

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

Attendees: J. Basto; J. Bloch; P. Booska; R. Carey; A. Cummings; R. Gardner; K. Marrotte; J. Olejniczak; D. Saraceni; M. Scott; E. Simo; J. Stanley; A. Stauble

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

Secretary's Report – Karen Marrotte

- The minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting was accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report – Michelle Scott

- Our accounts are very good.
- Looking at the P&L statement vs. the Budget, our donations are up; we will be receiving an insurance rebate as we overpaid on one of our policies; and we did not have to transfer money from our Investment accounts as it is not needed at this time.
- A motion was passed to accept the financial statements.

President's Report – Janet Bloch

- Janet has a great meeting with the Board of Trustees, USB and a representative from our Wealth management Bank.
- On April 12 – 14, 2014, Tara and Janet will be attending the New England Federated Humane Society conference in Stowe, VT.
- Our Annual Letter was sent to four local newspapers, and we have been receiving checks from that good fortune. Our effort to get our name out there in all five towns seems to be working.

Vice President's Report – Diane Saraceni

- We still have two outstanding 2013 grants that we have not heard from.
- We have applied for a grant from the Gratis Foundation. Our application had to be in by January 31, 2014.
- We are looking for a grant to cover the conference expenses in Stowe, VT.
- We will be submitting an application to the Town of New Milford to put an AWS sign at the end of Dodd Road and Danbury Road.
- We are still looking into a Chili Cook off contest either by the end of March or if there

is not enough time, during the fall of 2014.

- The Green Bubbles Car Wash at the four corners intersection in Brookfield will donate part of their proceeds to non-profits. We will look into this further.
- The cookbook will probably be ready in the fall of 2014 in time for Dog Days. We will solicit recipes from restaurants, restaurant ads and have recipes for dog and cat treats.
- On Tuesday, May 6 at noon until Wednesday, May 7 at noon, the CT Community Foundation will be hosting “Give Local”. Any donation of \$10 or more can be matched by givelocalccf.org.

Shelter Manager’s Report – Renee Gardiner

- The shelter report as of January 31, 2014

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In House	63	11
Foster Care	2	2
Taken In	18	9
Adopted	22	9
	Returned 3	

- Maintenance
 - We need gutters over the kennel area. There are large areas that are unusable due to the ice buildup.

Director, Public Relations and Marketing – Jill Olejniczak

- Jill will be placing ads on Facebook for foster homes for cats and kittens. The application will be placed on our website. Anyone interested should speak with Renee.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with our Trap, Neuter and Release Program. The volunteer needs to have their own transportation to drive to the vet’s office. Cats are returned to their colonies within 24 hours for release. The person will also work with educating the public. We currently have the third litter of kittens for 2014.

Education Coordinator – Robin Carey

- Robin has contacted the elementary school in Washington about doing a Red Rover Program there.
- St. Joseph’s School in Brookfield gave us a large donation in gift cards.
- Our Valentine’s Day Open House Cat Adoption gave homes to two of our adult cats. One kitten is on hold.
- We are looking for a student (New Milford High School; WESCONN or Naugatuck)

that would be interested in making a video or a slide show about the shelter. We are hoping to have a video for our events this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectively submitted by,

Karen Marrotte