

**THE GREEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13TH 2010
6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Paul Barrett. Board member present were Yvonne Schutte, Barb Gerber, Tracey Pederson, Sue Curran, Sherri Fiduccia, Tina Gilbert, Paul Barrett, Mary Jane Grenzow, Mick McClain, Chris Soukup and Heidi Treuthardt. Others present were Deb Broge, Rhonda Schwarze, Jarrett Kelly, Kevin Indergand and members of the public.

Secretary's Report – Heidi Treuthardt answered board member's questions received via e-mail. No changes were made. Report was put on file.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Soukup answered board member's questions. Report was put on file.

Executive Director's Report – Deb Broge reported on animal numbers presently at the shelter and gave the totals for 2009. During 2009 there were 600 animals accepted in the shelter with 632 going out. She spoke on the 2009 incident report numbers, ones currently filed and presented a foster program update. She reported on various community awareness projects she has been working on and procedures she is implementing to improve animal health and welfare at the shelter. She also presented a detailed report on the health conditions of each cat in the trailer.

Public Comment

Cara Miller asked about the status of the aggressive dog task force. Mick McClain said that they are planning to meet in February and will be working with the Policy and Procedures Committee. She also asked about the Petsmart program status. Paul stated that the board has not discussed it. She also asked who was updating Pet Point. Deb said that people will be trained to enter the data.

Deb Egli asked if the inmate program for aggressive dogs has been looked into. Deb said she would check into it.

Jarrett Kelly questioned the increase in medical cases over the past month.

Unfinished Business

Kevin Indergand of the Green County Leaders gave an update on the Pawpalooza fundraiser. He reported that The Swiss Colony has donated a \$1000 towards the art auction and Badger State Ethanol has donated \$500. He also said that other local business have given around a \$1000 that will be used for the appetizers. The wine and cheese event and live auction is April 24th and the Monroe Country Club. Fiberglass cats are being decorated by Monroe, New Glarus, Brodhead and Darlington high schools and will be auctioned off that evening.

Peggy Scheffer reported that the next Spay/Neuter Clinic will be January 29th at Monroe Auto Sales. Press releases are going out and posters are being distributed. Only indoor cats will be accepted. The goal is to do 18 females and 12 males. The total cost is \$1340.

Tracey Pederson reported that the audit is being done by the Benning Group and will be presented at the annual meeting.

Paul Barrett handed committee chairmen a template to follow for completing the committee charge task. All forms that are necessary for the function of their committee should be attached. Final drafts are to be sent to Deb Broge by January 31st and will be kept on file for future use.

New Business

Tracey Pederson handed out a copy of the 2010 budget and explained the new format. She requested that board members with questions email them to her before the next board meeting. This will be voted on at the February board meeting.

Rescue group fees were discussed. The board agreed unanimously that the GCHS will not charge rescues for taking our dogs or cats. This will be at the discretion of the shelter director.

Tracey Pederson requested that all board members get back to her before the February meeting with their board goals for 2010.

Chris Soukup requested that he step down from the treasurer's position. Sherri Fiduccia made a motion that Chris Soukup be removed from the Treasurer's position and Mary Jane Grenzow seconded it. The board voted unanimously to remove Chris from the treasurer's position by a hand vote. Chris made a motion to nominate Tracey Pederson for the Treasurer's position. Tina Gilbert seconded it. Tracey accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed. The board voted that Tracey Pederson fill the treasurer's position by a unanimous show of hands. Tracey abstained from voting.

Paul requested that all committee chairmen email the secretary a current list of their committee members by Jan 31st.

Committee Reports

Euthanasia – Yvonne Schutte referred to Deb Broge's handout for committee report.

Fundraising – Tracey Pederson reported that the year end fund raising letter has brought in \$7090 as of 12/31/09. That is \$1000 over the 2008 campaign.

Medical Advisory – Heidi Treuthardt reported the committee has been working on the new SNAP application and new vouchers will be printed. Dr. Amy Hagen is working on creating flow charts of medical conditions and revamping the intake process and form. FeLuk and FIV testing was discussed. Heidi made a motion that all cats over 6 months of age be tested on intake for FeLuk and FIV with the cost of the kits ranging for \$14 to \$18 each. Tina Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a show of hands. The tests will be done by Dr. Lisa Holcomb and Dr. Amy Hagen when they stop at the shelter. The doctors are also getting a list of medications and cost that they supply

to Deb Broge. The committee also recommended that a 6 month time limit be imposed immediately for all fostered animals. At the end of the time limit the fosterer will be asked if they are adopting or returning the animal. Ringworm protocols are being looked into.

Special Events – The 2010 calendar of events was handed out.

Public Relations – Mary Jane Grenzow reported on the spay/neuter day press releases that are going out. She also said that she is planning a press release about volunteer procedures.

Volunteers – Deb Broge reported that 16 new volunteers have signed up, including 1 dog groomer.

Policy and Procedures – Mick McClain stated that the committee is meeting in February.

Building and Grounds – Paul Barrett stated that the new dryer should be in and installed soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm. The next meeting is February 10th at 6:30 pm at the Monroe Public Library.

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