

Elk Country Animal Shelter
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Thursday Nov 13, 2008
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	Trish Kniffen
Mary Hubbard	Sarah Prince	Linda Ploe
Sharon Rickard	Ron Simmons	Larry Pascador

*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 Robin Smiley.

Introductions-

*Minutes of last meeting- Minutes awaiting approval-will be posted

***Treasurer's Report-** Mary Hubbard-Total Income+Interest Income for the month of October is \$6,073.99. Total Expenses-\$6,711.80. Net Income (\$637.81). The balance in the ECAS Medical Fund is \$1,000. Balance in the ECAS Spay/Neuter Fund is \$42. Balance in ECAS education fund is \$245. Balance in ECAS appliance fund is \$160. Balance in ECAS Youth Group fund is \$1,872. Motion to approve made by Maggie, 2nd by Shelley-motion passed. .

***Committee Reports**

***Building Committee-** Dave Hancock-Electrical and drywall are in progress. Cages and clinic equipment is in.

***Animal Welfare-**Pauline Hancock-7 in kennel, 2 huskies are set for transport to Husky Rescue. Pauline, Maggie, Shelley and Sarah attended MPAW Conference. Sarah attended the conference on a scholarship.

***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.

***Humane Education-**Sharon Rickard-Presentation for Lewiston Girl Scouts/Lewiston Elementary-Showed movie, discussed the mission statement, read a story. More schools are scheduled for end of Nov/early Dec.

***Grant Writing**-Maggie Tatum-Receipt needed for Security System by end of year to comply with grant. Future grants to include expanding kennel size, crematory. Sent report to DJ&T for clinic purchases. Need to write another dog grant.

***Spay/Neuter Report**-Mary/Maggie- Small dog fund balance \$0. Large dog fund balance \$5,400. (Does not include Oct billings). 142 were altered during the 3 fall cat clinics. Participants were called for a follow-up-all cats were doing well.

***Capital Campaign**-Maggie Tatum-Reception on Sunday Dec 14,2008 from 4pm-7pm. Invitation only. Approximately 150 invited at a cost of \$10/person.

***Fundraising**-Carol-absent

Volunteer Committee-Carol-absent

***Publication/Media**- Pauline-Newsletter to Tribune on Nov 19-all additions need to be to Robin by Nov 18. Need an article on the MPAW conference. Holiday Mailing-6500 envelopes needed-Kathy Holt providing 2 sketches.

***Nominating**- Dave Hancock-Dec election-3 positions open-Pauline, Mary, Tom. Tom will not run, Pauline and Mary will. Possible candidate-Sarah Prince. Motion to nominate Sarah made by Shelley, 2nd by Pauline-motion passed.

***Youth**-Sarah Prince-Lewiston Dance-Costume Party at Albert Twp Hall, 30-40 attended. Michaela Ferguson & Elyse Cordes, Hillman Elementary, dropped off two baskets filled with dog items.

***Open Issues –**

- Hillman Dinner-Approximately \$7300.00 minus expenses. Complete totals will be available in Dec.
- Band Booster Bazaar-workers needed Nov 29 (Sat) 9-3. Joan Laporte 9-12 and Linda Ploe 9-12.

***New Business-**

- Planning for Grand Opening-Tabled until date is set
- Santa Pictures-Nov 22 & Dec 13- Wags To Wiskers, Shelter? Other locations? Pics from 11-3 at Wags. Sarah in charge of elves/Patches. Possible Dec 7 at Mill in Hillman
- Motion to open accounts at Northwestern Bank made by Mary, 2nd by Pauline-motion passed.

Next Meeting to be held December 11, 2008 - 7PM at the
ELK COUNTRY ANIMAL SHELTER-ATLANTA

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm