

Darlington County Humane Society Board of Directors Meeting
Hartsville Public Library, Hartsville, SC
January 12, 2015 6:30 pm
MINUTES

Members In Attendance: Kit Hardee, Carol Stackhouse, Crystal Hulsey, Jackie Kirven, Bev Bisazza, Leslie McElveen, Lynette Savereno, Steve Ingram

Absent: Robin Jones, Kim Tiedemann, Jeannie Gainey

Guests In Attendance: Holley Fambrough, Alex Stephens

Call to Order, Roll Call, FOI

- Kit Hardee and Crystal Hulsey, Co-Chairpersons, called the meeting to order at 6:30.
- Minutes taken by Carol Stackhouse

1. Approval of December minutes: The December minutes were approved by acclamation.
2. Budget Update (Kathy McDonald) No report
3. Commercial: A proposed commercial developed by Mr. Hatfield was reviewed. It was approved with one recommendation for change. Change the reference to “millions of other animals” to “thousands of other animals.” It was also suggested that photos of cats be included.
4. Heater/Blower Policy: Bev Bizzara moved that heaters be used anytime temperatures are predicted to fall below 40 degrees for a period of more than two hours. The motion was seconded by Leslie McElveen and approved. Suggestions were made and discussed for insulating the roof over the dog runs with rigid foam board. Holley will ask for Mr. Hatfield’s assistance in getting estimates and donations to finance the project. Suggestions were also made for providing more protection from cold in the cat habitat. Lynette is getting dimensions and researching a vinyl sheet product with the manufacturer. She will get cost estimates and ask the manufacturer to consider discounting the cost as a donation. The igloos in the cat habitat will be raised from the floor and the old “kitty condos” will be disinfected and returned on January 13 as a temporary measure until the modified shelters are installed.
5. Other Bridge Business: No report.
6. Other Rescue Business: There has been some miscommunication about the health status of some animals going to rescue. Recent examples included dogs with hernias or eye infections that were not reported to Rescue. Holley will direct the vet techs to be more observant.
7. Other Shelter Business: Concerns were expressed about dogs losing weight due to the cold weather. They are more active and burn more calories. Holley will direct the outside staff to feed a second time at the end of the day.
8. Spay/Neuter Ordinance: Alex Stephens attended as a concerned citizen of Darlington County. He is extremely concerned about roaming in-tact dogs that are killing his livestock. His alpaca have been attacked and killed 3 times in the last 6 months. He has contacted Danny Douglas, his representative on County Council. He has also spoken to County Council. He wants to know what DCHS is doing to

pursue a spay/neuter ordinance. Carol Stackhouse will provide his phone number to Kathy McDonald to discuss the matter in more detail with her. Hopefully, the efforts of DCHS and Mr. Stevens can be coordinated.

9. Newsletter: Delayed due to unavailable software and computer equipment. Jackie now has all she needs to complete. The deadline for submitting to Sonoco is Friday, January 16, 2015.

10. Important Dates:

- February 8, 2015: Bizzells fundraiser. Contact Crystal if you can help.
- May 1, 2015: Lucky Dog Ball, Prestwood Country Club. Catered by Bizzells. Please help solicit items for the silent auction. Contact Crystal if you can help.
- May 8, 2015: Rescue Yard Sale American Legion Building. Donated items needed now. Jeannie is the contact for the Hartsville area. Lynette is the contact for the Darlington area. Spread the word.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment at 7:49