

Green County Humane Society  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Roll Call: Shawn Grass (President), Traci Thompson (Vice-President), Sharon Blohowiak (Secretary), Marsha Stanek, Marci Hensel

Absent: Mila Stahl, Mike Jerge

Public: Anita Disch (shelter manager)

Location: Traci Thompson's home, Monroe, WI 53566

\*\*\*Before the official start of the meeting, we toured the intake area and trailer at the shelter to observe housing conditions and number of animals.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

A. Correction of Minutes

- a. Minutes from 10-10-05 were approved as written.

B. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer's report not completed.
- b. We are still in need of a new treasurer.

C. Business to be Decided

a. Meeting with Monroe Times

- i. On Sunday, 11-13-05, Shawn and Marci meet with Brian Gray of the Monroe Times.
- ii. The paper is writing an article in response to the concerns that community people are having regarding the shelter.
- iii. They want to present opinions about what is wrong at the shelter.
- iv. There have been accusations that dogs have been sick for a week. But in our policies and procedures, any sick animals or abnormalities should be recorded in the logbook.
- v. Another accusation is that a kitten every day last week. We did have 2 kittens die. One kitten had a heart problem and the other had an abscess between the ribs. These conditions could not have been treated easily.
- vi. Another accusation is that we routinely take puppies away from their mothers too quickly.
- vii. We did respond to letters from Deb. She talked to Marsha about her concerns. Sheri did not respond to our response.
- viii. What or if is the Monroe Times going to write? Lies or stretch of the truth?

b. Changes to adoption protocol

- i. Should we have same day adoptions at PetSmart? Another shelter, County Animal Haven does it at PetSmart.
- ii. We should write up a protocol for PetSmart.

- iii. Should we change the conditions of adoption? It would not be a good idea now considering how many animals we have.
  - iv. Anita has the ability to do same day adoptions but she usually calls a board member to approve the adoption.
  - v. We look at this policy next year.
- c. Staff update
- i. We are looking for someone to fill a position working in the trailer. The previously hired employee did not show up.
  - ii. We need a new employee for dog walking and kennel control. We have an open position for a dog walker at night.
  - iii. We did not have any responses to the ad in the paper for a dog walker.
- d. GC mailing update
- i. This mailing went well. We raised over \$10,000 gross profits.
  - ii. It cost about \$5000 to mail, so we netted about \$5000.
  - iii. We gained over 110 new members.
- e. Christmas fundraising letter
- i. This mailing will go to the members. We are not sure of the response due to the timing of county mailing.
  - ii. Our nest egg is almost gone.
  - iii. We have \$18,000 in the bank as restricted money.
  - iv. We are currently at a net loss of \$9000. We need to do more fundraising in 2006.
- f. Adoption
- i. Continue Fee-less Feline adoption
    - 1. Should we continue it? Most adopters are giving donations in lieu of the adoption fee. Most are donating the amount of the adoption fee.
    - 2. We are making a dent in animal numbers but not sure of total numbers.
    - 3. Small kittens are not adoptable. They need to be more than 8 weeks old to adopt.
    - 4. If kittens are adopted, adopter must sign form stating that they will have the animal altered when they reach the appropriate weight.
    - 5. We currently have 50 cats that are underage and not adoptable.
  - ii. Adopt to homes with unaltered animals
    - 1. We currently do not adopt to these homes.
    - 2. Discussion tabled.
- g. Building update
- i. Tabled until next meeting.
  - ii. We must focus on this during the next meeting.
  - iii. The building committee must meet soon.
  - iv. The Monroe Times found out about the rescinding the of the \$100,000 donation.

- h. Appoint Mila Stahl to the board
  - i. Tabled. Mila could not attend this meeting.
  
- i. Start going over goals for 2006
  - i. Tabled
  
- j. Look at budget for 2006
  - i. Tabled

D. Business presented by the directors

E. Adjournment at 8:45 pm.