

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2014**

Attendees: S. Armstrong; J. Basto; J. Bloch; M. Bloch; T. Brindle; R. Gardner; K. Marrotte; C. Newby; J. Olejniczak; D. Saraceni; M. Scott; E. Simo; A. Stauble; J. Stanley

The meeting began at 7:42 pm.

Secretary's Report – Karen Marrotte

- The minutes from the November 11, 2013 meeting were accepted as written. We did not have a meeting in December due to the holiday.

Treasurer's Report – Michelle Scott

- The Profit & Loss report, under Dues, it shows a figure of \$1970.00. The correct number should be \$1200.00
- The Investment income has raised \$26,000 from 2013.
- Michelle mentioned that despite our monthly draw from our investments and the ups and downs of the stock market, we still have more money in our account than we had in 2010 when Michelle became our Treasurer. That is very good news.

President's Report – Janet Bloch

- We have received an invitation to the 2014 Maddie's Fund. Last year we raised \$60,500. It is a lot of work and we will need everyone help to make this year even more successful. Maddie's Fund has more criteria than 2013. On April 10, there is an introduction meeting in NYC in the ASPCA office. Janet and Jill will be attending.
- The Board of Directors has been brainstorming this winter for the upcoming season. We have met with the Board of Trustees regarding long range goals. An upcoming meeting with our webmaster is planned to discuss our fundraisers. Also planned is a technology meeting to try to find a better animal shelter software. Most software programs are designed for larger facilities such as ASPCA and Best Friends.

Vice President's Report – Diane Saraceni

- We were denied grant money from the Greg Biffle Fund. However, there are two other outstanding grants.

- The Gratis Foundation has a \$2,000. Trap, Neuter and Release grant. The filing date is before January 31, 2014.

Shelter Manager – Renee Gardner

- The shelter report as of December 31, 2013

	<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>	
	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In-House	61	14	68	10
Placed	16	20	20	18
Died	1 (Tiona)		1 (Scout)	
Taken In	12	10	10	17
Foster Care	7	3	6 kittens	3

- Maintenance
  - The foyer is completed. We have a sign thanking Mr. Noel DeSchamps for his donation that made it possible for the new window and construction.
  - The fence will be repaired this week.
  - The generator is working.
  - We have received an estimate for the outdoor lighting.
  - The Blazer went into CARS for repair – no charge.
- The local police departments will be training at the shelter on Friday, January 17.

Director, Public Relations and Marketing – Jill Olejniczak

- Bakers are need for the cat adoption on February 9.
- Jill will be putting a help wanted ad on Facebook and in the press for help with our Trap, Neuter and Release program and also for foster homes for kittens.

Director, Fundraising – Tracy Brindle

- We will host our Valentine’s Day Cat Open house Adoption on February 9 (snow date February 16). Maddie’s Fund will be held on May 31 and June 1. Dog Days will be held on September 27, here at the shelter.
- We are having a special fundraising meeting next week to increase our membership. Watch Face book and our website for updates.
- Tracy will call the Mayor’s office regarding putting a sign on the corner of Dodd Road and Danbury Road.
- Buddy Biscuits dog cookies will donate money to shelter if we send the UPC code from the bottom of the box. They can be dropped off at the shelter.

Education Coordinator – Robin Carey

Robin is in LA on business, however, she sent her report.

- We had a great turnout at the Holiday Bazaar at the Railroad Station on December 7. Next year, Robin would like to see the event before Thanksgiving. There are several holiday events going on at the railroad station so by changing the date we will be the first.
- Robin will be attending the Valentine's Day Open House on February 9.
- Robin has completed the Red Rover program and has contacted Washington Elementary School and St. Joseph School in Brookfield regarding doing a program at the school.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm. The next meeting will be on February 10, 2014 at the shelter.

Respectively submitted by:

Karen Marrotte