

Iowa County Humane Society

MINUTES from April 11, 2016 Board Meeting

Board Members Present: President John Mutschler, Treasurer Lisa Cvengros, Secretary Nancy K Smith, Director Michael Van Sicklen and Director Dianne Evans.

Staff Present: Outreach/Humane Officer Jen Siegel and Kennel Manager Bonnie Zimmerman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

The minutes from the February 8 meeting were approved.

A group representing “Boomers Bowl Your Balls Off” event attended and addressed the Board. The representatives for this group included Wendi Endres, Wendy Nelson, Kari Hofer, Leanne Butts and Hailey Endres. Wendi Endres was replying to a March 31 e-mail from Mike Van Sicklen regarding the chain of events stemming from their Feb. 6 fundraiser in Fitchburg and the reasons why they submitted money for ICHS to the Dodgeville Veterinary Clinic. Mike addressed the group and there was some discussion between other members of the Board and the representatives from “Boomers” event. The representatives left the meeting as Mike was explaining that there is no contract or obligation for ICHS or “Boomers” event to work together. John will follow up with Dodgeville Veterinary Clinic regarding the situation. Lisa will try to figure out how to document the income on our records. We do not know from whom the donations came.

Lisa presented the Treasurer’s Report and summarized where the ICHS is regarding income and expenses. There was discussion about moving some money from the PayPal account to the savings account and Lisa was told to make the transfer if she deemed it necessary. Lisa’s concerns at this time are that ICHS is facing a \$30,000 repayment to Iowa County in June 2017, and there is a bad roof that needs attention, with one estimate for the replacement at \$20,000 or so. The Treasurer’s Report was approved by the Board.

Manager’s Reports were presented:

- The Kennel Manager’s report was distributed and reviewed;
- The Outreach and Humane Officer gave a report including an update on the Packer event in June and some of the promotion and planning that she is working on. In addition she reported on an anonymous donor who wants to donate \$20,000 per year for 5 years for ICHS to raise matching funds. She also stated only 3 calls for March and visits to Bloomfield and Mineral Point Care Center.

Committee Reports included:

- Fundraising – Jen will notify the Committee members when the meeting dates/times will be. Upcoming events include a garage sale April 22/23, the 3rd Paint Your Pet night on May 6 and a plant sale in May.
- Buildings & Grounds – Meets at 5:30 pm (subject to change) the 1st or 3rd Wednesday of the month. Projects they are working on include the floor in the activity room and an air quality

survey to try to make the building as efficient as possible. A new furnace/ac unit had to be installed.

- Personnel – The Board discussed the issue of declawing and denial of applications. After some discussion it was decided that the staff will continue to discourage this activity and suggest alternative cats to adopt if somebody needs a declawed cat but that we do not want to create barriers to cat adoption. A script was reviewed in which staff inform applicants if their application is rejected and John offered that if it gets to the point where somebody wants to talk somebody from the board, his name and e-mail can be given out.

Regarding Other Issues, Mike gave an update about a meeting with the Town of Mineral Point and their attorney on April 14 in which they would be asking Iowa County Corporate Counsel to attend. Mike also discussed the City of Mineral Point and some modifications they want to make to the contract. Mike stated he thinks we as the Board should consider approaching some members of the Iowa County Board to advocate with us for ICHS and John agreed that Mike could pursue that. Lisa mentioned that since the Bylaws are on our website and we made changes last month, the website should be updated to reflect those changes; she or Jen will attend to those updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Submitted by

Nancy K Smith, Secretary