

E.C.A.S.-Minutes from meeting held in Atlanta, at fairgrounds, on 02/08/07.

The following people were present:

Jim Buckingham

Chuck Ruhl

Katie Schlecht

Tom Young

Mary Ann Krzeszak

Mary Hubbard

Pat Crawford

Linda Ploe

Steve Schlecht

Pauline Hancock

Robin Smiley

Maggie Tatum

\*Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

\*Minutes from February meeting posted on our web site and approved. Copies from Feb. meeting handed out to those who didn't view them on web site.

\*Treasurer Report-Mary Hubbard- Total income for January was \$3,431.53. After various expenses our total was \$1,850.16. Current cash assets are \$162,146.51. Total assets are \$164,645.36. Mary also prepared an operating budget for 2007, available to anyone who would like to view it. Also included was a list of fundraising event details from the year 2003 through 2006. This included income, expenses, net profit. A monthly profit and loss breakdown for 2006 was included.

Mary met with a CPA in Alpena on our books, and the CPA said they look pretty good. It was recommended we purchase an employee dishonesty bond to protect ECAS crew and people responsible for disbursing funds. We also need a license to solicit contributions from state of Michigan. Mary said this was no cost to us, but we may have a little paperwork to deal with on a yearly basis. The CPA's can still perform an audit for us as long as they're not on a retainer to us.

Mary contacted the IRS on the form 8734. This form show 5 years of records to determine if 1/3 of our support comes from the general public. Motion made to approve Treasurer report, seconded, passed.

\*Membership Report- Pat Crawford- Committee got together and sent out thank-you notes to all who donated to our X-mas mailing. We currently have 54 '07 members that have renewed. We're sending out a renewal type brochure at end of month to try and get our membership up in numbers. Older '03 and '04 members that haven't renewed after this mailing will be put on the inactive list.

\*Kennel Report- Pauline- The month of January we had 10 dogs come in. 6 were adopted, 2 went to rescue, 4 returned to owner. We currently have 7 dogs in kennel. Pauline also found some free software she thinks will work out for her kennel programs.

\*Spay/Neuter Report- Jim/Pauline- The remaining grant balance is \$209.00, with 4 dogs on schedule. Pauline stated that there are 26 appointments on the books for February.

Maggie said we got a \$3000.00 grant from PIE&G for cat spay/neuter and shelter animal altering. We have to spend it by July 1, which shouldn't be a problem. Two

portable cat clinics with Dr. Bullerdick are scheduled. One is on March 17 in Lewiston, one on March 31 in Hillman. Cats will be a set fee of \$25.00 this time for either male or female.

\*Contact List- Passed around, heading back to Carol Young.

\*Calendar of Events for 2007- Passed around copies to group to review. This list is on our web site.

\*Building Committee Report- Dave's not here- Mary gave a brief summary of what's been going on with Shelter Planners. They do not recommend heated floors except maybe in administration area; The kennels should have the first 2 or 3 feet heated. For flooring, Sherwin Williams ceramic carpet. Restrooms- staff, located near office, conference area. One other down near kennel area. Clinic- if we increased this room size, it would increase size of whole building. Recommended we look closely at what spay/neuter clinics we'd be holding there. Would extra cost for the room be fully utilized? We will be using the conference and staff rooms for animal recovery after the spay/neuter operations, so we won't have to have a great big clinic room.

\*Shelter Colors- A color chart was passed around so people could mark a color or colors that they like, to be adopted for the shelter. We would then be uniform for our building, stationary, envelopes, etc.

\*4 wheeler- Jim- Group approved the purchase of a 2007 Arctic Cat 400 Auto TRV 4X4 for our annual raffle. We'll purchase unit from Lewiston Motor Sports at a discount slightly lower than price we paid for last years model. They will cover the freight and prep, the winner of raffle will pay the taxes. This will be our fourth year, and fourth unit we've received from Lewiston Motor Sports. Their business is a member of ECAS. Ticket prices will remain the same: \$5 ea./5 for \$20. The drawing will be held on September 29, 2007, at the Atlanta Elk Festival.

\*New Business- Mary contacted all 3 chambers to find out how much to join. For our non-profit status Lewiston is \$40.00/yr., Hillman is \$50.00/yr., Atlanta we don't know yet. A motion was made to join all 3 chambers- seconded, approved.

Lewiston Dinner- Katie- Scheduled for Saturday, March 31, at Lewiston 50 Plus Club. Dinner is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cooking/prep team will probably start around 1 p.m. More details at next meeting. We'll need bakers and fruit salad makers.

Maggie working on a type of basket we can auction off. It will have animal style emblems riveted around the edges.

Katie talking about having an event that would involve the game of croquet. Kind of like extreme croquet, using a big field or area like in a park. Any money from this event would go toward cat spay/neuter.

\*Next Meeting- May 8, 2007, Lewiston library.

\*Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.- approved. CIAO!