



Report for Board Meeting 08-13-14

- 1) Meeting started at 7:15pm
- 2) Public Comments: None
- 3) Reading of the Minutes from the Preceding Meeting
Kris made a motion to accept the minutes, Sarah seconded the motion
- 4) Reports of Officers
 - Acting Director: Laurie Hoffmann
Susan Schilling and Becky Burg turned over the Doggone Safe dog bite prevention kit and game, the monthly bank statement, and resignation letters from themselves and the other two former board members on July 30th.
 - Acting Treasurer: Kris Kerr
WABC, Inc. has a \$1778.98 check at the bank.

\$600 of that amount was pledged to the canine services organization that will be started by the former board members

Outstanding Bills
\$60 Senior Center

\$492 for insurance (can pay \$322, then balance in 60 days to cover 1 year. Kris will contact the insurance broker to verify the exact terms.

\$900.00 for reimbursement of expenses to Laurie Hoffmann

\$15 to reimburse Sarah since the former board members didn't deliver the shirt she ordered, and the former treasurer did not pay her back.
- 5) New Business:
 - a. Election of Officers
Kris nominated Laurie Hoffmann for Director. Sarah Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Sarah nominated Kris for Treasurer. Laurie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Second vote on Revision B Bylaws (because the bylaws were adopted in November 2013, but the former Secretary did not document the vote)
Kris made a motion to adopt the Bylaws. Sarah seconded the vote, which passed unanimously.



- c. Establishing a process/policy for:
 - a) Adding and removing board members from the account policy
 - b) Making withdrawals from the account with respect to bill paying, buying supplies, etc.

The board drafted the following policy:

“It takes two board members to make changes to the account.

We need two signatures on each check.

The two names given access to the account will be decided by a Vote of 60% of the board.”

Laurie made a motion to adopt. Kris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Report for Associates Meeting 08-13-14

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:41p.m

Public Comments: Steve noted that he was at the meeting to tell us about a Fall (dog) Weight-Pull completion and dog-related event he is organizing. The event is planned to be held at Riverside Park. Watertown Humane Society has expressed an interest in having a table at the event, as well as Rock River Vet, and two dog treat crafters.. Kathy Wolff had expressed an interest in doing a “Be a Tree” dog bite prevention presentation. Steve has also invited the Buckskinners Encampment from West Allis. The tentative times/dates are Sat 8-6, Sun 10-4 on Oct 18, and 19th

Steve is a dog owner who has four Siberian Huskies. He has been doing weight-pull competitions with his dogs, and he and his dogs were recently featured in the Friends and Family publication from the Watertown Daily Times.

- 2) Reading of the Minutes from the preceding meeting –The former secretary did not submit any minutes of the last meeting.

- 3) Reports of Officers

- a. Director –We met with the officer who investigated allegations of neglect of a Watertown dog this week. We had originally contacted the Watertown Police department when someone posted allegations of neglect, listing the address of the owner, to our Facebook page. The police found that the dog is currently under the care of a veterinarian. They also followed up on the dates of the dog’s prescriptions, and found that all the information that the owner gave them

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checks out. They also relayed to us that the dog's condition is caused by a medical condition, and that they are doing everything they can for the dog, according to the veterinarian. We told the officer that our organization would consider covering the costs of taking the dog to another vet for a second opinion if he wanted to do that.

- b. Treasurer –Kris noted that we will be reimbursing Sarah for the tee shirt she ordered.

The following discussion resulted: Gail submitted price estimates on tee shirts from a local vendor, and there was a discussion of getting more tee shirts. Steve offered to get pricing on shirts for us as well. Everyone expressed concern over the poor quality of the shirts we had gotten the last time from different vendor, and asked Gail and Steve to make sure that the shirts were Gilden 2000 shirts. (All the quotes we had originally gotten were for Gilden 2000, but when the shirts were delivered they were Gilden Ultra Cotton.) The Associates agreed that the color of the shirts should be blue, so that the screen printing would only need to be 2-color. We also asked Gail and Steve to bring samples of the shirts in the different shades of blue so we could see what we were getting before we buy the shirts this time. Sarah suggested that we change the logo. Laurie stated that our mission has not changed, so there was no need to change the logo. Greg expressed concern over the amount of work it would take to design a different logo.

4) Reports of the Committees

- c. Training –Next class Aug. 27th. The class will finish a couple weeks before Thanksgiving. The next class will be after 1st of the next year. The class size is limited to 8 dogs. Amy is the class assistant
- d. Dog Park -
Steve had seen a sign that said “dog trail” behind Kwik Trip by the High School, and asked if anyone knew where that trail was. No one has heard of another dog-walking trail outside of Brandt Quirk and Boomer Parks.

Brandt/Quirk Park off-leash dog park site progress:

The City of Watertown is apparently the only one interested in the purchase of the property.

It is to be appraised, etc. so we are one step closer to acquiring the property.

Discussion of suitable sites for dog carting activities:

The Boomer Street Dog Park is open. Laurie noted that, while the Boomer dog park is small, it's an ideal size for holding dog-related demonstrations and presentations with dogs.



Gail suggested that we have someone from a Beaver Dam dog carting group come in to give a public presentation. (Gail is going to follow up on details)

Jim Perry, who is involved in lure coursing and Flyball was suggested as a presenter.

5) Old Business

e. Boomer Street Off-Leash dog park equipment project (This has been on hold until the opening of an off-leash dog park in Watertown.)

Large and small wooden spools (5 foot and 3 foot) will be donated by Oconomowoc Utilities.

Everyone decided that the spools should be taken straight to the Boomer dog park, and we could have a community event to paint and set up the spools there. Greg will coordinate moving the spools, and we will discuss an event at the next meeting.

f. Planning for creating a small notice of our WABC group stating purpose & contact info for further info to be given to Chamber of Commerce and small "notices" given to Humane Society to include in a packet of info given to those who adopt pets. Also to post on bulletin boards at veterinarian clinics and at the library.

On hold for Arline (who was not able to attend the meeting)

g. Planning a presentation for "Family Learning Days", held on a weekend during the winter, at Dodgeland Schools (Juneau) where we could present programs such as Be A Tree.

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6) New Business

h. Planning events discussed. No final plans were made:

i. Ideas:

1. Asking the Watertown PD Humane Officer to give a presentation on how to report animal neglect/abuse

The group discussed alternatives to calling the police to compliment the presentation, and how the public knowing what to expect when they call in to report may reduce the fear of calling,

2. Asking Kathy Pobloski from Lost Dogs of Wisconsin to give a presentation

ii. The group discussed scheduling events for just before the Associates meetings. (Board meetings will not need to be held every month)

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Kris noted that it wouldn't always be practical to do so.

- i. The date for the monthly meetings are the 2nd Wed. of every month. The next meeting will be on September 10th.