

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

**OCTOBER 14, 2013
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Jocelyn Basto; Janet Bloch; Michael Bloch; Tracy Brindle; Robin Carey; Renee Gardner; Kelsey Lord; Karen Marrotte; Dawn Moore; Cynthia Newby; Jill Olejniczak; Diane Saraceni; Michelle Scott; Ernie Simo; Lisa Shab; Joanne Stanley

The meeting began at 7:37 pm.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- The September 9th minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- The Profit & Loss/Actual shows that we are over budget. On October 1, we received a check from Maddie's Fund in the amount of \$60,500. As a result, our P&L report will look much better at our November meeting.
- Our Investment Fund is holding its own with a balance of \$1.266. Although we are taking a monthly draw, the balance does not show an increase or decrease.

President's Report - Janet Bloch

- Cynthia Newby came to the meeting tonight not only as a member but she is also on our Board of Trustees. Cynthia explained the we have 70% in assets and 30% of our investments in bonds.
- We will be having a meeting on October 21, with the Board of Trustees and Union Savings Bank to talk about our investments and where we are going.
- We are looking into applying for Maddie's Fund in 2014.
- We have received bids, and have selected a contractor, to replace the front window where the store is located. The contractor will also replace the rotten wood behind the AWS logo at the top of the building. The window has been ordered and the work should start shortly. We have received a generous donation for this work and will be placing a plaque in the Lobby acknowledging this.
- We will be raising our dues in 2014. The new rate will be \$25/individual and \$40/for a family of two people. The memberships will run from January through December, 2014. Any dues for new members will be accepted after October 31, 2013. All standing members, that are renewing their dues, should wait until January.

- Our November 11 meeting will be our Annual Meeting. We will be holding elections for Vice President; Director of Public Relations and Marketing; and Treasurer. We have candidates for all of the positions.

Vice President' Report - Diane Saraceni

- Diane is still waiting to hear from three grants that we have applied for:
 - Boehringer Ingelheim for vaccinations
 - Greg Biffle - should know by December
 - Doris Day to cover medical expenses.
- Diane keeps a spreadsheet to keep track of the grants with dates applied for and dates approved or denied. Her diligent work will make it easier to apply year after year.
- The Fall Harvest event that we have been talking about will be in the spring of 2014 and will be a breakfast. We will be able to tell the attendees about our 2013 accomplishments. We are looking at high schools to help us make a slideshow presentation that we will be able to show at all our events.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- The Shelter Report as of September 30, 2013 is:

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In House	59	13 2 Newfoundlands 2 Personal
Adopted	25	7
New	7	4
Foster Care	4	3
Died	1	

Director, Public Relations and Marketing - Jill Olejniczak

- Thank you notes to the Maddie's Fund people are being sent out.
- Petober will take place of the Litchfield Pet Supply on October 19. There will be a Blessing of the Animals at 1:00 pm.
- The Holiday Bazaar will take place at the New Milford railroad station of December 7 if we can find someone to chair the event. We will also be looking for bakers and, of course, helpers to help set up and work on the day of the event.
- The Dog Days event brought in \$3,603 in spite of the rain.
- The 2014 calendars are here. Calendars are \$15.00 each.
- The Puppy Up Walk to raise money for canine cancer research will take place on

November 3, at noon, at the Sarah Noble School in New Milford. More information can be obtained on 2milliondogs.org

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Marrotte