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DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES

October 15, 2024

Present: Marilyn Vailette, Melodie O'Connor, Bernice McKay, John Dendas and Eric Maass

Absent: Laurie VanWilgen, Gretchen Dale

Guest: Ellie Bloomquist

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM

Minutes from August and September- were reviewed, Melodie O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes, Bernice McKay seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Monthly Reports – were reviewed, John Dendas made a motion to approve, Eric Maass seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Updates from Last Month's Meeting:

Endowment Fund: money has arrived \$15,000. It will be called the DCAS medical and wellness fund . A letter is being drafted to past donors who have donated \$5000 and up with attachment form and instructions on how to donate.

Event ticketing: Eventbrite is up and running successfully.

Shelter happenings: monthly volunteer orientation is filled for September and October.

Fundraisers : Upcoming Home event costs \$35.00. Sullivans want to do another fundraiser date to be determined. Agway Adoption

Event is October 19th. There is a possibility of being part of the " Diamond for Dogs" act Water St. Jewelers. This needs further clarification

Other Marilyn has talked to Laura about the commission getting a monthly report regarding donations . Laura will provide donation amounts for each month starting in November.

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernice McKay seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM

Respectively submitted

Bernice McKay

Event Brite- Jim Finch and Catherine are reviewing this and need time to approve for PayPal or credit card.

Music in shelter- this is now working. Ellie is the administrator for the shelter, but Mike is still the account administrator for the town.

Cleaning-the cleaning team is doing much better according to Wendy and the staff.

Lawn and yard- Laura reported this is doing much better.

Sunday Dogs Days of Summer- Still working on ticket sales which have been slow so far. Laura has put it on Chamber site and is going to go on TV with it to try to promote ticket sales. Tom Cherry has donated the money for the advertising. We will have one large raffle basket. There will be 3 bands and 5 food trucks.

Hiring- Elli is back, have hired 3 new people in 6 months including 2 regular animal care attendants and 2 fill in animal attendant.

Upcoming Events-Bingo night will be August 26 at Tommy Sullivan's

Melodie O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Dendas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted.

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission