

**June 27, 2017**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**6:30 to 8:00 PM**  
**Centre County PAWS, Inc.**  
**Adoption and Education Center**

**Board Members/Staff Roll Call**

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

**PAWS Members**

Ellen Hermann, Jim Hermann, Virginia Ishler and Ginny Newman were present.

**Member Question and Comment Period**

There were no questions or comments.

**Action Item - Approval of May 23, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes – Carolyn Lambert**

Yvonne R. requested a clarification of the Board of Elections item in the May 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes.

Chris K. made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2017 meeting. Yvonne R. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Officer Reports**

**President – Dave Abler**

- Dave was not present. No report was submitted.

**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 presented the financial summary for May 2017. He stated that the budget should be at 41.66% for the year. Income is lower than expenses by \$36,825, however, the Centre Gives check (\$61,055.68) and estate gifts of over \$115,000 were received in June. Expenses are normal.
  - **Comments and Questions.** Chris F. commented that she checked the May 2016 Income and found a retirement estate donation of \$24,000 and a Centre Foundation award of \$5,000. These amounts account for most of the difference between Income and Expenses for May 2017. Joan R. asked Brian for an explanation of the capital expenditures in May. Brian noted that the capital expenditure of \$7000 was for the pavilion in the dog play yard.

**Director of Operations – Lisa Bahr**

- Lisa – Emailed the report. Lisa stated that she had created a new report in Volgistics to calculate the number of volunteers hours. While the number of hours reported is not as good as hoped, she thinks the report is more accurate. She stated that the number of cats adopted in May is average and so far, the number adopted in June is better. The Kitten Daze of Summer program has been extended through July. There are 60 kittens that will be available in July.
  - **Comments and Questions.** Yvonne R. commented that she had met Megan Tomkiel, the new Shelter Assistant, and found her to be very approachable and knowledgeable of the animals at PAWS.

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

- Chris – Emailed the report. Chris reported that 21 individuals attended the PAWS for Cocktails on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. She was pleased with the number and that she met several new people who were interested in supporting PAWS. She thanked Ginny N., Monica W., and Joan R. for attending. She thanked Laurie Knisely and BB&T bank for renewing their Universal sponsorship of PAWS.

- **Comments and Questions.** Yvonne R. asked about the article on the overpopulation of cats in the CDT. Chris F. stated that it appeared on Saturday, June 24. Lisa commented that the same reporter will do a story on a long-term dog at PAWS. Chris stated that she has applied for a \$10,000 grant from Centre Foundation's Giving Circle for a Good Samaritan fund to help pay for vet care when an individual finds a sick or injured animal. Lisa stated that PAWS usually takes the cat, but believes that the individuals would be willing to take care of the cat if they could receive some financial assistance for the injuries or disease.

**Nominating Committee – Joan Ritchie**

- Joan –No report at this time.

**Personnel Committee – Kris Clark**

- Kris - No report at this time.

**Unfinished Business**

None at this time.

**New Business – Discussion of Libre's Law**

Lisa presented the Libre's Law which Governor Wolf signed on June 29, 2017 to be enforced in 60 days. This law provides more severe penalties for animal abuse and cruelty. However, not all communities have the resources to enforce the law. Lisa is anticipating that PAWS may receive phone calls requesting assistance with abused animals. Since PAWS does not have an enforcement officer, this is not possible. Lisa stated that she had suggested to Dave A. that a meeting with the area chiefs of police, Pets Come First, and the District Attorney be arranged to discuss the resources available and discuss enforcement strategies. She recommended that PAWS take the initiative and reach out to the other animal welfare organizations. She wants assurance that when someone reports an abused animal, that the enforcement officer takes action. Kris C. asked if she should contact John Blasko to find out what the legal ramifications are for PAWS. The Board concurred that Kris should follow up with John. Brian E. asked if PAWS could be in trouble if an abused dog was surrendered and it wasn't reported to the enforcement officer.

**Member Discussion**

Chris F. announced that there is a Centre Inspires grant for \$100,000 available to support projects proposed by non-profit organizations. Monica W. stated that the idea doesn't have to be novel or new, but they are looking for partnerships with two or more other nonprofits. The deadline for the proposal is July 27<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged the PAWS Board to apply. Second, Monica mentioned the Stewards of Children program that is available at the YMCA and the Youth Services Bureau. She suggested that PAWS Board members and senior volunteers complete the training in order to protect PAWS in the future.

Laurie K. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob C. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM, followed by an executive session.

2017 meeting dates –**July 25**, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 28, December TBD later