

**GREEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY MARCH 10TH, 2010
6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Paul Barrett, President. Members present were Sue Curran, Sherri Fiduccia, Mary Jane Grenzow, Tracey Pederson, Heidi Treuthardt, Paul Barrett, Yvonne Schutte, Mick McClain and Barb Gerber. Board members not present were Tina Gilbert and Chris Soukup. Others present were Rhonda Schwarze and Kevin Indergand.

Secretary's Report – Two corrections were made and report was put on file.

Treasurer's Report – Tracey Pederson explained the format changes of the reports. There were no questions. Report was put on file.

Executive Director's Report – Deb Broge reported on the current animal numbers at the shelter. As of 2/29/10 there are 176 animals on site and 21 in foster care. She also reported on incidents, community awareness and updated the board on the insurance audit report. In the health and welfare report she stated that a vet tech is now on staff which results in quicker response time for dealing with health issues. She reported that she is updating all applications and the Pet Point program. She would like to attend a training conference April 22-23. The registration fee is \$75. Sue Curran made a motion to spend \$75 with additional lodging, meals and fuel costs included so Deb could attend the conference. The motion was seconded by Sherri Fiduccia. The motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business

Kevin Indergand from the Green County Leaders gave an update on Pawlapalooza. Posters are going up and tickets are available at the Chamber office. He also said that raffle tickets are being sold. He presented a wine bottle cooler design that will be given to each person that attends. He asked for (at the most) \$500 so the coolers could be ordered. Tracey Pederson made a motion to give up to \$500 for the cooler order. Sue Curran seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

Mary Jane Grenzow read the Spay/Neuter Clinic update that Peggy Miller wrote. The next clinic will be on May 28th and will be held at Monroe Auto Sales. Yvonne Schutte asked if local vets will be considered for future clinics. It was stated that working with Dane County seems to be going very well and that it will continue for now.

Tracey Pederson passed out the board goals for 2010. She asked the board members to read it and email her with questions and suggestions.

Deb Broge reported on what committee charges she has received and which ones still need to be turned in.

New Business

Mary Jane Grenzow spoke on the Board Policy for usage of the membership list. She stressed that all information be used only for board business.

Heidi Treuthardt read the following statement to the board:

Yvonne Schutte, a member of the board of directors of the Green County Humane Society, has actively put forth false and misleading information regarding the GCHS board, its mission and intentions. Specifically, she has stated to an adopter that there is a list of “endangered” animals at the shelter and that certain animals, specifically pit bulls, are “not safe” at the shelter. These statements were intended to convince members of the public the GCHS board is moving away from its no-kill philosophy. We as members of the board of directors want the public to know that such information is totally false.

Based on numerous reports from community members, Ms. Schutte has engaged in a pattern of purposefully misrepresenting the GCHS board’s actions and intentions. By doing so, Ms. Schutte has broken the code of conduct contract that all board members signed and agreed to abide by and to uphold. As she is not acting in the best interest of the organization, I move that the GCHS board condemn such activity and admonish Ms. Schutte for her actions.

Motion was seconded by Sherri Fiduccia. Vote was taken by a show of hands. The vote stands as 5 for, 2 against and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Euthanasia – Yvonne Schutte reported that three cats were referred to the committee for approval for exceeding the medical limits. Approval was granted. It was discussed how and what information is passed from the Director to the chair of the committee.

Fundraising– Tracey Pederson stated that she is meeting soon with Deb Broge to go over available grants.

Medical Advisory – Heidi Treuthardt reported that the committee cleaned and organized the surgery room in the trailer. Medication was inventoried and placed in locked cabinets. A meeting was held following. Topics discussed were microchip fees, new assessment sheets for cages, heartworm recommendations and intake forms. Dr Hagen is planning on writing a short article on pet care for the newsletter.

Special Events – Sherri Fiduccia reported that everything is set to go for the St. Pat’s Day parade.

Paul Barrett reported that the Annual meeting will be May 6th at the Peppercorn Mansion and room rental will cost around \$150. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and voting will begin at 6:00 pm. Sherri Fiduccia made a motion to spend up to \$150 on rental of the room. Motion was seconded by Tracey Pederson. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

Public Relations – Mary Jane Grenzow reported that the newsletter is almost ready to be printed. She said that it goes out to nearly 2000 people. Barb Gerber mentioned that the Dec newsletter needs to go on the website.

Volunteers – Rhonda Schwarze reported on an event at Ace Hardware. She is also heading up the concerts on the square for this summer. She also said that she would like to take a dog to Dog Fest on June 13th.

Policy and Procedures – Mick is calling a meeting soon. He reported that Deb Broge has been working on updating some of the policies already.

Building and Grounds – Paul Barrett reported that the city delivered gravel and wood chips for use around the shelter.

Nominating – Tracey Pederson stated that there are four board positions open for the election at the Annual Meeting in May. She reported that the committee has nominated the following individuals for those openings: Lester Grossen, Emily Seivers, Nora Sanders and Dean Councilman. Any other individuals wishing to be on the ballot will need to turn in to the secretary 20 witnessed signatures of current members by March 21st.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm for closed session.

These minutes were written and submitted by Heidi Treuthardt, Secretary.

