

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

Attendees: Sue Armstrong; Jocelyn Basto; Pam Booska; Janet Bloch; Mike Bloch; Renee Gardner; Karen Marrotte; Ed Miltner; Tracy Miltner; Jill Olejniczak; Glenda Ryning; Diane Saraceni; Michelle Scott; Ernie Simo; Joanne Stanley

The meeting began at 7:35 pm

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The minutes for the August 12, 2013 meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- The funds in the checking account are very low at the moment. We are still waiting for the Maddie's Fund check.

President's Report - Janet Bloch

- We are still looking for a Director, Fundraising.
- We now have five new members for the Board of Trustees. It has been a long time since we have had a full Board.
- Janet and Diane attended the Board of Trustees meeting. They may attend, but cannot vote on a BOT decision.
- The Board of Trustee will take meeting minutes.
- One Board of Trustee member will attend our Membership meetings to answer any questions from the general membership.
- Regarding having an audit, we have been told that we do not need an audit at this time. From what was presented, our books are in order. There is no money missing, as previously thought, because when we switched accounts during 2012, the transfers were made electronically and not by paper check. Therefore, everything is in order.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- We have received a MP3 player with 30 hours of music for animals. We need to purchase speakers so the music can be heard in the kennel area and each of the cat rooms.

- Diane has applied for a grant from Greg Biffle for medical costs. We should hear something in December.
- Diane has applied for a \$5,000 grant from the Doris Day Foundation for medical costs. It will take about 8-12 weeks to hear back from them.
- We have not heard if we will have grant money to attend the seminar in Jacksonville, FL in October. Most grants are early in the year. We may have to look for a seminar in 2014.
- The suggestion was made to have the Fall Cocktail Party turned into a breakfast. More details at the next meeting.

Shelter Manager's Report - Renee Gardner

- The following animal report is from August 31, 2013

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In-House	75	16
Foster Care	9	3
Adopted	20	12
Taken In	23	10
Died	2 kittens (illness)	

- We grossed \$1,696 from the Tag Sale. The New Milford Lions Club took all the leftovers from both barns.
- We still need more raffles for Dog Days. We presently have 18 vendors. We need lots of volunteers. Letters were sent to businesses asking for raffle prizes.

Director, Public Relations and Marketing - Jill Olejniczak

- Jill is looking for volunteers for Dog Days
- Thanks to Best Roll Offs for their help in cleaning out the barns. We could not have done this without their help.
- Litchfield Pet Supply would like us to have a table at the store on a weekend in October.

Director, Fundraising - Diane Saraceni (acting)

- Robin Carey will be taking the Red Rover exam during October. Once certified, she will be able to give programs to school and daycare children.

New Business

- The 2014 Animal Welfare calendars are ready. The cost is \$15/each
- We also have new Dog Days shirts to sell. The shirts are \$20/each.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.
Respectively Submitted by:

Karen Marrotte
AWS Secretary