

Iowa County Humane Society Minutes

Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room at Shelter

Attendees:

Board: Char Paglini, Lisa Cvengros, Denny Marklein, Tracie Johnson, Lisa Schnedler

Staff: Shanna Gundlach, Hannah Guenther

Members: Sharon Shea, Janice Olson

I. Call to Order at 6:32pm

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Lisa C motioned to approve minutes and Tracie J seconded.

III. Discussion for changing July 3 (July 4 Holiday) and September 4 (Labor Day Holiday) Board Meeting dates - Will change these meetings to Wed., July 5th at 6:30, Wed., Sept 6th at 6:30pm

IV. Reports

- Kennel Manager – Adoptions: 6 Dogs/Puppies and 12 Cats/Kittens. Unfortunately, 2 new kittens passed away while in vet care and euthanized 1 cat due to all their injuries when arrived, transferred 2 puppies out.
- Executive Director, Happenings at the Shelter -
 - Hannah and Shanna attended the Wisconsin Federation of Humane Society conference at Dane County Humane Society was good, plan to use some of the new techniques learned there for dogs. Also, good ideas for volunteer opportunities. Appleton is the next location for the conference in October \$35 registration fee plus may need hotel costs for one night for up to 3 people.
 - Packer Grant for play yard – talking with Larry Gilles at City of Dodgeville planner about placement of new play yard
 - Volunteer dog trainer (Kellen) putting together a behavior modification plan that all workers and himself will working with Gunner – need to find Gunner the right no cats or dogs home
 - Driftless Now Social Media coordinator called and will highlight ICHS on her Furball Friday post
 - May is Pet Month – so have specials planned for the month Gunner and Cruise for \$99.99, Sugar and Spice bonded cats \$39.99 and Calicos \$29.99 and hot deals of the week.
 - June - Hope to have another Canine Good Citizen class in
 - July – Mindshaft in Mineral Point fundraiser planned
 - August – Clear the Shelter event with pop-up sales and may do a microchip drive-thru sale and seeing if D99 radio may come and broadcast from here and Jose’s food trunk may come too. Lisa S suggested The Frenchie Press as a possibility too.
 - Summer Story time at Mineral Point Library with ICHS reading to kids and donation jars
 - Will check on Rutting Bucks fundraiser at Midway Lanes (Lacey) and Holes for a Cause (Kieran Kinney).
 - Pet of the Week at Channel 15 – would Gunner be a good candidate for that kind of promotion?
- Treasurer's Report (Finance and Investment Committees) – First Quarter 2023 (1Q23) income \$5,453 but by the end of April saw a loss of \$8,075. Revenue for 1Q23 \$83,183 and Expenses \$77,735. Capital spent for new electrical panels \$10,000. Working with Shanna to reforecast the numbers for the year. Also, working with CPA to review books, get 990 and State of Wisconsin Charity filings done.
- Committee Reports:
 - Animal Welfare & Enrichment – Play yard above, tips from conference for dogs too
 - Fundraising (updates on various dates and events) – Sandi B-M willing to help with fundraising consulting later in the year. Looking for good event coordinator help too.
 - Building & Grounds – Scott Thompson working on various items as well as Dean. Janice asked to look at how to keep summer sun out of front entrance by either my tinting, shades or an awning of some kind, Denny will look at too. Scott and Denny talking about how to improve front play yard either with pipes on bottom so dogs can not push out chain link fence or other ideas.
 - Personnel – Nothing at moment, more volunteers coming in are helping

- Others as needed:
 - Garage Sale – lots of stuff, especially bigger items, but have not pick a date in May for another pop-up sale – maybe 5/12 and 5/13 but will watch the weather. Do plan to hold more pop-up sales – promote on Facebook and signage. Char looking into better signage, potentially 6 more signs.
 - Cruise is getting better, less itchy working with Military Ridge to improve his skin issues.

IV. Public Comment –

- Janice – Use Farmers Appreciation to highlight ICHS, walk in the parade or take a dog to Sip ‘n Savor like Tony did last year
- Janice – When will we have a Volunteer Coordinator? Lisa S talked about how events coordination and volunteer coordination may go together but want to make sure find right person. May hire on a consultant type to see what we really need. Using Google Calendar for scheduling as better understand Volgistics capabilities. Shanna expressed her views of need and making sure we find the right person to run things.
- Sharon – saw a Facebook post highlighting dog training classes in Mineral Point area that may be a scam.
- Sharon – very excited about how things are going, things are getting done by both Shanna and Hannah!

V. Closed Session entered into at 7:50pm and left 8:08pm

VI. Adjournment – motioned by Lisa S and seconded by Tracie – adjourned at 8:09pm

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Cvengros