

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 2012**

Attendees: J. Basto; L. Brant; K. Cassar; R. Gardner; S. Hopponen; F. Kozusko; A. McKay; K. Marrotte; S. Marrotte; A. Marshall; E. Miltner; T. Miltner; D. Moore; C. Newby; J. Olejniczak; D. Saraceni; L. Sartwell; M. Scott; E. Simo; D. Van Doren;; C. Webb

The meeting began at 7:33 pm at the Richmond Center.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The minutes were accepted

President's Report - Tracy Miltner

- We received a grant from Union Savings Bank in the amount of \$3250 for our Trap and Release program. This money will be put to good use.
- This will be Tracy's last meeting as President. Thank you Tracy for all your hard work.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- Diane has applied for three new grants. Besides looking for shelter grants we will be looking for education grants and seminar grants.

Director of Public Relations and Marketing - Jill Olejniczak

- We have three events for the month of December: Danbury Whalers; the Mind and Body Connection; and the Holiday Bazaar. All of the information is on Facebook.

Director of Fundraising - Lori Sartwell

- Mind and Body Connection in New Milford will be holding several classes with donations going to AWS.
- The Danbury Whalers will be playing on Saturday, December 8. A portion of the ticket sales and the 50/50 raffle will go to AWS.
- Lori will not be running again tonight for the Fundraising position. Thank you, Lori, for all your good ideas this term.

### Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- We have no maintenance issues at this time.
- Trap and Release is continuing on Chapin Road in New Milford. There are two more cats yet to spay/neuter. So far we have trapped 14 cats and 2 litters of kittens.
- Shelter Report as of October 31, 2012

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Rabbit</u>
Took-in	14	10	1
Placed	30	15	
Foster	1	1	
In-house	55	17	1

- Volunteer Orientation Program
  - The program described specific jobs that needed to be filled
  - Invited 60 applicants
  - 6 attended
  - 2 new volunteers

### Education - Kris Cassar

- Letters have been sent to local schools and libraries describing our education for animal welfare. This program is based on the Red Rover program.
- PetSmart is not yet open. Kris will be contacting them regarding this program to see if the store would be interested in a story hour.

### Unfinished Business

- The tag sale was postponed due to Hurricane Sandy. We will pick a new date for the Spring of 2013.

### New Business

- The Animal Farm in NY will be holding a seminar on Marketing next Thursday. The Animal Farm specializes in pitbulls.
- Our annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 1 at the Railroad Station in New Milford. There will be a meeting next Wednesday night at John's Best Pizza. We still need volunteers for baking; crafts and drawing prizes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
Karen Marrotte

