

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 12, 2014

Attendees: Janet Bloch, Mike Bloch, Renee Gardner, Karen Marrotte, Diane Saraceni, Michelle Scott, Ernie Simo, Ann Stauble

Guest: Tom Mulvihill, Board of Trustees

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

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- A motion was passed to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2014 meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- All three of the financial statements were reviewed by the membership. Our income is greater than our expenses. The investments are down due to the decline of the stock market. Overall the investments from 2010 to present have increased. Thank you Michelle for taking care of our investments. A motion was passed to accept all of the financial statements.

President's Report - Janet Bloch

- The Give Local event on May 6-7 was terrific. The final amount is not in yet after subtracting for the 6% fees, internet and credit card charges. Next week we should have a better idea of how we did and we should receive a check early in June. We are also expecting a check from the national funds early in July. We met lots of new people and Renee and staff members gave tours of the shelter. People had positive comments and said they would come back for a visit. We ran ads in all of the local papers and had 44 cars in or first car show.
- The question was raised about Maddie's Fund and why we are not having it this year. The criteria has changed from last year where we adopted local dogs and cats from our shelter. This year the Mayor's Alliance Fund (middleman between AWS and Maddie's Fund) wanted us to adopt only dogs and cats from NYC kill shelters. We would also be expected to join New Hope Animal Shelter in NY. Over our 49 year history, we have taken dogs from NYC, we have had some good experiences and some with issues. The Board thought it would be best to pass on this event this year.

- The conference in Stowe, VT was invaluable. Janet and Tara met so many wonderful people from all size shelters all over New England.
- We are members of the Brookfield and New Milford Chambers of Commerce. Janet will be attending a breakfast meeting later in the month.
- The Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees will be reviewing the ByLaws and make recommendations for changes. The last revisions were made in May, 2012.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni

- No word on the shelter sign on the corner of Dodd and Danbury Roads. When the town is ready to review our application, we will be attending the meeting.
- The first AWS cookbook is getting underway. There is no charge for submitting your favorite recipes. An ad will cost \$25/half page and \$50/full page.

Education Coordinator - Robin Carey

- As mentioned at our last meeting, please watch our Tiger's Tale video that is now on our website. It is a great introduction to our shelter.
- It was suggested that we turn the Enter/Exit signs in our driveway to make it easier to see when driving down Dodd Road.
- Dog Days will be held on September 27, 2014. Vendor booths will be \$25. There will be no charge if the vendor is non-profit. Our high school students will be making the flyers and signage.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- Maintenance
 - New floodlights with motion sensors have been installed. The cost came in under budget.
 - Our furnace stopped operating and needed a new switch. The furnace is the original one that came with the building. The suggestion was made to price a new one and maybe we could find a grant to cover expenses.
- Shelter report as of April 30, 2014.

	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Cats</u>
In-house	21	39
Foster Care	2	6
Adopted	19	29
New Arrivals	12	27

New Business

- The question was asked about the outside cat enclosure. Some of the feral cats will stay out at night, weather permitting. If they are outside and something were to

scare them, they can only come in through the cat door. The building is alarmed and the cats would be safe and secure inside the building.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Marrotte