

October 28, 2014
Board Meeting Minutes
6:30 to 8:00
Centre County PAWS, Inc.
Adoption and Education Center

Board Members/Staff Roll Call

Yvonne Riley, Chris Kunes, Dave Abler, Bill First, Marilyn Eastridge, Brian Eppley, Chris Faust, Cathy Barefoot, Joan Ritchie, and Laurie Knisely

PAWS Members

Jackie Wolfe

Member Question and Comment Period

Nothing at this time.

Action Item - Approval of September 23, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes – Cathy Barefoot

- Discussed the September 23, 2014 meeting minutes – Chris K. made [the motion](#) to approve the September minutes and Bill [seconded the motion](#). All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

Reports of Other Officers

Report of the President – Dave Abler

- Dave – Nothing to report at this time.

Vice President’s Report – Yvonne Riley

- Yvonne – Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Knisely

- Laurie – Report emailed by Brian.

Recording Secretary – Cathy Barefoot

- Cathy – Discussed the meeting dates for next year and decided to keep the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the PAWS basement.

Staff and Committee Reports

Assistant Treasurer – Brian Eppley

- Brian – Emailed the report and passed out copies. For the expenses for the year, we are looking for 75% at the end of September and the expenses are at 75.94% which on target. The Fur Ball isn’t included in this report but the back page has the profit/expense report for the event. The Fur Ball was very successful this year. The \$30,000 spay-neuter matching gift from Stone Valley Pet Lodge will be in next month’s report. Adoptions have slowed down. Discussed the cat side Guardian Angel (GA) income. GA income will go toward the month of November’s adoptions and we will not charge a fee for cat adoptions. Payroll is in line. Medical is high but so are adoptions for the year. Everything is pretty much falling in line. SNAP is high but should be on target toward the end of the year. Summary pages – we show a loss of about \$15,000 but some of our money is coming in October. We are looking at almost \$70,000 in projected income in December. Discussion about spay-neuter funds. We have carry-over money in a restricted account that will help next year for spay-neuter. A thank you went out to Chris F. for the success of the Fur Ball – we did very well this year. Sponsorships were up and donations were up.

Director of Operations – Lisa Bahr

- Lisa – Emailed the report. She is out of town. Question and discussion about the Cat Team and the remaining guardian angel fund. Laurie approved up to \$2,000 for this. Huntingdon Co. vouchers have been slow this year and we were talking about expanding into other counties. We can bring something more concrete to the November meeting to discuss vouchers for other counties. Question about reaching out to other counties - maybe we should use our resources in Centre County. We do have a limit on Centre County vouchers per person for owned animals. Discussions will be at our next meeting. Maybe we can increase the value of the voucher? Also a question about puppies from the south – are we covering Centre County? Discussion. There are not enough puppies available in Centre County. Puppies are a big draw to bring people in. Discussion. One of the cat adoption policies has changed for non-citizens and non-permanent residents of the United States. We checked into some of the other shelters to see what their policies were concerning this issue. Most of them ask for a US ID card or a green card. If they are not considered a US citizen or permanent resident, as an alternative we are offering fostering a cat and pet partners. We have questions for Cristin about asking for and coping the green card or government issued ID. This includes students. We have decided not to let non-citizens adopt unless they can prove they are a permanent resident of the US. We want to treat everyone equal and make it easier for the ACs. Discussion about overseas travel to their home when they leave the US. We changed the wording of the policy and are asking for government issued ID. We have had a problem in the past. We had an applicant feel we weren’t treating her fairly. We wanted to make our policy similar to best practices at other shelters.

Director of Development and Marketing – Chris Faust

- Chris – Emailed the report. For the Fur Ball event, our 7 night African Safari package went but our 5 night package did not. We made approximately \$300.00 on the 7 night package after costs. Fred Metzger also asked for donations at the end of the evening for people that didn't get an auction item or just wanted to donate. We raised additional donations. We received positive feedback about the event and it seemed more upbeat this year. Discussion about changing the date for this event in the future. We had 3 people that volunteered to be on the Fur Ball Committee next year.
- Spay/Neuter match campaign - we got a gift today and we are currently at \$25,500.00 for our s/n match campaign – our goal is \$30,000.00. We are going to push it this week and should have it wrapped up soon. We have Bingo Nov. 21 and Share the Love event from Stocker is November 20 through January 4. We will be receiving \$250.00 from every vehicle sold or leased. Festival of the Trees event is December 12 – 14 and the photos with/without Santa event is December 4. Centre Foundation – Chris F. applied for a Field of Interest fund grant. Centre Foundation makes the final decision. We received the Kathryn S. Weaver Award from the Centre Foundation at a recent event. Chris F. and Laurie went to the event to receive the award for PAWS and it was a great networking opportunity. Our Planned Giving brochure is at the printer. Chris has a Statement of Intent for everyone who has PAWS in their estate plan. Please let Chris know if you have PAWS in your estate. Discussion.

Nominating Committee – Joan Ritchie

- Joan – Nothing at this time.

Personnel Committee – Cristin Long

- Cristin – Not at this meeting.

[Chris K. made motion](#) to adjourn the meeting, [Yvonne seconded the motion](#) – all in favor – none opposed – meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned 7:07 PM.

Executive Session

The remaining 2014 Board meeting dates are November 25 and a special Board meeting Thursday, **December 18**, at 6:30 pm in the PAWS basement to discuss and vote on next year's budget.

2015 meeting dates - January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, and November 24