

upcoming holiday season, people are watching their dollars and cents.

- We are still scheduled to be a part of the Danbury Whalers hockey game on December 8th. AWS will receive a portion of the proceeds from all the tickets that we sell. Please tell your friends to join us.

Director of Marketing and Public Relations - Jill Olejniczak

- Our fall Tag Sale is scheduled for Sunday, October 28. We will not accept books or computer equipment.
- Jill mentioned that Staples has kits to make lawn signs. We will have to compare the cost between making signs ourselves or have the signs made.
- Jill attended a presentation at IBM in Southbury for local non-profits. This is the first year we have been invited.
- If anyone knows/works at a company that has a matching program, please let us know.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- Maintenance
 - We have received a check for the damage to the fence in the large play yard.
- Trap and Neuter
 - Trapping continues on Chapin Road. We are hoping for a grant for this program.
- Volunteers
 - An orientation programs will be held on October 23 and 30 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
 - We are looking for a dog trainer that would like to donate a few hours to help us train some of the dogs with positive reinforcement.

Education - Kris Cassar

- Kris attended the ACES conference and has come back with tons of ideas for teaching children, i.e., pet shops vs. shelters
- In the next couple of months, Kris will be visiting the Region 12 schools and Libraries.
- Kris will also be contacting the new PetSmart when they open and possibly doing a program there.

Unfinished Business

- Dog Days had approximately 100 people come through the gate. The drawing brought in \$1,200 and the overall profit was \$2,294.14.

- New Business

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectively Submitted By,

Karen Marrotte