

Darlington County Humane Society Board of Directors Meeting
Hartsville Public Library, Hartsville, SC
May 12, 2014
6:30 pm
[AGENDA](#)

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

Absent: Billie Poston, Bev Bisazza, Jeannie Gainey

Guests In Attendance: Kathy McGowan, Kathy McDonald, Holley Fambrough, Steve Ingram, Kathryn Horton

- Call to Order, Roll Call, FOI
 - Kit Hardee and Crystal Hulsey, Co-Chairpersons, called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.
 - Minutes taken by Kim Tiedemann.
1. Approval of [April Minutes](#)
 2. New shelter manager
 - Meeting attendees thanked Holley for her great job in her new role.
 3. Dog and Cat Population Control Ordinance
 - Kathy McD suggested that we use money recently donated by Nucor that we advertise (billboards, flyers, signs, etc).
 - Kathy McD has attended every County Council meeting, and we need more faces and names involved. We need to attend the County Council meetings, wear a sticker with the logo, and show our faces.
 - Kathy McGowan said that neighboring counties support our efforts (Lee, Florence, Marlboro, Chesterfield); a representative from each of these counties should attend the County Council meeting, stand with us, and wear a sticker with a logo as well. If Darlington succeeds with this ordinance, other counties will have a better chance as well.
 - Crystal suggested we “table” the ordinance, get our campaign started, and then restart our efforts in spring 2015. However, Lynette and others agreed that a “failed” ordinance might kickstart our campaign and let community members realize how badly we need this ordinance.
 - Kit suggested that we check the guidelines for bringing up the ordinance for a vote again. Kathy McD called and confirmed that we can ask that the ordinance be considered/voted upon again in 6 months if it does not pass this time.
 - Leslie made a motion that we push for a reading in October, November, and December without spending our advertising money.
 4. Land Acquisition
 - Kathy McD passed out minutes from the April 29 meeting.
 5. Safety Signs
 - Jeannie wants to post signs on the wide inner gates with wheels for children under 12 years old not to enter that area (regardless of presence of parent).
 - Board members questioned who would watch a child if the parent must go the back of the shelter grounds without her child?
 - Holley suggested that we have a waiver for visitors to sign that they are responsible for their children

and will not hold the shelter responsible for accidents on shelter grounds.

- Lynette made a motion that we post a large sign on each of the wheeled gates warning visitors about the dangers of the back area of the shelter grounds. Motion was seconded and approved. We would like to approve the wording of the sign before it goes to printing.

6. Big Dog Run Upgrade

- Kit is working on this.

7. Other Rescue Business

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8. Other Shelter Business

- Kathy McD passed out
- Carol Stackhouse insisted that we move forward with our waiver visitors, staff, volunteers to sign acknowledging the danger at the shelter.
- Jackie reported that the County Council gave us permission to pursue building a new cat building on the shelter grounds. We need their permission to construct a building on county property where the shelter sits. We have building plans, and codes enforcement has approved them. We need to get construction bids and move forward for a more humane way to house our cats at the shelter.

Executive Session not needed

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm