

Minutes
Milford Animal Shelter Commission
May 13, 2009
664 East Broadway, Milford Ct. 06460

Members present
Marilyn Blake
Sarah Nierenberg
Ed Leuchtner
Marlene Scrivani

Members absent
Jan Diamond

Also present
Laurie Cooper, Vol. Coordinator
Rick George, Director

Meeting brought to order at 12:08

Disposition of minutes: Motion made by Commissioner Nierenberg seconded by Commissioner Leuchtner to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Wardens Report: Motion made by Commissioner Scrivani and seconded by Commissioner Nierenberg to accept the wardens report, motion carried.

Department Report: Business as usual. Rick shared that Kathleen Sherman wrote another book and he and Pat are in it. There is a book signing on May 17 at the Aticus Book store in New Haven. Rick met with Marsha Winters to once again see if she can get any Grants for the Shelter. Dehmns is in the process of procuring emergency equipment to be housed in Milford.

Correspondence: None

Commission Report: None Commissioner Nierenberg made a motion to change the meeting time to 11:30 seconded by Commissioner Leuchtner motion carried.

Old Business:

a. Pound Pooches: Pound Pooches is still not paying any bills and they still are not sending the Commission a financial report.

b. Budget up-date: Rick went to budget meeting and he feels it went well. This years budget is almost gone.

c. Volunteer up-date: Laurie reported that there are a lot of new volunteers and many Mentors are bringing their Mentees to the Shelter to help out. Marlene brought up the fact that some dogs should only be walked by experienced volunteers. She said that Susie Valentine Collins from "Sitting Pretty" offered to train "max" a black Pit Bull at the shelter. Laurie requested that we have another volunteer appreciation picnic. All agreed.

d. Disaster preparedness: Covered in Department report.

e. Feral Cat program: Rick stated that they are out of money this year and are only doing the most dire cases. The program will begin again in July.

f. Rabies Clinic: We did double the amount of animals than in past years and all went smoothly. Rick reported that the Volunteers that worked did a tremendous job. Commissioner Nierenberg made a motion to give Dr. Weill some sort of thank you gift for donating his services motion seconded by Commissioner Scrivani motion carried. Rick said he would take care of it.

New Business items added by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Commissioner Scrivani provided applications and info for Ct. Votes a legislative group concerned for animals. She relayed that she has been sending Rick a DNA list and he said it is very helpful. Marlene asked that the dogs be put out first thing in the morning weather permitting. Rick will take care of it. Marlene asked if we could be part of the Durham Pet Fair, Rick and Marilyn explained to her why we cannot.

Commissioner Nierenberg made a motion to adjourn Commissioner Leuchtner Seconded meeting adjourned at 12:35 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Liptak