

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2015**

Attendees: D. Armstrong; S. Armstrong; J. Bloch; P. Booska; R. Carey; A. Crozier; A. Gantert; R. Gardner; K. Marrotte; M. Scott; E. Simo

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Secretary's Report - Karen Marrotte

- A motion was passed to accept the minutes from our March 9, 2015 meeting

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Scott

- Michelle presented the Profit & Loss Report that showed that our Income was slightly higher than expected. Also our Expenses were slightly higher over what was predicted. We are only in the first quarter of 2015 and we will keep an eye on future reports. Our Investment portfolio remains the same.

President's Report - Janet Bloch

- We will be participating in Give Local again this year. The event starts on May 5 at 7:00 am. We will be hosting a car cruise from 5:00 pm until dusk with free hot dogs and soda for all that come.
- Renee attended a three day conference in Nashua, New Hampshire with the New England Federation of Humane Societies. This organization has been around since 1945. Renee won a \$300 microchip scanner in a bingo game while attending the conference. This is a valuable conference with a great deal of important information that will be very useful for the shelter.

Vice President's Report - Diane Saraceni (absent)

- Diane has been working on a "celebration" wall with Deb Armstrong. We will have more details at the next meeting. This wall is in celebration of our 50th Anniversary.

Shelter Report - Renee Gardner

- Maintenance
  - Renee is putting together a list of minor repairs, i.e., light bulbs, door knob.

- Shelter Report as of March 31, 2015.

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
In-House	50	17
New	22	13
Adopted	14	11
Foster	6	1
Returned to Owner	1	

- Loren and Kelsey attended a conference in New Orleans. They each made contacts from other shelters that can be used for networking purposes. Lots of new information for our staff.

#### Director, Public Relations and Marketing - Amy Gantert

- Amy has been spending most of her time working on Give Local. We mailed 7,000 post cards consisting of names from prior donations, adoptees and the dog license list from all five towns.
- Look for the more prominent “Donate” button on our website on the home page.

#### Education Coordinator - Robin Carey

- We will be doing another Red Rover program at the Washington Primary school now that the weather has changed.
- Robin and Karen Marrotte are co-chairperson for Dog Days. The date is September 26, 2015. They will be looking for volunteers as the date gets closer.

#### New Business

- Annette Tryon- Crozier has several ideas for small fundraisers that will not take a lot of time or money.
  - Panera Bread (between 4:00 - 8:00 pm) will give back a percentage of dinners. Vouchers need to be picked up at the store.
  - Annette thought we could get one of the summer theaters, or maybe one of the high schools, to perform the play “Strays”. AWS could take a portion of the ticket sales. This is something we would like to persue.
  - We will be having Pet Thrift Sales once a month starting in May.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Marrotte

