

**March 22, 2016**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**6:30 to 8:00**  
**Centre County PAWS, Inc.**  
**Adoption and Education Center**

**Board Members/Staff Roll Call**

Lisa Bahr, Yvonne Riley, Chris Kunes, Dave Abler, Brian Eppley, Chris Faust, Cathy Barefoot, Joan Ritchie, Kristin Dunmire, Bob Conn, Kristine Clark, and Laurie Knisely

**PAWS Members**

Jackie Wolfe, Carolyn Lambert

**Member Question and Comment Period**

Jackie Wolfe offered a special thanks to Yvonne for a workshop for the volunteers for self-healing for animals.

**Action Item - Approval of February 23, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes – Cathy Barefoot**

- Discussed the February 23, 2016 minutes – Bob [made the motion](#) to approve the February 2016 minutes and Kris [seconded the motion](#). All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

**Reports of Other Officers**

**Report of the President – Dave Abler**

- Dave – Introduced Carolyn Lambert to the Board. She is considering the Recording Secretary position.

**Vice President’s Report – Yvonne Riley**

- Yvonne – No report at this time.

**Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Knisely**

- Laurie – Report emailed by Brian.

**Recording Secretary – Cathy Barefoot**

Cathy – No report at this time.

**Staff and Committee Reports**

**Director of Finance – Brian Eppley**

- Brian – Emailed his report. The \$30,000 match came in in February and is noted on the income statement at the bottom. We had a pretty good month – we only had a small loss. We had a large donation for the spay/neuter fund which was \$20,000. Through February, we are at about 16% of the annual budget on expenses. Most of the Comedy Club money is in there. It may go up a little. \$1,400 is outstanding and will come in. Expense paid – the miscellaneous expense in the report was for a washing machine. SNAP caught up with us this month because January was a low month. The volunteer expense was for the T shirts. Maintenance line – we purchased a “through the wall” unit for the dog wing which was the capital expenditure and we had some snow removal and repairs of washers and dryers. Our medical fund looks pretty good. It seems like we are on track with most line items. We used our painting budget. Chris mentioned that we had a donor that passed away and left us \$16,000 in their estate. It came in March. We will receive 2 other estate gift, but we don’t know how much they will be.

**Director of Operations – Lisa Bahr**

- Lisa – Emailed the report. We had a SNAP meeting this week and talked about targeting our efforts because our expenses keep going up. It was decided to change the vouchers which should lessen expenses – people that do not live in Huntingdon or Centre Counties will not be offered vouchers. Also we have a plan in place if we exceed the voucher expense line in the budget – if that happens, we can cut off dog vouchers. Then reopen the dog vouchers in January of the following year.
- Maintenance – Lisa mentioned that the little dog room drainage is very smelly and we should look into repairing this. We might need to put in a larger pipe. There is an overwhelming odor coming from the floor. Chris K. and Bill will look into this and there might be a couple of options to solve this.

**Director of Development and Marketing – Chris Faust**

- Chris – Emailed the report. She added two items to her emailed report. We received a planned giving contact and when this donor passes, we will be receiving a \$5,000 gift. This donor does guardian angel gifts for the cats and wants to continue that. For the Stocker “Share the Love” event, we will receive \$13,040.00 for this fundraiser and we are having the check presentation this Thursday. It was a little less than last year but we don’t have to do much to receive this. We take dogs over to Stocker Subaru and do an adoption event onsite. Social media – a girl, Catherine Spicer, established a “Go Fund Me” account on social media. She would like to raise \$10,000 for PAWS. They have sent notices of this this to media all over Centre County. She is asking everyone to make donations instead of giving her birthday gifts. Centre Gives is coming up May 3 and 4 and we talked about maximizing her gift through the Go Fund Me account and Centre Gives. She can match her money with this. Channel 6 is coming in to do an interview with Catherine and her mom here at PAWS.
- We got so much press with our reading to cats. There was a dog hit by a car that is at Metzger’s. They shared it on their page and no one claimed the dog, so they had a Go Fund Me account through Pet Recovery of Centre County and received \$4,700 for this

dog to help with his surgeries and medical treatment. PAWS will get the dog. We will try to find the owner and if no owner comes forward, the foster will adopt him through PAWS. So many people in our community donated to help this dog.

- Bingo is Friday, April 8 and ticket sales are going well. We did set the date for the Fur Ball which will be October 29<sup>th</sup>. We still have it planned for Centre Hills. If we get higher numbers attending, we will move. It's not booked yet. We do have a lot of good ideas too for this year's Fur Ball.

**Nominating Committee – Joan Ritchie**

- Joan – Joan mentioned that we need to decide tonight if we are going to add new Board members to our Board. We will talk about this in Executive Session. Chris Kunes mentioned that he will run again. Our petitions need to be in by April 10. In discussing the number of Board members, we are not talking about expanding the Board because we have not reached the maximum number of Board members set in the Bylaws (13).

**Personnel Committee – Kristin Dunmire**

- Kristin – No report at this time. Will save this for executive session.

**Strategic Planning Committee – Linda Friend and Jim Hermann**

- Linda and Jim – No report at this time. Lisa said they would be ready to present a draft at the April meeting. They are finalizing everything right now. Jim is out of town this week.

**Executive Session**

Chris Kunes [made motion](#) to adjourn the meeting, [Laurie seconded the motion](#) – all in favor – none opposed – meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned 7:10 PM.

Remaining 2016 meeting dates – March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, & November 22.