

**Minutes
Iowa County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2010**

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

Others Present: Outreach Director Cheri Phillmore
Shelter Director Teresa Duerst

Board meeting called to order at 6:35 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 March 22, 2010 board meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Todd to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

Outreach Director/Humane Officer Report

Report is as attached.

Fundraising Updates; There are a host of exciting fundraising events coming up for ICHS. A few coming up in April are as follow:

Farmers Savings Bank: Supplies/Donation drive for the month of April at all branches for ICHS.

Quadrupedal Century Ride: Sunday, May 2, Dodgeville High School

ICHS Benefit Buffet Night at Pizza Hut: Dodgeville May 17 from 5-8 pm

Spring Plant Sale: ICHS Shelter May 15th, 22nd, 29th from 9 – Noon

Garage Sale to Benefit ICHS: June 4th and 5th at the Congregational Church –Dodgeville

ICHS Quadruputt – Hogs for Dogs: motorcycle poker run June 19th at the Pleasant Ridge Store

Outreach:

Cheri is very excited to be the recipient of a scholarship for a Large Animal Rescue Seminar to be held for three days in May. There were a very limited number of scholarships and seminars of this type are very rarely held in this area. This will be very useful in working on the Animal Disaster Plan for the County.

The Humane Officer vehicle is in need of some expensive repair. The Sheriff is working on a less expensive alternative as we will be getting a new vehicle as soon as they retire the next squad. The City of Dodgeville has contacted Cheri about sharing her input as they re-write Dodgeville's animal ordinance.

Operations Report

Report is attached.

Shelter Population Cats – 57 Dogs – 36

Foster Care: Cats - 6, Dogs - 5

Totals: Cats – 63, Dogs – 41

Teresa has started to setup the new animal management software. It will take about a month to complete the setup and training. The new program will streamline paperwork, update adoptable Animals to our website automatically and generate various statistical reports.

PetSmart adoptions: We adopted 2 dogs and 1 cat earlier this month. They will be at PetSmart next week for their big Adopt-a-thon.

We are receiving an overwhelming amount of requests from pet owners wanting to surrender their cats or dogs to the shelter for various reasons. The most common reason for people wanting to re-home their animals is that people are moving and don't want to or can't take their animals with them. Since the shelter is currently at capacity the staff gives people information for other rescue organizations and ideas for people to find their animals homes themselves.

Financial Report

Reports are attached.

Financials are in good shape. There are no unpaid bills. There is currently \$37,482.24 in the checking account.

Pertaining to the IRS, there was an outstanding debt that the IRS failed to include in the last offer in the amount of \$2500. The ICBS has paid that and that offer is closed. We are waiting to hear on the final offer of \$10,000 and it was the opinion of the attorney that we would hear on it very soon.

Motion was made by Mary to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

Fundraising

Carrie reports that riders for the Quadrupedal are down this year but hopefully that will be offset by the fact that a rider donated all of the food and the Dodgeville Veterinary Service has volunteered to serve the food bringing expenses down.

Comments from the Public

There was only one member of the public present and we thank her for coming. She had a couple of questions regarding fundraising and her disappointment at the turnout for the last event. She also asked about lawn upkeep at the shelter for the summer. Teresa said that when we have Huber inmates they do the mowing and trimming but we do not always have them. The member of the public suggested a possible volunteer that she will talk to and see if they would be willing to help out when needed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Mary made a motion to go into closed session. Motion was seconded by Todd, motion carried. Mary made a motion to come out of closed session. Motion was seconded by Carrie, motion carried.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Carrie, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held on Monday, May 24th at 6:30 pm at Stonefield apartment homes meeting room in Dodgeville.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Whitmar
ICBS Board Secretary