

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2013**

Attendees: Sue Armstrong; Jocelyn Basto; Janet Bloch; Mike Bloch; Robin Carey; Art Cummings; Becky Gruber; Lauren Hamad; Sarah Hapke; Debbie Hartman; Tara Llewellyn; Kelsey Lord; Audrey McKay; Karen Marrotte; Ed Miltner; Tracy Miltner; Dawn Moore; Cynthia Newby; Jill Olejniczak; Jeff Rubito; Glenda Rynning; Diane Saraceni; Michael Savoy; Michelle Scott; Ernie Simo; Pam Southworth; Joanne Stanley; Danielle Van Doren

The meeting began at 7:35 pm at the Senior Center on Main Street.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The minutes from the June 10, 2013 meeting was accepted. Due to vacations, there was no meeting during the month of July.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- Our funds are lower than we would like to see. We are still waiting for a check from the Maddie's Fund event. We adopted out approximately 50 animals. During that time, we did not receive any adoption fees. All the fees are being paid by Maddie's Fund.
- Our Investment Funds look good as compared to last year.

President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- We had discussed having an audit done this year, as it has been about three years since our last audit. We contacted a group in New London, CT and the feeling is that everything looks in good order and they feel that we do not need an audit at this time. That is a big savings for us.
- The Board of Directors has voted in five new Board of Trustee members. Their names are:
 - Art Cummings
 - Debbie Hartman
 - Tom Mulvihall
 - Cynthia Newby
 - Pam Southworth

- We have sent out approximately 1,400 newsletters and have been receiving donations from the mailing.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- Diane has been looking for grants for seminars, operating expenses and veterinary bills. We should be hearing something by October.
- The Harvest Cocktail Party will take place on Thursday evening, October 24. Diane will be taking a site visit to Candlewood Valley Golf Course. More at the next meeting.

Shelter Manager's Report - Renee Gardner

- The shelter report as of July 31, 2013

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In-house	69	19
Placed	14	1
Taken- In	13	16*

* Including puppies

Director of Public Relations and Marketing - Jill Olejniczak

- The Tag Sale will be Sunday, August 18, 2013. We will be setting up the for Tag Sale on Saturday afternoon. Helping hands are needed.
- We are looking for volunteers for Dog Days on September 21, 2013. We will need people to help set up on Friday afternoon as well as volunteers to help make this event a success.
- Jill has been working closely with James from Web Design. She has also been keeping up postings on Facebook.

Director of Fundraising - Diane Saraceni

- A Paw Print in Brookfield held a dog wash for AWS. We washed 22 dogs and made \$1,000 for the afternoon

Education - Robin Carey

- Robin will be taking the next Red Rover class scheduled for October. She is looking forward to it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Karen Marrotte