

2022 Annual Meeting March 14, 2022

Those present:

Board - Donna Griffin, Lisa Schnedler, Lisa Cvengros, Louanna Schulte, Janice Olson, Tony Schlafli
Staff – Joselyn Van Ruyven and Jordyn Phillips
Visitors - Sharon Shea

Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting

Lisa C moved and Louanna seconded to approve the meetings from the last annual meeting. Motion passed.

President Year-in-Review Comments

Dear ICBS Members, Staff, Volunteers, and Supporters:

It's been two years since we last met in person and the world has changed; the way we travel, the way we shop, and the way we gather together has changed. What hasn't changed is the needs of the lost, stray, homeless, or injured animals of Iowa County, as well as the needs of those pet owners who may be facing life changes that require finding a new home for their beloved pets. For all of these, we are here, and we remain committed to providing compassionate and humane care and assistance to the animals and pet owners of our community. Over the last year ICBS adjusted to the COVID crisis in many ways, the most notable being adoptions arranged by appointment, ensuring the safety of both staff and clients. We have had many positive responses to this new adoption process. Fundraising continued, with the highest profile event being the Fall Garage Sale – a huge success. With the strength and dedication of our staff, volunteers, and board members much has been accomplished, despite the challenges forced upon us. And because of the generosity of our donors and membership, ICBS can look forward to completing new goals in improving animal housing and increasing our education and outreach programs as we focus on strategic planning to achieve greater goals in the years to come. Yes, much remains to be accomplished, and with your continuing efforts and support, we can be confident we will get there.

Executive Director Report

Thank you to all of our adopters, supporters, members, donors, volunteers and staff. Although this year was filled with continued challenges of COVID, we are thankful for each and every one of you. I also wanted to thank our dedicated staff who take wonderful care of all of our animals. We continue to receive compliments on our shelter cleanliness, animal health and adoptability of the animals at our shelter.

As we look back on 2021 we remember the 286 animals who found loving forever homes (249 cats 37 dogs) and the 55 Lost animals who were able to be reunited with their families (7 cats 48 dogs).

Although we faced challenges related to COVID throughout 2021, we were able to participate in some events such as:

- The National Clear the shelter event – We adopted 9 cats out and although we had hopes for more many of the animals were adopted by individuals who, prior to our event, did not know we were here or had not adopted from us before.
- Participated w/food stands at the Ridgeway farmers market as well as Lands' End Warehouse Sale.
- Hosted school resource groups and provide in job shadowing opportunities.
- Host a record setting Fall Garage Sale. Special thank you to Sharon, Char, volunteers and all of our generous donors
- Were able to meet individuals from other shelters and view other facilities to We were also able to make improvements to our facility including:
- New Lawn Mower

- New Dog Play Yard
- Outdoor lighting for increased Safety

In 2022, we look forward to being able to continue meeting our supporters, upgrading our facility, and providing compassionate and life changing care to the homeless animals of our communities while finding them loving forever homes.

Treasurer Report

Lisa C. reported that we had a \$133,000 bottom line - record donations, UPS rental, COVID funds, municipality income.

Expenses were up from the previous year but the year prior, we had been shut down due to COVID. Fundraising expenses and mortgage were down. Shelter expenses were down. Payroll was up as we built up the staff following the COVID shut down.

The balance sheet is strong.

Humane Officer Report - Thank you Sharon Shea!

Donna voiced her thanks to Sharon for her years of service. Sharon noted that she turned everything over to the Sheriff's office. She noted that she enjoyed her work. Michael Havlac took the course but whoever is on takes the call.

Committee Report – Building & Grounds

Louanna noted that Joselyn had listed the building and ground improvements - lighting, fencing, furnace, lawn mower, etc. Discussion on how nice it is to have a higher fence.

Louanna thanked Tony and other for their hard work on the grounds clean up.

She noted the experts we have had on premises to review building needs and noted all that is in good shape and going well as well. She said that we have had good discussions and she looks forward to moving ahead on priorities and the discussions to come.

Board Nomination of:

Donna Griffin (3 year term)
Lisa Schnedler (3 year term)
Lisa Cvengros (1 year term)

Ballots were distributed.

Lisa C tallied the ballots. **Unanimous decision for the slate of candidates.**

Nomination Committee for 2023: Sharon Shea and Lisa Schnedler

(No Bylaw changes)

Public Comment

None

Next Regular board meeting April 11th at the shelter

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Schnedler