

**ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC.  
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NEW MILFORD, CT 06776**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2013**

Attendees: Renee Gardner; Karen Marrotte; Jill Olejniczak; Diane Saraceni; Michael Savoy; Michelle Scott; Danielle Van Doren

Guests: Andy Kohnke; Maureen Zavatone, BNY Mellon; Chris Wojtusik, New England Financial Group

The meeting began at 7:35 pm at the shelter.

Our guests were Chris Wojtusik, New England Financial Group. Chris is Danielle's financial advisor and he did some research as to who might be able to help us. He brought with him, Maureen Zavatone and Andy Kohnke from BNY Mellon who have a willingness to partner with us for fundraising ideas and to increase our income. They can also advise clients on tax planning and estate planning. Without getting into specifics, investment allocations usually are approximately 60% stock and 30% bonds. BNY Mellon charges a monthly fee with no front or rear charges. For investment under \$3M, BNY charges 1.45% of total per month. With an investment over \$3M the charge would be 1.05%.

President's Report – Danielle Van Doren

- Danielle explained that we are looking at other avenues to increase revenue. We are presently taking \$11,250 month from our account. In order to not take any money at all, we would have to raise \$300K/year to keep up with our expenses.
- We are looking into a firm in New London, CT that may be able to help us with an audit. We will have 30 days from their response, to determine if we would like to use them. We are expecting that an audit would cost approximately \$4,000.
- At the same time, we are still look for new members for the Board of Trustees. If anyone has any ideas, please pass them on the Board of Directors.
- The newsletter was sent out. We sent 1,400 copies and we have received a good response.
- A suggestion was made by Danielle to change the Membership Meeting to 6:00 pm and have the Board of Directors Meeting at 7:30 pm. No comments were made.

Vice President's Report – Diane Saraceni

- Diane is looking for a grant for education purposes. This will allow a staff member to attend a seminar hopefully with expenses paid.
- We are still looking into a Harvest Cocktail Party as a fundraiser. Diane is looking into several locations to see what would be the best place. We would like to accommodate about 60 – 75 people.

Secretary's Report – Karen Marrotte

- The minutes for the May meeting were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report – Michelle Scott

- Our income was the same as projected. However, our expenses were above what was projected.
- Due to Maddie's Fund, the adoptions will not be reported until mid-July.

Shelter Report – Renee Gardner

- The writing of the thank you notes has been passed on to Robin Carey. Robin is also interested in doing the Red Rover program. She will take the exam in October.
- Renee is looking for raffle items for Dog Days (September 21)
- Shelter Report as of May 31, 2013

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
Taken In	27	18
Placed	32	13
In House	51	21
Foster	6	3
Died	1 (Toto)	

Director, Public Relations and Marketing – Jill Olejniczak

- Maddie's Fund was a huge success. If anyone has any comments/suggestions to make it better for next year, please let us know
- Tag Sale – Sunday, June 30. No electronics, clothes or appliances. *Update: tag sale is canceled.*
- The sign for the front of the shelter is ready to be hung. It came out beautifully. There may be more work that needs to be done to that area before we can hang the sign.
- We have raised \$425 in the photo sessions for the calendar. The last photo shoot will be on June 23, at Candlewood Animal Hospital. We will be voting on PayPal during July. Also paper ballots are available at the shelter. The calendars will be printed during August and ready to sell by Dog Days.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

**Next meeting – August 12, 2013**

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Marrotte  
Secretary