

Elk Country Animal Shelter
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday Sept. 11, 2008-7 pm
Elk Country Animal Shelter-Atlanta, MI

The following people were present:

Pauline Hancock	Pat Crawford	Trish Kniffen
Mary Hubbard	Maggie Tatum	Katie Schlecht
Carol Young	Robin Smiley	Jeannie Senical
Tom Young	Sharon Rickard	

Call to order 7:00PM

Introductions: Pauline started by reading our Mission Statement, which we will do at every meeting. She also made a statement on how we as a group should be accepting and being grateful for all donations we receive no matter how big or small, and that we should never forget they are all gifts. We should never believe we are owed something from anyone.

Regular Business

- Minutes of last meeting – waiting for approval – will be posted
- **Treasurer's Report** – Mary Hubbard- Total Income and Interest for the month of \$29111.61 plus Interest of \$286.04. Expenses of \$1885.98 for a net Income of \$27511.67. We have net assets of \$321,034.00. Mary had a discussion about how we purchase things and suggested we get a credit card, however no motions were made. Spay and Neuter fund balance-\$44.00 Medical fund \$1760.00 Education fund-\$245.00 Appliance fund-\$160.00. \$1820.00 on the Labor Day garage sale. Fair-\$630.00.
Motion to approve passed.

Committee Reports

- **Building Committee** – Dave Hancock- Floors have been poured and the plumbing complete in the floor. Perma shine will be applied in about two weeks. The color needs to be chosen soon. There was a meeting with the building committee after this meeting. We project the first of December for being close to finish.
- **Animal Welfare** – Pauline-13 in kennel currently, only 1 adoption in the last 3 weeks.
- **Membership/Correspondence** – Pat Crawford-158 Memberships currently with several new members since last meeting.

- **Humane Education** – Sharon Rickard – upcoming HE meeting 9-18-08- They have gone to the school and dropped off a video for them to review. There is a meeting scheduled for the 18th for the board to help set direction for the Education Committee.
- **Grant writing** – Maggie Tatum- Cat clinics are scheduled for \$10 per cat, the balance being paid thru the \$10,000.00 Pet Smart Grant. The Clinics are all filling up. Maggie needs to reapply for the DJ&T Grant. There was some discussion on when to apply, with a reminder that we always run out and we don't need to run out if we reapply on time.
- **Spay and Neuter** – Pauline, Mary, Maggie- Cat Clinics are filling up. People are asking about donating to the fund, which will be put right back into the fund. There was some discussion about adding an education element to these clinics. Making sure people are being educated on the importance of Spay and neutering their pets. Asking these people to help us spread this message through out the community.
- **Capital Campaign** – Maggie Tatum- We received \$500 from Trendwell? Pauline will be speaking at the Lewiston Lioness's this coming week with Maggie, we will be asking for a contribution and possibly become a line item. There was discussion on upcoming events we can do for the Capital Campaign.
- **Fundraising** – Carol- Carol passed around a new list of volunteers for events. Next event is the Pet Show at the Elk Fest. Then the Hillman Dinner is next. We need to start collecting good new auction items.
- **Volunteer Committee** – Carol- Dave is working on the Volunteer Manual.
- **Publication/Media** - Pauline- Nothing to report
- **Nominating** – Dave Hancock- We need something's from the Board, we have three positions open. Tom is not going to run again. We want to focus on the expertise that the Board feels it needs to grow. Dave will send an email to the Board with some questions that need to be answered.
- **Youth Group**- Sara Prince- The youth group is now a Committee and will report every month like all our committee's. They have had several meetings, and are working on different events. They are considering a Halloween dance. They are also having a contest with the three schools to design the Youth Group Logo. Some teachers have made this an assignment. They will be raffling off a basket at the Elk Festival.

Open Issues

- **ATV Raffle** – Jim Buckingham or spokesperson- Jim will be back for Elk Fest and the raffle. We need tickets returned as soon as possible. Sales have been going about the same as last year.

- **Montmorency County Fair** – Pauline- Went well, sold about \$2200.00 worth of tickets.
- **Onaway Garden Fair** – Maxon's Field/Aug 30/10-3pm- Katie sold \$245.00 worth of tickets.

New Business

- **Planning for Elk Festival**- We will not be having any visitors to the shelter; instead we will wait until we are open for our Open House.

Tom brought a plaque from the County for a wheel chair that Sara's mother Georgette Prince donated to the county on our behalf.

Next Meeting Oct. 9, 2008, location to be announced.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM