

**Minutes
Iowa County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2009**

Members Present: President: Mike Wagner, Secretary: Mary Whitmar, Treasurer: Todd Novak
Rhonda Marten, Carrie Baumhover

Others Present: Shelter Director Teresa Duerst, Outreach Director Cheri Phillmore

Board meeting called to order at 6:30pm

The board would like to recognize and thank the citizens who were present and participated in the board meeting this evening.

Minutes

Minutes of the December 22nd board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Todd to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Rhonda. Motion carried.

Outreach Director/Humane Officer Report

Report is as attached.

FEMA money arrived: \$3756.45. The Pet Smart grant for spay/neuter program is still under review. We were awarded a \$500 PETCO grant to be used for testing for heartworm, FIV etc. A grant application has been sent to United Fund of Iowa County requesting \$1000 for Humane Officer equipment. Dog/Cat traps, catch poles and other necessary equipment for work in the field. We currently have none.

Two new municipalities are planning Low Cost Vaccination/licensing clinics this year: Town of Dodgeville and Town of Mifflin.

Cheri is now able to issue citations in the field.

Operations Director Report

Report is as attached.

Pet Smart is proving to be a valuable adoption source for us. Two dogs and three kittens were adopted in December. Upcoming will be the "Second Chance for Love" adoption event on Valentines Day at the west side Pet Smart.

Final preparations are being made for a change in operating hours. Beginning March 1st the shelter will be open on Sunday's from noon to 4:00 and closed on Monday's. It is hoped that this will allow more time for families to come out and look at the animals.

Due a decrease in the number of Huber inmates available to help at the shelter and the loss of a staff member there will be two new hires to cover the workload.

Teresa gave the board a report on a dog bite incident, including the history of incidents with the dog which resulted in the board giving approval to euthanize the dog as per ICHS policy.

Financial Report

Reports are attached.

Reports were reviewed. It was noted with great joy that the payables are down to \$6009.57!

There is only one outstanding debt to be paid and it is down by half. Effective January we have begun to pay off the Sharon McGann revolving credit. The note is for 5 years at 5%.

Unfortunately the shelters van is down. With repairs currently at \$1500 + and no guarantee's that it will be good for much longer it has been decided to purchase a new van. This transportation is vital for transporting animals to clinics, Pet Smart etc.

Two used cargo vans have been located at Zimbrick: 2005 Dodge all wheel drive, 200,000 miles for \$4000 and a 2002 Dodge Cargo van, 215,000 miles for \$3000. The ICHS does not currently have the funds to cover this expense. A plea will be put on the website to see if we can raise the money to cover this urgent need,.

Fundraising

The fundraising committee is working on several ideas for upcoming events. It was hoped to have a bowling event in February but that is proving challenging due to league playing.

Rhonda Marten is working on an event at the local theatre featuring the movie "Hotel for Dogs". It is hoped this will be held the end of February or early March. Rhonda is working with the theatre owner to settle the details.

Preparations for the art auction are in full swing. The event will be held on March 28th at Dodge Point Country Club. Doors open at 3 auction begins at 4.

Monies are still coming in from a very successful Holiday campaign and the snow thrower raffle was a big success, raising over \$1900! A special thanks to Mike at Sloan Implement for donating the snow thrower.

Comments from the Public

There was input and discussion about looking into an appeal to a Home Makeover program to see if we can get a makeover for the shelter as well as other ideas from the public for fund raising events. All suggestions were noted and will be explored.

Dawn Judd told the board about a mailing list management tool called ICONTACT. The shelter will be exploring it further.

Other Business

Cheri presented a mockup of a brochure encouraging businesses to become active members in the ICHS. Memberships would be \$50 per year or a lifetime membership at \$500. These businesses would be spotlighted on the webpage and in the newsletter, providing a stronger link between the community and the ICHS.

Cheri is working with the municipalities on a system for having the ICHS issue dog licenses. This could be done when animals are retrieved by owners or upon adoption.

The raffle drawing for the snow thrower was held. The winner will be contacted and a photo op taken of Mike from Sloan Implement, the snow thrower and winner. A certificate of appreciation will be given to Sloan Implement.

Motion was made by Mary to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues. Motion seconded by Todd, motion carried.

Motion was made to return to open session by Mary, seconded by Todd.

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stonefield Apartments meeting room.

Motion was made by Todd to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Whitmar
ICHS Board Secretary