

Elk Country Animal Shelter
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Thursday August 09, 2007-7:00pm
Montmorency County Library-Atlanta Branch

The following people were present:

Robin Smiley	Pat Crawford
Dave Hancock	Chuck Ruhl
Linda Ploe	Ellen Turkovich
Mary Hubbard	Maggie Tatum
Laura Panko	Erica Jordan
Diane English	Trish Kniffen
Rochelle Haeussler	Stephen Haeussler
Gayle Strittmatter	Katie Schlecht
Tom Young	Janet Boese
Pauline Hancock	

*Called to Order 7:00pm

*Special Meeting was held just held prior to General Membership Meeting to discuss vacancy on the Board left by Jim Buckingham's resignation. Position of Secretary (through Dec 2008) was offered to Rochelle Haeussler. She accepted the offer. Motion to appoint Rochelle Haeussler as Secretary was made and approved.

*Minutes of last meeting-Board approved and posted to website prior to meeting

***Treasurer's Report**-Mary Hubbard-Gross Income for July was \$14,242.50. Expenses \$1944.89, Veterinarian Expenses \$19.76 for a Total Expense of \$2760.21. Other Income includes Interest of \$432.21, and interest on Land Contract of \$15.44 for a Net Income of \$11929.94 for the month of July. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made and approved.

***Membership Report**-Pauline for Pat Crawford-Current membership shows 129 paid members, up from 119 last year at this time. Reminder that there is an active Membership Drive underway and it is never too late to recruit new members.

***Kennel Report**-Pauline Hancock-18 came into the kennel, 9 returned to owners, 7 adopted. Currently 9 at kennel, 2 to transfer on Tues. Update on Pet of the Week Midnight: He went to his new home yesterday in Suttons Bay and is doing well. Midnight was found tied up outside the church wearing tags too old to assist in identification. He is at least 12 years old, and due to the dedication of

the Shelter, and the literary skills of our President, even the old guys get a second chance at a forever home.

***Building Committee**-Dave Hancock-Next meeting of the Building Committee to be held on Aug 22. New Volunteer to Building Committee-Stephen Haeussler

***Grant Writing**-Maggie Tatum-Clinic Grant submitted to DJ&T to completely equip the Shelter Clinic. Working on grant for next month to DJ&T for Spay/Neuter funds. Capital Campaign Packets were sent to the Besser Foundation and the Herrick Foundation.

***Spay/Neuter Report**-Mary Hubbard/Pauline Hancock-22 dogs were completed last month through DJ&T. Total funds \$5775. Large dog 40+ pounds \$4250. Small dogs 40 or less pounds \$1525. New criteria changing Large dogs from 45# to 40# has helped shift 7 dogs from "small" to "large". There are 5 appointments scheduled for August.

***Capital Campaign**-Maggie Tatum-Workshop to discuss Campaign Protocol/Strategy to be held Monday Aug 13at 3:00pm at Wags To Wiskers Gaylord. Special Newsletter with envelope to be mailed to all county box holders. At least 300 additional newsletters will be needed for events. Tom Young has earmarked 300 newsletters to be sent to out county property owners based on property value. List to be provided to Maggie Tatum by Tom Young via Jim at the tribune. One master list for the Capital Campaign is necessary to avoid repeated solicitations.
T-shirts, totes and hats have been ordered. Items will be for sale.

***Golf Outing Results**-Mary Hubbard-The outing made just over\$15,000.00 and after expenses the net profit was approximately \$10,524.00. Issues to address for next year; change in sponsor levels to include a higher level without golfers, and inclusion of beverages with the meal. Motion to recognize the Golf Outing Profit as Capital Campaign Funds was made and approved.

***ATV Raffle Update**-Pauline for Jim Buckingham-As of 08/07/07 \$5135.00, which includes the \$650.00 from tickets sold by Katie/Gayle at Timberfest in Lewiston.

***Recycling Day Results**- Pauline for Chris Moe- A total of \$67.64 was collected. The teens collected \$254.00 in their bottle return effort. We really appreciate the effort the local teens put in for the shelter.

***Montmorency County Fair**-sign up sheet passed around. Set up will be Monday August 13.

***Cat Spay/Neuter Clinics**-Maggie Tatum-Clinic dates are as follows: Lewiston, Bud Jones Insurance Sep 29 & Oct 27. Hillman VFW Post Oct 13. There will

also be special spay/neuter clinic on August 25 to assist 5 people with a total of 22 cats.

***New Business**

- VJ day Parade in Hillman on Aug 11-Trish to decorate float, Tom to drive in Parade.
- Robin Smiley received email from the library about story hour at the local nursing homes to include children/dogs. Robin will follow up with Emily and Sharon.
- Agenda shall include a report from every committee beginning next month to ensure appropriate information exchange.
- Reminder: All actions performed on behalf of any committee must be cleared by the committee chair to avoid any confusion/duplication.
- Robin Smiley asked for erasers for Sharon to hand out at the schools during Humane Education. Motion to purchase erasers was made and approved.
- Pat Crawford sent out Thank You Notes to the contributors of the Golf Outing.

Next Meeting to be held Sep 13 at Montmorency County Library-Lewiston Branch at 7:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm