

Elk Country Animal Shelter
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Thursday October 9, 2008
Tom and Carol Young's house- Atlanta MI

The following people were present:

Pauline Hancock	Maggie Tatum	Paige Jenkins
Rochelle Haeussler	Joan LaPorte	Chuck Ruhl
Carol Young	Diane English	John Roy
Mary Hubbard	Sarah Prince	Linda Ploe
Sharon Rickard	Tom Young	

*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.

Introductions-

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

***Treasurer's Report-** Mary Hubbard-Total Income+Interest Income for the month of September is \$24,076.29. Total Expenses-\$7,114.57. Net Income \$16,961.72. The balance in the ECAS Medical Fund is \$1,598. Balance in the ECAS Spay/Neuter Fund is \$80. Balance in ECAS education fund is \$245. Balance in ECAS appliance fund is \$160. Balance in ECAS Youth Group fund is \$1,900. Motion to approve passed. Thanks to Mary for preparing the bank packages.

***Committee Reports**

***Building Committee-** Dave Hancock-absent/Pauline - Windows are in. Floor is currently being worked on. Building is painted. Water well is in-Mel's Wells donated \$3000 toward the well. Garage door is installed. Geo wells are in.

***Animal Welfare-**Pauline Hancock-upcoming MPAW conference 11 dogs currently at kennel. MPAW Oct 22-24 in Grand Rapids.

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

***Humane Education-**Sharon Rickard-Has presentations scheduled in Nov.

***Grant Writing-**Maggie Tatum-\$93,000 requested in Pedigree grant.

***Spay/Neuter Report-**Mary/Maggie- Small dog fund balance \$421. Large dog fund balance \$6,178. Oct 4 Cat Spay Neuter Clinic altered 46 cats. 50 cats are scheduled for the Oct 11 Clinic.

***Capital Campaign-**Maggie Tatum-Found a Foundation in California that contributes to small animal shelters-will apply for grant money

***Fundraising-**Carol-Christmas Bazaar in Lewiston Oct 18th. Hillman Bazaar Nov 8. Volunteers needed.

Volunteer Committee-Carol-Youth Group has volunteered to set up Auction/Silent Auction tables at the Turkey Dinner in Hillman Nov 9. The Girl Scouts have volunteered again this year.

***Publication/Media-** Pauline-Nothing to report

***Nominating-** Dave Hancock-absent/Pauline-3 positions open-Bios required for perspective board members.

***Youth-**Sarah Prince-Float-Basket at Elk Fest- Parade Float earned 1st place honors. Pet Basket filled with rawhides, blanket, toys brought in \$243. Special thanks to John for helping out at the shelter.

***Open Issues –**

- ATV Raffle-Jim/spokesperson \$13,595. in tickets sold minus \$6185 in expenses=\$7410 profit.
- Elk Festival-Pauline- Thanks to all that contributed to this event!!
- Christmas in October- Carol- Christmas in October on the 18th in Lewiston.
- Lioness Presentation-Pauline-Maggie- Took Chester the three-legged lab to the presentation. Lioness Club offered a substantial donation this year.
- Hillman Dinner-Carol- Price this year is \$9 per dinner. Auction items are coming in. Isabella's Copper Pot, Gaylord, has committed a Kitchen Aide Mixer.

***New Business-**

- Planning for Grand Opening-Bring ideas-Possible Wine and Cheese Reception for members, special contributors, other shelters, followed by 2 days of open house.
- Ink Cartridges-Inventory list now required, need 3 people to inventory cartridges

Next Meeting to be held November 13, 2008@7PM at the
ELK COUNTRY ANIMAL SHELTER-ATLANTA

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm

