



**Protectors of Animals, Inc.**  
Board Meeting – April 17, 2012

Board Members in attendance: JoAnn Azzara, Stacey Doan, Denise Harned, Jody Macrina, Ron Plante, Jordan Price, Greg Simpson and Linda Williams  
Board Candidate Guests: Debbie Nichols, Mark Pandolfo and Sara Taylor  
Humane Education Program Presentation: Linda Denton

1. President's Call to Order: Jody Macrina called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Ms. Macrina advised that the 4/17/12 Board meeting would be abbreviated to allow ample time for discussion and Q&A with potential Board candidates and for a presentation by Linda Denton regarding creation of a POA Humane Education Program.
2. Stacey Doan welcomed Board candidates Debbie Nichols, Mark Pandolfo and Sara Taylor. Present Board members introduced themselves and supplied information about their personal work experience and volunteer functions at POA. Ms. Doan reiterated available Board positions, and candidates were asked to provide a short bio and to advise what positions they were interested in. After discussion and a Q&A period, candidates were thanked for their willingness to serve on the Board and advised that they would be contacted by Ms. Doan regarding an invitation to sit on the Board.
3. Greg Simpson introduced Linda Denton who volunteered to establish a Humane Education Program for POA volunteers to bring the message of compassion and responsibility for animals to students of all ages. The Program will consist of providing lessons, presentations and information for schools and other organizations. Ms. Denton presented an outline that she created after researching various on-line humane programs, and the Board is very interested in having her complete a Program for POA. Ms. Denton is excited to go forward and agreed to present the finished Program at the June 19, 2012 Board meeting. A laptop, projector and speakers for volunteers to bring when presenting the Program will need to be obtained.
4. President's Report:
  - Jody Macrina advised that she now has approval by Webster Bank to sign checks for the HOPE Clinic.
  - Ms. Macrina reported that the HOPE Clinic tapped into money loaned by POA; however, over the space of two weeks, the money was returned to the account by HOPE.

- Ms. Macrina spoke with Quita Mazzina, Humane Alliance, regarding Dr. Shaleen participating in the training program in Asheville, NC. Ms. Mazzina believes that PetSmart Charities will pay for the entire trip for Dr. Shaleen's training in North Carolina.
- Ms. Mazzina suggested that two, small cat tables be installed instead of a third surgical suite at HOPE.
- Ms. Macrina advised that she will be going to Waterbury Mayor O'Leary's Office with the reworked HOPE proposal for funding.
- Ms. Macrina reported that a "headhunter" was not needed to obtain a full-time veterinarian for HOPE as Dr. Shaleen would like to be trained and work at the Clinic.
- Ms. Macrina will forward POA financials to Board members.
- Ms. Macrina reported that HOPE and POA may partner to purchase a table at the 2012 Naugatuck River Duck Day & Race on 6/3/12. Raffle duck tickets are available for purchase at \$5 each. HOPE Clinic will receive half of the profits from sales of tickets sold by POA and the Clinic.
- After discussion, the decision was made to discontinue using the P.O. Box 24, South Glastonbury, address from POA's literature, letterhead, web site, etc. Going forward, only the 144 Main Street, Unit O, address will be used.
- Effective immediately, POA Board meetings will be held in Unit N instead of the shelter.
- Members discussed the three Board candidates, and by unanimous decision, all three will be asked to join the POA Board effective at the May 15, 2012 meeting. Ms. Doan will contact Mark Pandolfo for the Treasurer's position; Sara Taylor for the Secretary's position; and, Debbie Nichols for the Member at Large-Event Coordinator position.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Ms. Macrina at 10:00 p.m. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in Unit N.

Submitted by: Stacey Doan, Secretary