

**GREEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13TH, 2010
6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Paul Barrett. Board members present were Dean Counselman, Lester Grossen, Chris Soukup, Sherri Fiduccia, Heidi Treuthadt, Paul Barrett, Tracey Pederson, Mick McClain, Norah Sanders and Emily Sievers. Others present were Deb Broge, Rachel Binder, Chanel Jorgenson and members of the public.

Secretary's Report – Two corrections were made and report was put on file.

Treasurer's Report – No questions, report was put on file.

Shelter Director's Report – Deb Broge reported on the current animal numbers, Incident/Injuries, Community Awareness and Health and Welfare. Deb reported that 50% of dogs at the shelter 6 months or more have been adopted. She also reported that there are currently no animals with ringworm at the shelter. Deb informed the board that there are two special needs cases that need help with spaying and neutering numerous animals in their care. First case is 25 male blue heeler dogs that a family is caring for because the owner is in a nursing home. Sherri Fiduccia made a motion to use SNAP funds to neuter the dogs. Motion was seconded by Tracey Pederson. Motion passed with one opposed and one abstention. Second case is a Monroe resident that has been spaying and neutering stray animals in her neighborhood. She has requested help with neutering 5 male kittens that she will be capturing and releasing after neutering. Chris Soukup made a motion to use SNAP Funds to neuter the 5 kittens. Sherri Fiduccia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – No public comments.

Unfinished Business

Paul Barrett gave the final Farmer's Market numbers for 2010. There were 11 dogs and 15 cats adopted as a result of being at the Market. \$300 in donations were brought in and \$1079 for flowers sold by Norah Sanders.

Chris Soukup read the wrap up report for Peggy Miller for the last spay/neuter clinic. 150 cats have been spayed or neutered at the 2010 clinics. A motion was made by Norah Sanders to do 4 spay/neuter clinics in 2011. Motion was seconded by Emily Sievers. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Tracey Pederson stated that the 2011 budget needs to be done and that bids for this year's audit should be gotten.

Emily Sievers reported that volunteers are needed for picture with Santa Days at Petsmart on December 5th and 11th. Three volunteers per day are needed.

New Business

Chanel Jorgenson, a UW Whitewater student, presented her research project that she is working on with the university. The study is called “Domestic Dog Social Introductions for Shelter Dogs”. The board agreed that it would be beneficial for her to use the shelter dogs for her research.

Deb Broge will be working on the capacity numbers and will be recommending those numbers to the board next month.

Paul reported on the Animal Food Pantry Project. Peggy Miller and Deb are working together to create this event. A team has been formed. Paul suggested that GCHS consider joining in this project.

Paul asked for the board’s approval to work together with Friends of Ferals and the Spay Me Clinic in Madison. A motion was made by Tracey Pederson to accept this relationship and was seconded by Sherri Fiduccia. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

Committee Reports

Euthanasia – Chris Soukup reported that in September 1 dog and 3 cats were euthanized. In October one kitten was euthanized.

Outdoor Adoptions – Sherri Fiduccia reported that in 2010 31 cats and 2 dogs were adopted to outdoor homes. One application was denied.

Medical Advisory – Heidi Treuthardt reported that the committee is working on putting together a new foster program and went over medical conditions of two kittens. They traveled to the Wisconsin Humane Society in October to attend a class on dogs which is part of their foster program.

Public Relations – Rachel Binder presented the new website template and took suggestions from board members.

Policy and Procedures – Mick McClain passed out Deb’s recommendations of what policies need to be listed on the website. Rachel will be looking into adding a secure information page for law enforcement. Paul is sending the list of area law enforcement agencies to Mick.

Resource and Development – Tracey Pederson reported that the fund raising letter went out the end of October. Approximately 11,736 have been sent so far.

Special Events – Paul informed the board about the Festival of Trees event that will be held Dec 4th.

Nomination – Heidi reported that one position is open for a board nominee. The open term will expire in 2012.

New Shelter- Paul presented the committee's concepts for the new shelter. Dean suggested that the committee look into projecting the operating costs of the building. Chris Soukup made a motion to accept the following concepts:
Conventional stick built verses prefab, steel or pole shed construction, private septic system, water hook up through the county, two 5 and 3 ton air conditioning units for dog pen areas, spray foam insulation for walls. Conventional fiberglass and a moisture barrier for the ceiling.

The motion was seconded by Norah Sanders. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 for closed session.

The next meeting is December 8th and the Monroe Public Library.

These minutes were written and submitted by Heidi Treuthardt, Secretary.