

Elk Country Animal Shelter
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Thursday Dec11, 2008
Elk Country Animal Shelter
11484 Youngs Rd Atlanta, MI

The following people were present:

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| Pauline Hancock | Maggie Tatum | Dave Hancock |
| Rochelle Haeussler | Stephen Haeussler | Katie Schlecht |
| Robin Smiley | Pat Crawford | Trish Kniffen |
| Mary Hubbard | Sarah Prince | Georgette Prince |
| Sharon Rickard | Mariah Rivest | Jackie Tronge |
| Carol Young | Jane Black | Kathy Biehl |
| Julie Ignatowski | Denise Pollack | Chuck Ruhl |
| Agnes Mowatt | Trish Mowatt | |

*Called to Order 7:00pm

Reading of Mission Statement: The Elk Country Animal Shelter shall be committed to providing a caring shelter and eventual placement of adoptable animals; be advocates for companion animals; provide education on the proper care of animals and promote understanding of the need to control the population of unwanted animals. Read by Maggie Tatum.

Officer Reports

***Secretary**/Rochelle Haeussler- Minutes for November have been approved and posted

***Treasurer**/Mary Hubbard-Total Income+Interest Income for the month of November is \$11,258.21. Total Expenses-\$3,850.41. Net Income \$7,407.80. The balance in the ECAS Medical Fund is \$890. Balance in the ECAS Spay/Neuter Fund is \$98. Balance in ECAS education fund is \$221. Balance in ECAS appliance fund is \$160. Balance in ECAS Youth Group fund is \$1,656. Motion to approve made by Maggie, 2nd by Pat-motion passed. .

***Committee Reports**

***Building Committee**- Dave Hancock-Drywall is being finished. Kennel fronts have been ordered with a projected delivery in 4 weeks.

***Animal Welfare**-Pauline Hancock-Currently 9 in kennel. For November, Intake-9, Adopted-3, Return to owner-5, Transport-3.

***Membership Report**- Pat Crawford - Membership is as follows: 161 members, to include 100 individuals, 31 families, 15 senior, 2 Sr/pet, 3 junior, 2 member/pet and 8 businesses. 2007 membership was 141, 2006-119.

***Humane Education**-Sharon Rickard-Schools are done for fall semester. Will resume programs after the New Year.

***Grant Writing**-Maggie Tatum-Pedigree Grant received in the amount of \$1740.80. We received over \$50,000 in grants this year. Will write one more DJ&T before year-end.

***Spay/Neuter Report**-Mary/Maggie-

***Capital Campaign**-Maggie Tatum-Invitations for Reception on Sun 12/14. Elbo Inn will Cater. A \$500.00 donation was received to off set cost of reception, the remainder is being covered by an anonymous source. Insurance has liquor liability added.

***Fundraising**-Carol-Thank you to all that have helped with the Hillman Dinner as well as the numerous Bazaars! Thank you notes are going out soon. Pauline thanked Carol for all of the hard work and planning.

Volunteer Committee-Carol-

***Publication/Media**- Pauline-Newsletter went out. 2009 memberships are starting to come in. Invitations for reception are out.

***Nominating**- Dave Hancock-Dec election-3 positions open-Pauline, Mary, Tom. Tom will not run, Pauline and Mary will. Candidate-Sarah Prince. Motion to unanimously elect Pauline Hancock, Mary Hubbard, and Sarah Prince made by Carol, 2nd by Maggie. Approved. Welcome Sarah Prince to the Board!

***Youth**-Sarah Prince-Meeting will be held the 2nd Wed of each month. Currently organizing a recruiting effort at the schools. Planning WinterFest. Nancy Guimond was so impressed with the efforts of the ECAS Youth Group that she donated \$250. to the group. She also extended a challenge to the group's fundraising efforts by agreeing to match funds up to \$250 each month for 2009. Thank you Nancy for supporting the future of ECAS!!

***Unfinished Business –**

- Santa Pet Pictures-two events left- Sat 12/13@ Wags To Wiskers, Sun 12/14 in Hillman.

***New Business-**

- Planning for Grand Opening-Tabled until date is available.
- Bunn Coffee Maker donated by Joe Troy Excavating in Alpena
- Thank you to Tom Young for serving on the Board!!

Next Meeting to be held January 8, 2009@7PM at the
ELK COUNTRY ANIMAL SHELTER-ATLANTA

Motion to adjourn made by Pauline, 2nd by Rochelle-Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm