

**ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC.
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NEW MILFORD, CT 06776**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

Attendees: S. Armstrong; J. Bloch; P. Booska; A. Cummings; R. Gardner;
A. Gantert; K. Marrotte; M. Scott; E. Simo; P. Southworth; J. Streib

The meeting began at 7:34 pm at the shelter.

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- A motion was passed to accept the August 11, 2014 minutes, as written.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- Our finances are on target. Our income shows an increase. Our expenses are slightly over the projection, but we have several fundraisers coming up shortly. Donations and adoptions are also up.
- The market reflects a \$9,000 increase in our investments.
- A motion was passed to accept the financial statements.

President's Report - Janet Bloch

- The 2015 budget has been drafted by several Board members. It will now go to the Board of Trustees for their blessing. The proposed budget will be posted on our website during October and voted on at our Annual Meeting on November 10.
- We will hold our first breakfast fundraiser on October 17, from 7:30 - 9:00 am. Art Cumming is chairing the event. Pam Southworth has been working with Art to accomplish this huge task. Union Savings Bank will be the sponsor.
- The 2015 calendars has already shown an \$800 profit after paying for the printing, etc. We had 2,100 votes at \$1.00/each. The calendars will be available for Dog Days and are selling for \$15. We will also be selling them online.
- Janet introduced Joan Streib. Joan has great ideas for our company store and wants it to grow. Her idea is to have everything that you would need for a newly adopted cat or dog (leashes, collars, litter boxes, etc.) Joan will be hosting the Autumn Sale on September 20, from 9:00 - 11:00, to clear out the old inventory. We would like to give AWS adopters a lifetime 10% discount at our store. Thanks to Pam Booska for designing the flyer.

- We have an AWS display at the Union Savings Bank near four corners in Brookfield. During October, the display will be moved to the Park Lane branch.
- AWS will have a table at the Harvest Festival on Bank Street on Sunday, October 12. Our table will be located on Bank Street. The cost to enter into the pet parade is \$10/pet. Thanks to the Barkery for sponsoring us. All proceeds will go to AWS.
- On October 22, the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business Expo, at the Candlewood Inn. This event will be held from 4:00 - 7:30 pm. Diane Saraceni, and Sue Armstrong will be our hosts.
- The annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 15, at the New Milford Railroad Station. Robin Carey is chairing the event. Robin will be setting up on Friday after 10:00 am. Help for this event is always appreciated.

Shelter Manager - Renee Gardner

- Maintenance
 - We have a handyman to help set up for Dog Days.
 - The new cat condos were installed today.
 - The new gate has been installed
 - Renee is looking for 20 pumpkins that are needed for the breakfast decorations. The pumpkins should not be larger than 6 inches.
- This will be our 10th Dog Days. We will be setting up the fencing, tables, tents on Friday afternoon. The New Milford Police will be attending again this year. Also we have 10 other vendors coming.
- Shelter Report for August, 2014

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In House	52	29
Foster Care	10	3
Adopted	28	11
Brought In	16	22

Old Business

- Art Cummings gave the current details of the breakfast. The tickets are ¾ sold. Union Savings Bank will be the sponsor. He also has 2 Gold sponsors and 3 Silver sponsors. There are many prizes for the silent auction in all different price ranges. There are items for dogs, cats and people too. Tiger will be coming (star of Tiger's Tale). Pam Southworth is putting the finishing touches on the booklet. J&J Printing will be helping us with that. Janet and Renee will give a brief talk about the history of AWS.

New Business

- None

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Marrotte