

Elk Country Animal Shelter
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Thursday August 14, 2008
Elk Country Animal Shelter- Atlanta MI

The following people were present:

Pauline Hancock	Maggie Tatum	Dave Hancock
Agnes Mowatt	Robin Smiley	Trish Mowatt
Rochelle Haeussler	Joan LaPorte	Chuck Ruhl
Stephen Haeussler	Diane English	Pauline Docherty
Mary Hubbard	Jackie Docherty	Trish Kniffen
Sharon Rickard	Theresa Klein	Karmen Hines
Tom Young		

*Called to Order 7:00pm

Introductions-

*Minutes of last meeting- Minutes approved-posted to website

***Treasurer's Report-** Mary Hubbard-Total Income+Interest Income for the month of July is \$20823.04. Total Expenses-\$8701.82. Net Income \$12308.35. Total Assets-\$294,467.33. The balance in the ECAS Medical Fund is \$1656. Balance in the ECAS Spay/Neuter Fund is \$143. Motion to approve passed.

***Building Committee-** Dave Hancock - Some demolition has taken place. Renovation plans are moving forward. Building Committee will meet with Board after meeting.

***Animal Welfare-**Pauline Hancock-11 dogs currently at kennel. 2 return to owner, 2 adoptions, 3 euthanised.

***Membership Report-** Pat Crawford/spokesperson- Membership is as follows: 151 members, to include 94 individuals, 27 families, 15 senior, 15 pet, 3 junior, and 8 businesses.

***Humane Education-**Sharon Rickard-Has educational board set up at the Montmorency 4-H Fair. Sharon gave a short demonstration with jars of beans representing the two year reproduction results of one cat. Need helpers to assist with Humane Education. Brochure for available programs.

***Grant Writing-**Maggie Tatum-Received \$10000.00 from PetSmart Charities to assist with spay/neuter for cats. DJ&T grant for \$22,054. received for the ECAS Clinic equipment. Letters were sent to 3 oil companies, 3 manufacturers and 2 service organizations requesting donations.

***Spay/Neuter Report-**Pauline/Mary/Maggie- Three Cat Spay/Neuter Clinics are planned for Sep/Oct. As of end of June, \$9698 left in the spay/neuter grant fund.

***Capital Campaign-**Maggie Tatum-

***Fundraising-**Carol-absent

Volunteer Committee-Carol-absent-Dave Hancock is Chair

***Publication/Media-** Pauline-Newsletter went out. Received compliment at the fair for a well put together newsletter.

***Nominating-** Dave Hancock-nothing to report

***Open Issues –**

- ATV Raffle-Jim/spokesperson \$4685 deposited so far.
- Youth Group-Sara Prince Dance planned for Aug 23rd. \$5 per person includes pizza/pop, prizes at Briley Park. Would like to hold monthly Youth Group meetings the week after general membership meetings. Youth has raised \$1591 to date.
- Timbertown/Lewiston Katie & Shelley- \$1650 in raffle tickets sold. Wags To Wiskers Pet Supplies sponsored two 3 on 3 basketball teams on behalf of ECAS/Raise The Woof. Wags offered to donate \$100 to the shelter for the team if they won. Both teams won their division. Total donation to the shelter including purchase of ECAS/RTW t-shirts is \$320. Thank you to the Girls 9-12 grade winners, Taylor, Rayenne, and Kelsey and to the Men's winners, Brent, Mike, Pat, and Tommy.
- VJ Parade-Robin- Rained, but participants had a great time. Youth group decorated the float and road it through the parade. The Alpena paper covered event.
- Montmorency County 4-H Fair- Pauline- Fair is on right now, we have our tent set up. Need volunteer for Sat 6-10 in kitchen.
- Golf Outing-Mary Hubbard-111 golfers. \$10433 net.
- Onaway Garden Fair/Maxon's Field/Aug30, 10-3pm-Katie will cover event

***New Business-**

- Forms for pavers/granite memorials available on web site
- Web sites- page for every committee
- Planning for Elk Festival-Needs to be big event (open house). Also have a booth at the festival. Bring ideas to next meeting.
- Youth group to make dog bed for the bed race.
- Presque Isle-offers "round up"(to next dollar) on utility bill with the monies to go the the Community First Fund, which we have been a recipient of a portion of those funds in the past. Motion to "Round Up" ECAS utility bill passed.

Next Meeting to be held September 11, 7PM at the
ELK COUNTRY ANIMAL SHELTER-ATLANTA

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm