

E.C.A.S.- Minutes from Sept. '06 meeting, held in Lewiston, MI. library.

The following people were present:

Tom Young	Jim Buckingham
Pauline Hancock	Dave Hancock
Chuck Ruhl	John Flatman
Chris Moe	Linda Ploe
Maggie Tatum	Diane English
Trish Kniffen	Sharon Rickard
Joan LaPorte	Jeanie Senical
Mary Hubbard	Robin Smiley
Steve Schlecht	Katie Schlecht

\*Called to order at 7:00 P.M.

\*Minutes from August meeting read/approved.

\*Treasurer's Report for Aug.- total income- \$9890.00. Total expenses- \$2122.01.

Total assets- \$143,395.06. Income from golf tournament was \$7688.15. Total building fund - \$101,385.14, total future operating fund- \$20,380.29. County 4H fair income was about \$600.00 plus raffle ticket sales of \$2200.00 which was highest we've ever done at any event.. Thunder Bay golf resort sent us a real nice letter telling us how well we did at our golf outing. We are scheduled again for next year on July 29, 2007. We asked about an earlier start, but again church schedules interfered. We may change the menu style to a buffet or something different next year.

\*Mary mentioned that she would like to have a CPA help her organize the books, etc.

. Group approved a motion to check out some prices for a CPA to do this. We'll find out prices at a later date.

\*Motion to put minutes of meetings on web site approved.

\*Motion to post proposed agenda for next meeting on web site early for members to view was approved.

\*4 wheeler report- \$7440.00 in ticket sales to date. We have 2 more sale dates to sell tickets at: Chip day Sep. 16, and Elk Fest Sep. 23.

\*Chip day- Sep. 16, at Briley Township park pavilion from 10:00 am 'til 2:00 pm.

Sharon, Pauline, Robin and friends to be there at 9:30 to help vets get set up. Jim, Dave, Steve, Chuck to set up 4 wheeler to sell tickets.

\*Cat clinic- Maggie Tatum in charge of this event. To be held Sep. 30 in Lewiston and Oct. 14 in Hillman. We are currently receiving reservations/forms in the mail.

\*Elk Fest- Sep. 22/23- Fri. morning at 9:30, Dave, Chuck, Jim and whoever else to meet by pavilion to set up tent/booth. At 4 pm volunteers working on float to be at Tom,s house. From there to parade at 5 pm. After parade, we'll bring 4 wheeler down to our booth in park for Elk Fest. On Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sharon, Dave, and Jim will open booth for business at 9 am. At noon, Mary will be there along with anyone who cares to join her. Tom will be in and out all day as well as Jim and Dave. Steve and John will stop by booth around noon to get tickets and go out to fairgrounds to sell at the bump and run. 4 wheeler drawing will be around 7 pm, then the massive booth take-down will be initiated. Anyone who wants to help out at any time of the day is welcome to stop by

and lend a hand at the booth. Robin and Jeannie will be at booth at 4 pm.

\*Nov. dinner in Hillman – was on Nov. 11 at KofC Hall. After much discussion, it was thought to be too small for the amount of people expected. Mary is checking on availability of community center for Sun. Nov. 12. We would have event right after lunch in early afternoon with plenty of room for auction, people, food, etc.

\*Nov. 11 – we'll still be at the harvest bazaar at Hillman comm.. center to sell our wares. Robin and helpers will be there.

\*Chris Moe – has 7 dogs enrolled in her training class, with more calls coming all the time. 2 of these dogs were former shelter dogs.

\*Newsletter- Robin/Pat checking proof, will print next week with extra copies for Elk Fest, then mailed hopefully on Friday.

Adoption report- Pauline- 7 dogs taken in, 6 returned to owners, 2 went to rescue, 11 adoptions. (remember there's always dogs in shelter) 7 dogs currently in shelter. Last year at this time we had 26 dogs come in; 6 were a litter box of puppies, 6 returned to owners, 9 went to rescue, 4 adoptions. Don't forget that October is "Adopt a shelter dog" month. Everyone at the meeting should be able to adopt 1 pet each month until we get all the dogs adopted.

\*Maggie Tatum- any ideas for grants, moneymakers, etc., call Maggie so she can check it out.

\*Spay/Neuter Report- Linda said 6 dogs altered in Aug. The bill is \$498.00. Total money left for this grant is \$1825.00. Sept. appointments are 11, October appts. is 1, November appts. are 5. Total on books at present- 17. Our new grant application to DJ&T should be sent out on Monday by Maggie.

\*Volunteer manual - Dave Hancock is putting together a small manual of frequently asked questions to help our new volunteers as well as the old hands. He also passed out sheets of paper to people present at meeting pertaining to "meeting etiquette".

\*Things to work on – get better at working our booths.

\*Crew to start looking for auction items for our Nov. dinner.

\*A question was raised concerning old cars. Can we use them, fix them up, then sell them? Tom is checking this one out.

\*Next meeting scheduled for Hillman at Independent Bank, on Thurs., Oct. 12, '06, at 7 pm.

\*Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.