

**Iowa County Humane Society Board Meeting  
October 13, 2014**

Board members present: Marcia Thompson, Sharon Shea, Lisa Cvengros and Pam Richardson. Board members absent: Jan Tabor

Staff present: Lisa Thomas, Bonnie Zimmerman and Danielle Rufenacht

Public present: Terri Davis

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM

The September minutes were submitted and approved.

The Treasurers report was submitted and approved and will be available on the website.

Treasurer Lisa C reports that Cat care is up \$4,439 over 2013 because of Vet expenses and medical supplies but was somewhat offset by savings in cat food costs. Dog care is down \$1068 mainly due to reduced dog food costs.

The Stay at Home fundraiser has brought in over \$6000 but final numbers and expenses have not been calculated. UPS has just submitted the bill for the mailing and Lisa T will follow up with them.

The Directors report was given and accepted.

Director Lisa T reports that she completed the Humane Officer Training on September 26 and will be meeting with Steve Michek on Wednesday 10/15/14 at 3PM to discuss going forward with the Humane Officer appointment.

The Poppin' Paws contest winners have been chosen and will be announced at the Furry 5K. In addition to the prizes already announced, Rural Route 1 Popcorn Company will be donating gift cards to the 5 finalists.

Everyone is encouraged to sell tickets for the snowthrower raffle which will be held at the "It's Chili Outside" fundraiser at the Dodger Bowl on November 9th.

Lisa T has accepted an invitation to speak at the meeting of the Dodgeville Women's Group on Thursday 10/16/14. She will be explaining the services available at ICBS and how our shelter benefits the community.

Lisa T reports that the municipalities have been very slow to respond to the new Municipal contracts that have been sent out.

There was discussion about the possibility of building a new shelter rather than to continue putting more money into expensive remodeling and upgrading the current building. Lisa T will look into the possibility of setting up a committee to study this issue.

The Kennel Manager report was given and approved and will be available on the website.

Bonnie reports that we have a total of 77 animals with another 9 in foster care.

The Office Coordinators report was given and accepted.

AWE Committee: The committee met on September 18th. The Mod Squad was discussed and there is an urgent need for new members.

Terri will start going through the old volunteer applications to see if anyone might be interested in joining the Mod Squad.

Plans have been proposed for a new 50X50 exercise area in the front of the building. Dave Thoreson has agreed to help with the construction. This will require a building permit and there is an estimated expense of \$1000 for the fencing. This area can be used as a play area and agility/training area. It will be visible from the road and should help to remind the general public that we have great dogs available for adoption.

A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the building of the 50X50 fenced exercise area in front of the building. The motion was carried.

Building and Grounds report was given and accepted.

Personnel Committee: the next meeting is October 16th at 12:30PM at the shelter.

Other discussion:

Installing a key box was discussed and Lisa T will follow up. The possibility of installing security cameras has been tabled for the present.

The Conditional use permit has been approved. Random inspections will take place to monitor compliance.

Sharon reports that the ICHS Van has been inspected and will be repaired. Sharon's son has agreed to have the work done at his car repair business at a reduced cost.

The Highway Commission has agreed to review the road use ordinance that has been detrimental to some of our fundraising events that utilize the roadway.

Marcia has notified the Democratic Party of Iowa County that the large campaign signs near the front of the building will have to be moved. At this point they are so close to ICHS property that it may appear that ICHS is supporting the Democratic candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.