

**Darlington County Humane Society Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Hartsville Public Library, Hartsville, SC**  
**April 14, 2014**  
**6:30 pm**

**Members In Attendance:** Kit Hardee, Carol Stackhouse, Crystal Hulsey, Kim Tiedemann, Leslie McElveen, Lynette Savereno, Jeannie Gainey, Robin Jones, Jackie Kirven

**Absent:** Billie Poston, Bev Bisazza

**Guests In Attendance:** Kathy McGowan, Kathy McDonald

- Call to Order, Roll Call, FOI
- Kit Hardee and Crystal Hulsey, Co-Chairpersons, called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm.
- Minutes taken by Kim Tiedemann.

1. Approval of [March Minutes](#)

2. Big Dog Run Upgrade

- Jeannie says 3 are in the process of being made now so that we can try those three before we dismantle the entire side of the big dog run.
- Dogs will be kenneled at Bay Creek while new kennels are assembled at the shelter.
- Randy and Leon will travel to Bay Creek to care for those animals after they finish caring for the shelter dogs.

3. Purchase of Properties

- Kathy McDonald presented the details about the purchase of the Bay Creek property.
- Someone needs to draft a mission statement and the purpose for purchasing the Bay Creek property so that the community understands our fundraising efforts. Jeannie proposed that we meet in addition to the board meeting to outline [the parameters](#).
- Jeannie suggested that we rent 10 kennels through the summer to try this system of moving dogs from the shelter to the Bay Creek property.
- Kathy McG suggests that we need to raise a certain amount of money to prove commitment from the community before we purchase the entire property.

4. Euthanasia Policy

- Similar to the “Where Did That Dog Go?” clipboard, we need a “When Did This Dog Come Back?” clipboard for fosters who return dogs. These fosters need to understand that the dog who is returned is at risk for euthanasia if its 30 days are up. The foster also needs to tell shelter staff about the personality of the returned foster to consider the safety of mixing the dog back with the population of the dogs on shelter grounds.

5. Microchip Registration

- Holley and Teresa will register the backlog of unregistered chips.
- Kit will make a “cheat sheet” for rescues to access 24 Pet Watch. This cheat sheet will be included in their packets.

6. Other Rescue Business

- Brigitte presented powerpoint of her thorough research of van rentals vs bus purchase for our transports. We still need to add insurance cost. Even still, we will save money since our funds will go toward purchasing a bus instead of renting 1 or 2 vans every two weeks.
- Jeannie will talk to Heritage Bank about loan rates.
- Carol will research insurance rates.
- Kathy McD will talk to SPCU about a loan.
- Kim T. resent email from March 1 about available grants.
- Kim T. has assumed the role of Rescue Coordinator.

7. Other Shelter Business

- Linda Pupa will attend Pate Elementary information sessions.
- Holley and Jackie are switching hours. Holley will work 9-3:00; Jackie will work noon-5:00.

8. Bingo

- Russell and Brandy have discontinued their interest in facilitating the Bingo fundraiser.
- Leslie is in search of another person to facilitate this endeavor.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment