

Elk Country Animal Shelter
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Thursday March 13, 2008
Montmorency County Library-Lewiston Branch

The following people were present:

Pauline Hancock	Maggie Tatum
Dave Hancock	Pat Crawford
Rochelle Haeussler	Carol Young
Stephen Haeussler	Tom Young
Steve Schlecht	Katie Schlecht
Mary Hubbard	Matthew Suttle
Kathy Nagy	

*Called to Order 7:00pm

*Minutes of last meeting- Minutes to be approved and posted to web

***Treasurer's Report-** Mary Hubbard-Total Income+Interest Income for the month of February is \$4005.17. Total Expenses-\$2767.91. Net Income \$1237.26. Total Assets-\$267,917.58. The balance in the ECAS Medical Fund is \$2,594. Balance in the ECAS Spay/Neuter Fund is \$0. Audit conducted by Johnson & Schulze has been completed with no problems noted. Motion to accept report passed.

***Building Committee-** Dave Hancock – Meeting with Ben Bolser on 2/28 to review various building/construction documents revealed no issues/problems with the documents presented. The building size has been reduced to 2720sf. Next meeting with Timm's Construction will be in the week of 3/17.

***Animal Welfare-**Pauline Hancock-10 dogs currently. 1 dog at the vet, 1 dog being fostered at Katie Schlecht's. 1 dog being fostered at Pauline Hancock's. ECAS had 145 dogs last year: 70 returned to owner, 50 adoptions, 9 transferred to other facilities.

***Membership Report-** Pat Crawford- Membership is as follows: 81 members, to include 52 individuals, 12 families, 5 seniors, 2 senior/pet, 3 junior, 2 member/pet and 5 businesses. A Very Good Start!

***Humane Education-**Sharon Rickard-out of town/no report

***Grant Writing-**Maggie Tatum-Presque Isle grant submitted for fencing (\$10,000). PetSmart Charities grant (\$10,000) in for cat spay/neuter. DJ&T wants to add 1 jumbo cage to clinic, expecting to hear back from them in a couple of weeks.

***Spay/Neuter Report**-Pauline Hancock-No funds are available in the spay/neuter fund. Calls for assistance keep coming in. Medical Fund has \$2600.00 balance. I-Give balance \$163. Cat Clinics are scheduled in Lewiston on 4/19, 5/17 and in Hillman on 5/3.

***Capital Campaign**-Maggie Tatum- Possible can drive this spring as a youth project.

***Fundraising/Volunteer**-Carol-Need volunteers for Lewiston Italian Dinner. Starting to collect items for the garage sale. Need more tables for the sale.

***Publication/Media**- Pauline- Invitations going out soon for the Italian Dinner/Auction. Considering utilizing the elementary school's Friday Folders for an insert.

***Nominating**-no chair-nothing to report

***Open Issues –**

- Chair-ity auction-Maggie- Approx 20 chairs will be available for auction. Completed chairs can be viewed on the website and are being displayed at local businesses. Two quilts have also been donated to the auction.
- Upcoming Italian Dinner-Katie-Bowls for salad and water pitchers are needed. Pauline to bring gallon of milk.
- ATV Raffle-Dave-Jim- \$5979 was paid for the 2008 Arctic Cat ATV red 500cc 2up for this year's raffle. Tickets are ready. 2nd prize will be a Charbroil Patio Caddy donated by Lewiston True Value and 3rd prize will be \$200 donated by Bud Jones Insurance.

***New Business-**

- A shelter in Texas has requested use of our "Raise The Woof" logo. The original designer does not want to share our logo, and a motion to keep our logo was made and passed. The logo has been copyrighted and the ECAS will hold the copyright for 70 years.
- The new "Raise The Woof" basket is on the way.
- New procedure for handling money from events is as follows: **All proceeds from an ECAS fundraising events are turned over to a Board Member. The Board Member is responsible for counting the money, recording the total, and then turning it over to the ECAS Treasurer for entry into Quickbooks and deposit at Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union.**

Next Meeting to be held April 10 at Montmorency County Library-Atlanta Branch at 7:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm