

## Iowa County Humane Society Board Meeting

### Minutes

August 10, 2015

Board Members Present: Marcia Thompson, Lisa Cvengros, John Mutschler, Mike Van Sicklen

Board Members Absent: Pam Richardson

Staff Present: Jen Siegel

Staff Absent: Bonnie Zimmerman, Binga Manwiller

Public Present: Marla Lind, Terri Davis

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

The July board meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

An extensive treasurer's report was presented by Lisa. Tables in the report show ICHS's continuously improved financial position; however, during times of the year our funds are low with fixed obligations needing to be met. The report can be found on the website.

Rene Christensen resigned from the board and a replacement was discussed. By laws state the board consists of 5 members, up to 7. Another member does not have to be appointed. The board will consider and discuss again at the September meeting.

The Kennel Manager's animal statistics can be found on the website.

The Office Coordinator's report reflects everyone's happiness on hearing of Jocci's (dog) adoption. Great thanks to Hannah Twiton for her work with Jocci (foster, training, enrichment, public exposure, videos etc.) which greatly improved Jocci's chances for adoption.

Jen Siegel, Outreach Manager, discussed an upcoming September cat promotion, income of \$500 for a Lands' End photo shoot, and \$80 donation from Ron Dentinger for his book sales at a Dodgeville event. A paint night and sales of Bucky Books are the next fundraisers.

#### Committee Reports

- No AWE report
- The low income, low cost spay/neuter program (July to Nov) has generated low usage so far. This will have to be analyzed before a new program is launched in 2016.
- Fundraising- \$900 (later reduced to \$250) should be received from Spring Green for participation in the food booth for the MDA cycle ride. Volunteers also earned money by working the Dairyland Dare bike ride- amount yet to be seen.
- Personnel- Non- volunteers in the cat area, hours when volunteers can be present, scheduled cat room supervisors and badge id for children under 13 were discussed. The board asked that John Mutschler join Terri Davis and Mary Collette to move forward on cat evaluations.

Three board members and the Outreach Manager attended the August Iowa County Finance Committee's meeting to update them on recent activity of ICHS, our present financial status, and recent negotiations with the Sheriff and his legal counsel to produce an MOU regarding appointment of a Humane Officer at ICHS. The MOU is very close to completion and 3 individuals will attend state training in September with expectation of the Outreach Manager being appointed HO and the other two operating as deputies under the appointed Humane Officer.

A volunteer survey, organized by Marla Lind with help from Lisa Cvengros and Jen Siegel, will be sent August 15 with request for completion by Sept 1. It is hoped that responses will give us a better idea of why volunteers stop volunteering, why some are not interested in dog modification training, and any ideas of improving actions and policies regarding volunteers.

A policy was passed by the board that prohibits removing dogs from the shelter before behavior evaluations are completed unless permission is expressly granted by a manger and one board member. This excludes visits to the vet or groomer.

The board was reminded that municipality contracts need to be sent out by the end of September. Further discussions will determine details, with finalizations made at the September board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Marcia Thompson