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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014

Attendees: S. Armstrong; J. Basto; J. Bloch; R. Carey; R. Gardner; K. Marrotte; C. Powell; D. Saraceni; M. Scott; E. Simo

The meeting began 7:38 pm

Secretary's Report – Karen Marrotte

- A few questions were asked to clarify the minutes of the May 12 meeting.
    - We feel that Maddie's Fund will have to change their policy regarding only placing dogs/cats from kill shelters in NYC. Although it is important to get these animals out of the NY shelters, there are plenty of dogs/cats here in CT that need loving homes.
    - We are in the process of reviewing the ByLaws and will be developing a committee. We would like to removed the two Director positions from the Board (Fundraising and Public Relations/Marketing) and use volunteers or members for each event.
    - We would also like to change the monthly meeting to the third Monday of the month. This would be helpful for the Treasurer as all of the bank statements would be available by that time.
- A motion was passed to accept the minutes as written.

<u>Treasurer's Report – Michelle Scott</u>

- Our expenses under Fundraising shows an increase due to catching up from the Tiger's Tale video. Also we paid the accountant for our year end 990 tax forms.
- Our Investments are up by $4,000
- Michelle will also be reviewing our Yankee Gas expenses to see if we are eligible for a better rate. Pam Southworth will review our electrical expenses. We cannot change our telephone (AT&T) company as it is tied into the alarm system.
- A motion was passed to accept all of the financial statements.

<u>President's Report - Janet Bloch</u>

- The Give Local event brought in $11,600. Janet completed the survey that asked for comments and suggestions for next year. One of her comments was that Give

Local stated that we would get “matching funds”. As it turned out, we received about 20% of each dollar raised. Our work for this event should be much less next year. We had 40 cars come to the Cool Cats and Hot Dogs cruise. Special thanks goes to the Northville Market for supplying us with goodies.

- All of the fundraising was done by the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees.
- Diane will be attending a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Brookfield and Janet will be attending a Chamber breakfast in New Milford, We are hoping to do some networking and to make new friends.
- There will not be a Membership Meeting during July. The next meeting will be held on August 11, 2014.

Vice President’s Report – Diane Saraceni

- We are giving some thought to hosting an event here for the Chamber of Commerce sometime in the future. We had a great response to our shelter tours during Give Local, that we thought it would be a good idea for networking.
- Art Cummings, Board of Trustees, will be helping us put on a breakfast fundraiser in October, 2014. We will be able to promote our 50 tAnniversary and give us a good head start on that event.
- Our e-mail address for the AWS cookbook has been created. Please send your recipes indicating what category it should be placed in. Also, pet recipes are welcome. We are hoping to have the book published by the end of August.
- Our fall tag sale will be postponed until the Spring of 2015. Donations are always welcome and we have plenty of room in the barn With Dog Days in September and the breakfast in October and the Holiday Bazaar in November, we will be very busy.
- A dog wash fundraiser will be held on August 10, from 9:00 – 2:00, at Paw Print, Brookfield, CT . This is our third year and we always have a lot of fun.
- The 2015 AWS calendar is underway. Photos will be taken at Lover’s Leap State Park on June 21 and at the shelter on June 29. Photo sessions are $25. Please call the shelter for an appointment. Voting will take place in July.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- Maintenance
    - The washer has died, however, we have a spare in the barn.
    - The local Girl Scouts will be working on getting us the road sign for the corner of Dodd and Danbury Roads. They have designed the sign and are working with Speedy Signs. They have made a presentation and have received approval from the Zoning Department. For this, they will receive a Silver Award from their scout leaders.

- Recently we had someone make a donation in her niece's memory. We will put that money towards a large community cat cage in Cat Room 1.
- The Board is putting together a Wish List of shelter projects. Many times people want to make a large donation and we would have a list of items to choose from.
- The CapStar students created a mural on the wall in the Kennel Area. It can be seen as soon as you walk into the shelter.
- A tree has been planted near the front door in memory of Andrea Roberts. Andrea and her husband adopted two dogs from us. The dogs are their babies and they wanted to do something for the shelter.
- Dog Days will take place on September 27. Vendors are wanted. Vendor spaces are $25 and there is no charge for non-profit vendors. Items are needed for raffle prizes.
- The shelter report as of May 31, 2014.

	Cats	Dogs
In-house	51	12
Foster Care	11 kittens, 1 cat	3
Adopted	8	5
New	17	8

Education Coordinator – Robin Carey

- It was mentioned last month that the Enter/Exit signs in the driveway are turned and make it harder to see which is which. Robin will take care of having the signs turned so they are facing the driveway instead of the road.
- Robin has made a connection with the Sherman school system to present Red Rover Program in the fall.
- Robin is in the process of connecting with the libraries, in the towns that we represent, to have a movie night as a summer program.
- The Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 15 at the railroad station in New Milford.

New Business

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectively submitted by:

Karen Marrotte