

Elk Country Animal Shelter
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Thursday Feb 12, 2009
Elk Country Animal Shelter
11484 Youngs Rd Atlanta, MI

The following people were present:

Pauline Hancock	Maggie Tatum	Dave Hancock
Rochelle Haeussler	Stephen Haeussler	Katie Schlecht
Robin Smiley	Pat Crawford	Michael Reynolds
Mary Hubbard	Sarah Prince	Larry Pascador
Carol Young	Rosemary Nuhfer	Chuck Ruhl

*Called to Order 7:07pm

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 Katie Schlecht.

Officer Reports

***President**/Pauline Hancock

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

***Treasurer**/Mary Hubbard-Total Income+Interest Income for the month of January is \$17,324.69. Total Expenses-\$3,616.27. Net Income \$17,708.42. The balance in the ECAS Medical Fund is \$2,414. Balance in the ECAS Spay/Neuter Fund is \$175.

Balance in ECAS education fund is \$221. Balance in ECAS appliance fund is \$160.

Balance in ECAS Youth Group fund is \$1,878. Motion to approve made by Maggie, 2nd by Carol-motion passed. .

***Committee Reports**

***Building Committee**- Dave Hancock-Finishing touches are being done to interior. Geothermal heating is working.

***Animal Welfare**-Pauline Hancock-Currently 10 in kennel. For January, Intake-5, Adopted-2, Return to owner-3. Year-end totals for 2008 are as follows; Animal complaints-444, Animals picked up (stray)-102, Citizen drop off-43, Adoptions-50, Euthanized animals-2, Animal death-2, Held for safekeeping-11.

***Membership Report**- Pat Crawford – Total memberships-76. Individual-44, Family-12, Family/Pet-1, Senior-10, Junior-1 Member/Pet-4, Business-3, Pet Member-1. Christmas Thank-you's are done. Thank you Pat, Pauline, Sarah and Robin!

***Humane Education**-Nothing to report.

***Grant Writing**-Maggie Tatum-DJ&T has been submitted. "Fetching for a Fence" grant submitted to Northeast Michigan Community Foundation for \$2500 to be used for

additional fencing. Sarah Prince will give presentation at the library Friday Feb 13. An equipment grant to be used for crates, food, harnesses, will be submitted to PetCo.

***Spay/Neuter Report-**Mary/Pauline-January totals; Cats-7, Dogs-10. Scheduled for February:Cats-3, Dogs-10. We are on Spay USA this month. Please go to the website and vote!!

***Capital Campaign-**Maggie Tatum-Longenberger Baskets with engraved lids are available for purchase.

***Fundraising-**Carol-Working on Garage Sale. Will have pick-up available this year.

Volunteer Committee-Dave Hancock-Volunteer handbook is being compiled. When the shelter is operational, we will require both volunteer shelter workers as well as event volunteers.

***Publication/Media-** Pauline-Flyer for Italian Dinner is out. Brochure for membership is near completion. Newsletter is being compiled for March. Please email Robin Smiley with information/updates.

***Nominating-** Dave Hancock-Nothing to report

***Youth-**Sarah Prince-Youth Group t-shirts are in. Scholarship applications have been created. Youth Group is planning on awarding \$300.00 scholarships to (3) three graduating seniors in Montmorency Co. January fundraising goal of \$250.00 was met with \$195 in t-shirt sales and \$120 in returned bottles!!

***Unfinished Business –**

- Christmas Mailing-Pat/acknowledgements-Mary/financial progress-\$7409. to date.
- Lewiston Italian Dinner and Chair-ity auction-Katie-Most of the food providers have been contacted. Planning 32 pans of Lasagna, 6 bags of salad. Maggie is writing press release to send to publication committee.
- Calendar of Events-Reviewed, request addition of Labor Day Garage Sale 2009 on September 5-6 (Sat & Sun) with set up on Thurs Sep 3, and Fri Sep 4.
- Meeting Schedule- Board of Directors need to set date for special session to review policies, procedures.
- Pet Calendar for 2010-Katie-Robin- Preliminary stages.
- Plan for Grand Opening-Date will be set when Shelter opening has been determined.

***New Business-**

- Animal Care Expo-April 6-9, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV. Information is available if interested.

Next Meeting to be held March 12, 2009@7PM at the
ELK COUNTRY ANIMAL SHELTER-ATLANTA

Motion to adjourn made by Pauline, 2nd by Pat-Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm