

Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2008
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Community Room at 3210 Orleans St.

Board Members:

Attending:

Cathie Cooke, Secretary
Jesse Larsen, President
Kathy Charles
LeeAnn Kelly
Naomi Pollack
Pat Atkinson, Treasurer

Guests:

Jen Dubois
Maia Kelly

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 26, 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Motion #1: Accept minutes from January 26th as written

So moved: Pat Atkinson
Second: Cathie Cooke

in favor: 6
against: 0

FINANCIAL REPORT

FUNDRAISING LETTER CAMPAIGN

Pat Atkinson reported that the fundraising letter campaign was already yielding results -- \$166 in donations from letters submitted by Vikki Larson and \$2,000 from Kay Ranson. Those Board member who have not yet sent out fundraising requests can pick up letter and envelopes at Ruff Day Doggie Day Care.

MISSION STATEMENT

PROPOSED CHANGE

Jesse Larsen proposed a change in wording (in Italics) to the mission statement that would better define our practice of a no-kill philosophy:

The Alternative Humane Society (AHS) practices a no kill philosophy. *Our goal is to help Whatcom County become a community where no healthy animals are euthanized.* AHS is an all-volunteer, non-profit animal welfare organization dedicated to improving the lives of dogs

and cats and helping pets stay in loving homes. We work to prevent unwanted dog and cat births through spay/neuter assistance, to cultivate respect and awareness for the needs of animals through education, and to advocate for the humane treatment of cats and dogs in all areas of life.

Motion #2: Accept proposed change to AHS mission statement.

So moved: Cathie Cooke

Second: Pat Atkinson

in favor: 6

against: 0

BOARD RECRUITMENT

Motion #3: Elect Jen Dubois as Board member representing the Volunteers Team.

So moved: LeeAnn Kelly

Second: Naomi Pollack

in favor: 6

against: 0

The Board received applications from two Dog Team members, Bekki Dodd and Vikki Larson. Both are team leaders and strong candidates who have made substantial contributions to the Dog Team.

Motion #4: Accept and elect Bekki Dodd as Board member representing the Dog Team.

So moved: Naomi Pollack

Second: Pat Atkinson

in favor: 6

against: 0

Jesse Larsen will draft a letter to the dog team leaders and email it to Board members for their feedback.

Review of the list of potential board candidates compiled at the November meeting will be postponed until the new board members are able to attend in March.

GRANT TEAM REPORT

Cathie Cooke presented an overview of the Grant Team's progress in

submitting applications for grant funding.

WEB SITE

The AHS Web Site will add a spot for the WHS featured cat and make WHS links more prominent on its cats page. The recent letter congratulating WHS's on its acquisition of the County Animal Control contract will be posted as well.

CAT EDUCATION DAY

The date for Cat Education Day will be April 26th. The location is to be determined. The planning team will research possible sponsors and presenters for this event. Jesse and Cathie will give the Cat Ed Day planning team the number of people in the AHS Data Base tagged as cat-related.

NEW BUSINESS

The Kid's Dog Show is scheduled to take place on March 8th at Bloedell Donovan Gym. AHS volunteers will be able to attend and bring adoptable dogs. We will have a voucher table and be the recipient of dog food donations.

NEXT AHS BOARD MEETING

March 4th at 6:30 p.m. Kathy Charles will reserve a space at the Hospital Education Center. The room calendar will show us as Lummi Health Education.