

Community Animal Watch

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2011

Present: Jacqui Deveneau, Chair; Paul Niemczyk, Treasurer; Arlene Dolgon, Board Member; Lynda Smith, Board Member; Nancy Tate; Officer Will Watson, Animal Control Officer; Traci Gikas; Peg Bayles; Dick Bayles; Beverly Russell.

Next meeting: November 17, 2011, 6:00PM, OOB Police Department

I. Announcements

- Steve Urbach has stepped down as a board member but is staying on as webmaster.
- Kim Hatch; CAW secretary has not been at the past few meetings and she isn't responding to emails or telephone calls so CAW will be in need of a new secretary.
- Traci Gikas and Peg Bayles will be considered for the Board by the Town Council on November 1, 2011.
- Jill - OOB Treasurer is moving.

II. Committee Reports

- **Treasurer's Report** - Reports a balance of \$1015.06. \$580.00 was raised at the CAW yard sale.

III. Discussion

- **Topic #1** - Arlene Dolgon presented a bill of \$180.00 for the rescued cat, Sammy. The Board voted unanimously to reimburse Arlene.
- **Topic #2** - Money for the Scrapbook - this was tabled because Julie Dean was not in attendance.
- **Topic #3** - Arlene Dolgon presented a bill of \$205.00 for pet food she purchased for the rescues and the feral cats that are being spayed or neutered. The Board voted unanimously to reimburse Arlene.
- **Topic #4** - Pet Food Drive-
 - A.** Store donations are down. Hannaford & Pet Life donate damaged goods but that has slowed down. We need to find passive ways to raise money to fund the continuing purchase of food for the food bank. Traci Gikas will research possible grants and look for other fund raising activities, both passive and participatory.
 - B.** Salvation Army - Continues to give out the pet food but since donations are down we are going to have to find other ways to fund this. Will Watson, ACO explained a fund raising technique used by MSSPA which involves people donating at the cash registers of certain stores. Traci Gikas will look into this form of fund raising. Traci will contact MSSPA to find out how to institute the project.
- **Topic #5** - Website Report - Steve Urbach will continue to take care of the website for us. Paul Niemczyk will continue to take care of FACEBOOK.
- **Topic #6** - Brochures Discussion - Tabled till the next meeting
- **Topic #7** - Report on Animals Just Placed or Who Need To Be Placed - Sammy, the 13+ yr old cat who's vet bill CAW authorized reimbursement for was adopted and is doing fine.
- **Topic #8** - Report from Nancy Tate and Arlene Dolgon - they have trapped 47 cats and had them spayed/neutered and returned them. Their efforts are limited by the lack of foster homes. We need to find individuals who would be willing to care for the animals for a 72 hour period as they recover from the procedure.
- **Topic #9** - Sub Committees

A. Media TV – there is still a need for information on the town channel. Discussed the possibility of asking for foster homes via this medium.

B. 365 Magazine – Michelle Greenlaw wrote a short blurb for the magazine but Jacqui Deveneau would like to have a more comprehensive article written. Traci Gikas will draft an article and submit it to Jacqui Deveneau for approval.

C. Finance/Fundraising – Jacqui Deveneau has been conversing with Katie L. at AWS about a fund raising event but nothing has been firmed up so Jacqui Deveneau will get back to the Committee on this at the November 17, 2011 Meeting.

D. Donation Jars/Boxes – Committee believes that this is a passive way of raising money. Jacqui Deveneau would prefer to use jars that are decorated by CAW instead of purchasing boxes. Committee agrees but no one was appointed to oversee this nor to solicit stores for approval of placement.

E. Will Watson, ACO suggested that we ask for the schools assistance in running food drive after the first of the year.

- **Topic #10** – Cat Issues – this was pretty much covered by Arlene Dolgon and Nancy Tate's report.
- **Topic #11** – Dog Issues – Dog Park and Have a Heart Trap – Traci Gikas asked that a group of volunteers meet her at the dog park on a date to be specified later to clean up the feces that some of the dog owners don't seem to be taking care of. Traci Gikas would like to get this general clean up done before the first snow.
Have A Heart Trap – Committee agrees that we need to find an organization that might donate a trap. Traci Gikas will contact some of the local organizations, such as Legion, VFW, Lions and Masonic Lodge to try to secure a donation.
- **Topic #12** - Feral Felines – Tianna wasn't available to give a report.

IV. New Business

- Beverly Russell came to CAW for help. She has been taking care of a neighbor's dog. Maureen O'Connor fell on August 29, 2011 had was transported by ambulance due to a broken left arm. She developed a staph infection and has been convalescing at the Kennebunkport Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 158 Ross Road/Kennebunkport, ME. Beverly has been feeding and walking a small mixed breed dog since Maureen's hospitalization. The dog has developed a flea infestation and now the apartment is infested as well. Because of the time she has spent in Maureen's apartment taking care of the dog Beverly has taken fleas back to her to house-bound cats and she is almost destitute due to the increased medication and food expenses. Beverly contacted Will Watson, ACO but because of the fact that Beverly as been feeding the dog there is little the ACO can do. CAW is going to step in and help. Arlene Dolgon will see Beverly on Friday, the 21st to access the situation with the cats. Traci Gikas will ask Tina Morrision to go with her to access the situation with the dog and to take whatever steps are needed to resolve the situation. Arlene Dolgon and Traci Gikas will submit whatever bills are incurred to CAW at the November meeting for reimbursement. They will also keep Jacqui Deveneau and Will Watson, ACO informed as to their progress.
- Will Watson, ACO – advised the Committee that in the future if there are three officers on duty at the time of an animal pick up the animal will be immediately transported to AWS instead of to the OOB Holding Facility.
- Will Watson, ACO – also advised that there is going to be a meeting in Augusta on November 17, 2011 to discuss the rescue organizations. They are going to discuss banning the importation of dogs by these rescues.
- Woofstock – Jacqui Deveneau, Chair gave an account of the tabling event. She asked Paul Niemczyk to get pictures of the event up on FACEBOOK. Julie Smyth suggested that Paul go to Maine Citizens Against Puppy Mills FACEBOOK page and tag pictures for display on CAW's FACEBOOK page.

V. Agenda for Next Meeting

- There was no discussion

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Jacqui Deveneau, Chair. The next general meeting will be held November 17, 2011 at 6:00pm at OOB Police Department.