

February 27 , 2018
Board Meeting Minutes
6:30 to 8:00 PM
Centre County PAWS, Inc.
Adoption and Education Center

Board Members/Staff Roll Call

Dave Abler, Lisa Bahr, Kris Clark, Bob Conn, Brian Eppley, Chris Faust, Ginny Ishler, Laurie Knisely, Chris Kunes, Ginny Newman, Yvonne Riley, Joan Ritchie, Monica Wright and Carolyn Lambert

PAWS Members

Jackie Wolfe and Ryan Macaluso were present.

Member Question and Comment Period

There were no questions or comments.

Action Item - Approval of January 23, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes – Carolyn Lambert

Laurie Knisely requested a modification to the January 23·2018 Board Meeting minutes which was completed. Bob C. made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended. Kris K. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer Reports

President – Dave Abler

- Dave - No report at this time.

Vice President– Yvonne Riley

- Yvonne – No report at this time.

Treasurer – Laurie Knisely

- Laurie – No report at this time.

Recording Secretary – Carolyn Lambert

- Carolyn – No report at this time.

Staff and Committee Reports

Director of Finance – Brian Eppley

- Brian – Emailed the report. Brian noted that the Planned Giving line included the recent donation. Per the Finance Committee’s policy, the base amount will be maintained in the Planned Giving line with the remainder noted at the bottom of the report in Capital Reserves. Income and expenses should be at 8.3% and expenses are on budget. Brian also noted that cat adoption revenue was higher than in January 2017. Dog Medical expenses were higher for January than usual. The investment amounts are shown in the Profit and Loss Statement. Laurie K. noted that the Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss specific investments.

Director of Operations – Lisa Bahr

- Lisa – Emailed the report. Lisa noted that PAWS accepted ten cats from another area shelter as PAWS had cages available. Next, she noted that the pilot program for dog showing had been well-received by visitors and would be continued. This change was made due to the number of incidents when dogs became excited during open hours and misbehaved for volunteers. Some “playable” dogs will be placed in Meet and Greet rooms for people who just want to visit with a dog. If visitors want to see the kennels, they will be escorted through the areas. She mentioned that the Spay/Neuter program would be discussed in the Strategic Plan agenda item. The next item was the ASM changeover. She commended Bob C., Yvonne R., Tess C. and Dave A. for their many hours of programming, creating reports, and data entry. Last, she reported on her attendance at a conference in DC.

Director of Development and Marketing – Chris Faust

- Chris – Emailed the report. Chris reported that 23 baskets were delivered to area veterinarians and businesses who support PAWS. Five THON families toured PAWS on Saturday, February 17. Children named eight cats coming to PAWS and the parents were very appreciative of the tour and kindness shown by PAWS volunteers. The Comedy Club event date conflicted with another local charity event and it was a holiday weekend. The Special Event Committee will be reviewing the event. The next scheduled Special Event is Bingo on April 6th. Scheduled small events include the Miranda Lambert concert donations, Home D PAWS nght out on Tuesday, April 17th, and the Cornhole Classic on April 28th. The PAWS Prints newsletter is in the design phase and the Medical mailer will be mailed this month. The Publicity Committee is working on a new logo for PAWS.

Nominating Committee – Joan Ritchie

- Joan –Joan noted that one new candidate has been interviewed and will be placed on the ballot for the vacant Board position. Discussion followed on the number of Board members allowed and the desired profile for new Board members.

Personnel Committee – Kris Clark

- Kris – No report at this time.

Unfinished Business

Progress on Current Strategic Plan (2016-2019). Dave A. stated that Lisa, Chris, Brian and he had met to discuss the progress on the Current Strategic Plan. They selected three items to discuss. These were:

- Goal 1. PAWS will enhance programs directed at reducing companion animal overpopulation through spay/neuter programs, education, and collaborations,
- Goal 3. Educate the public in Centre County about government legislation affecting companion animal welfare, and
- Goal 4. Explore ways to increase membership in our non-profit.

Discussion on the spay/neuter program focused on the possibility of using the PAWS surgical unit to increase the number of animals being spay/neutered. Lisa will pursue this idea with an area spay/neuter clinic and selected shelters and report back to the Board next month. The expansion of the voucher program to neighboring counties was discussed and will be revisited next month. Dave A. stated that the second two goals would be discussed next month. Ideas for the Strategic Plan for 2019-2021 will also be discussed at the March meeting.

Chris K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ginny N. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM, followed by an executive session.

Next 2018 meeting date – **March 27, 2018**