



Protectors of Animals, Inc.
Board Meeting – January 20, 2015
144 Main Street, Unit E
East Hartford, CT

Board Members Present: Stacey Doan, Ron Plante, Mukesh Sharma, Deborah Nichols, Jody Macrina, JoAnn Azzara, Sara Taylor, Roopa Rajaramadoss

Board Members Absent: Jim Byrne, Jordan Price, Zachary Stewart

Staff Member present: John Thomas, Executive Director

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the December 16, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Executive Director's Report
- Grant Coordinator's Report

J. Macrina made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda; S. Doan seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

3. New Business:

- R. Plante volunteered to coordinate the 50/50 raffle at the March 28, 2015 fundraiser to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell.
- J. Thomas and S. Doan met with Andrews & Associates on January 19, 2015 and discussed a mailing that will go out to donors around February 1st that will include 2014 annual giving totals and a "soft ask" for additional donations.
- J. Thomas stated that the office manager at VCA-East Hartford was asking about what rates POA is paying other veterinary clinics, perhaps as an overture to entice POA to move more business to VCA-East Hartford.
- M. Sharma asked if we could put the operations/infrastructure topic from the Strategic Plan on the agenda for discussion at the February 2015 Board meeting.
- R. Plante stated that the Development Committee met during the week of January 12 and three additional people are joining the committee.

- S. Doan suggested that the Development Committee consider hosting a large donor appreciation event. A “large donor” could be someone who has given \$250 or more, or \$500 or more.
- M. Sharma asked about reporting by committees, and S. Taylor stated that committee chairs should be providing reports for each Board meeting.

4. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.
- The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at 144 Main Street, Unit E, East Hartford, CT

Submitted by: Sara Taylor, Secretary