



**Protectors of Animals, Inc.**

Board Meeting – May 20, 2014

Location: 144 Main Street, Unit E, East Hartford, CT

Board Members present: Jody Macrina, Stacey Doan, Sara Taylor, Greg Simpson, JoAnn Azzara, Mukesh Sharma, Debbie Nichols, Ron Plante, Jordan Price

Board Members not present: Roopa Rajaramadoss, Zachary Stewart

Staff Member present: John Thomas, Director of Shelter Operations

Guests present: Connie and Rick Smith, Members

1. **Call to Order:** J. Macrina called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Minutes of the April 15, 2014 Board of Directors meeting.**

**S. Doan made a motion to accept the minutes as written; M. Sharma seconded. The motion unanimously passed.**

3. **President's Report:**

- J. Macrina reported that the event that was supposed to occur in Avon has been postponed until June 21. She also reported that she is involved in planning a fundraiser for fall 2014. She will be out of town for the next Board meeting (June 17) and will not be able to attend.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- R. Plante had a question regarding vet expenses. There were no vet expenses for Hartford Vet. R. Plante will call Hartford Vet to follow up. The rest of the Treasurer's Report is tabled until June because Z. Stewart was not able to attend the meeting.
- J. Price discussed a possible investment strategy for POA and stated that he would draft a charter for an investment committee.

5. **Director of Shelter Operations Monthly Report – John Thomas**

- J. Thomas discussed the following:
  - POA's participation in the Pet Expo. The price for a table is high, but POA will be able to partner with Petfinder.
  - POA is now on several donation websites, including Amazon Smile, Google for Nonprofits, iGive.
  - POA's information on Guidestar has been updated.
  - Becket & Associates is having an open house on May 31 which POA will attend.
  - Work needs to be done on monthly newsletter.
  - A volunteer is doing research on capital campaigns and is also helping with scheduling meetings/trainings with volunteers.
  - J. Thomas has some ideas about reconfiguring the Petsmart Ambassador program and possibly incorporating it into the Placement Team.
  - Pet Supplies Plus on the Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield will host a "Kitten Shower" on June 8.

- Laura Goldner is going to step back from her role on the dog team in June. Work is still being done to transition her role.
- Joan Lamont, the Animal Control Officer from Willimantic, has sent us many animals over the years and always makes sure that the animals are fully vetted and spayed/neutered before they come to us. She has a nonprofit organization called C.A.T.S. Northeast, Inc. J. Thomas proposed that POA make a \$1,000 donation to C.A.T.S. Northeast.
  - **S. Doan made a motion to make a \$1,000 donation to C.A.T.S. Northeast; J. Macrina seconded. The motion unanimously passed.**
- S. Doan asked about the status of the Annual Report. The Form 990 deadline has been extended. J. Thomas will look into the status of the Annual Report.
- The Spay CT logo has been developed and rack cards are being produced. The first low cost spay/neuter clinic is scheduled on May 31 with Dr. Nock. To participate, residents must live in East Hartford and must be able to show that they are receiving some form of public assistance.

#### 6. New Business

- A couple of websites for logo wear were discussed: [www.darterspecialties.com](http://www.darterspecialties.com) and [www.rainbowgraphicsct.com](http://www.rainbowgraphicsct.com)
- S. Doan discussed a dog named Lacy (formerly named Jazzy) who was adopted by Sally Harris, a former POA volunteer. Lacy was scheduled to be spayed at Colchester Veterinary hospital the day after Sally decided to adopt her. During the surgery, it was determined that Lacy had already been spayed. However, a growth was found on her mammary gland. A biopsy confirmed the growth was cancer. A second option was obtain at the New England Vet Center on Kennedy Road in Windsor, and oncologist Dr. Debi O'Keefe recommended surgery. The Harris's are willing to keep Lacy and give her a good home regardless of the outcome of the second surgery. S. Doan proposed that POA cover the cost of the surgery up to the high-end estimate of \$2,000 because if Lacy had not been adopted and was still in POA's care, POA would have had the surgery done. The Harris's would pay for any additional treatments.
  - **S. Taylor made a motion to cover the cost of the surgery up to the high-end estimate of \$2,000; S. Doan seconded. The motion unanimously passed.**

#### 7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
- The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on June 17, 2014 at **5:30 p.m.** at **Welles-Turner Memorial Library, 2407 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT.**

Submitted by: Sara Taylor, Secretary