

**Minutes  
Iowa County Humane Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, August 24, 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 6:30 pm

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 June 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Todd to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Carrie. Motion carried. There was no meeting in July. T

**Outreach Director/Humane Officer Report**

Report is as attached.

The food booth at the Lands' End sale was a great success and we are down to do it again at next year's event.

Special thanks to the Lucky Country Clovers 4-H Club for donations from the Dog Wash held on August 8<sup>th</sup> and to the Midwest charity Horse Show held on August 7<sup>th</sup> for designating the ICHS as their charity.

Several new things are in the works community wise with Maurice's in Platteville working on a fundraising event and Xpressions Salon opening in Dodgeville wanting to form a partnership to benefit the ICHS as well. We are excited and thankful for the interest from these local businesses. There are several upcoming events listed on the report as well as on the website.

Rhonda Marten has started working with area agencies to form a pet food pantry to serve those in need of assistance in order to be able to continue to feed and keep their pets.

ICHS t-shirts with the new logo and slogan are now available for purchase at the shelter and will also be available for purchase at upcoming events like the Iowa County Fair. Look for the ICHS Booth!

Volunteers are still needed for upcoming events. Please contact Cheri at the shelter.

**Operations Director Report**

Report is as attached.

Shelter Population: 89 Cats, 24 Dogs.

Foster Care: 17 Cats, 8 Dogs.

Total Animals: Cats – 106, Dogs - 32

Four dogs who participated in the 4-H Dog Obedience show on August 16<sup>th</sup> have been adopted.

We are thrilled that this has become such a successful program. The 4-H kids do a fantastic job working with our ICHS dogs! Special thanks to them all!

Adoption days at Pet Smart continue to be successful for cat adoptions.

August was a challenging month at the shelter with staffing down and Huber inmates also down.

We will be getting two Huber inmates who will be available 5 days a week until the end of August and then will have to recheck status with the Sheriff's Dept.

## **Financial Report**

Reports are attached.

Todd reports that negotiations are beginning with the county and the municipalities.

As anticipated the poor economy will be having a negative effect on negotiations but we are hoping to at least maintain our current contract amounts with hopefully some increase.

There will be some separate negotiations with the municipalities regarding the service of the Humane Officer after hours, weekends, holidays etc.

Todd is also working with the lawyer on the IRS issue. Currently the amount we owe is approximately \$82,000.

After discussion a motion was made by Mary and seconded by Rhonda to allow Todd to negotiate an offer and compromise, offering \$10,000 cash to settle or \$15 to \$20 thousand on a payment plan. Motion Carried. It will be a place to start and negotiations will go from there.

A motion was made by Rhonda to approve the financial reports and seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

## **Fundraising**

Information found in the attached Outreach Directors report on upcoming events. Volunteers are still needed for many of these events so please contact Cheri if you have any time or know of anyone who can help out.

Of note: Lands' End has donated 6 older lap tops to the ICBS for our use. We thank them as this will allow us to use them for presentations in the field and simplify and expedite office work as well.

## **Comments from the Public**

Wendy Nelson will talk with Mike at Sloan Implement to see if he would be willing to donate another snow thrower or lawn mower for us to raffle again this year.

Terri Davis brought up for discussion the possibility of taking advantage of the southern exposure at the shelter and exploring opportunities for green and renewable energy. She and Samantha spoke with an outfit in Spring Green about it and asked if they might come to the September board meeting to present some ideas and information about their services. A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Carrie to allow Terri to represent the ICBS and ask the folks at TERP, LLC to come and address the board at the next board meeting in September. Motion carried.

Rhonda Marten is working with realtor Mel Loy to see about the use of empty store front space this holiday season to do fundraisers such as Pet Photos or Gift Wrapping both in Dodgeville and Mineral Point.

## **Other Business**

Carrie reminded the board that Cheri had asked if it was all right to go ahead and put the new logo on the Bylaws. Mary commented she will review the bylaws but did not see any problem with this.

Motion was made by Todd to go into closed session, seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of closed session was made by Mary and seconded by Rhonda. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Carrie to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mary. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Whitmar  
ICBS Board Secretary