

**Minutes
Iowa County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 22, 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 6:55 pm

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

Election of Officers

Current positions are as follows: President: Mike Wagner
Treasurer: Todd Novak
Secretary: Mary Whitmar

Motion was made by Todd to keep the officers in their current positions. Motion was seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

Minutes

Minutes of the February 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.

Artists to the Rescue ~ Saturday, March 27th at Time Out in Dodgeville.

Doors open for viewing at 3:00

Auction begins at 4:00

Yankee Candle Sale: March 22 through April 9

Contact: Shannon Hermanson ~ 608-574-4706 or

There are catalog & order forms at ICHS.

ICHS Spring Bake Sale: April 3rd Springate Mall ~ Dodgeville

Paws Fur A Cause 5K/2MileWalk: April 10 ICHS Shelter

Outreach: The early mailing of membership renewal cards has been successful with memberships coming in daily.

Vaccination and licensing clinics are in swing with successful clinics held in Avoca and Ridgeway recently.

Cause for celebration is the passage of the Ordinance 375 Animal Regulation and Treatment by the County Board this past week. This ordinance is the culmination of four years of work and considerable credit for it's approval goes to Outreach Director Cheri Phillmore who made great strides in communicating the details of and effect the ordinance would have in the municipalities affected by this ordinance. It will provide for more consistent, proactive investigation and resolution of animal issues in the county.

There are new T-Shirts available at ICHS for adopters. Available in Forest Green they feature the IHCS logo and the slogan " I found my best friend at the Iowa County Humane Society". Cost will be \$10.

Operations Report

Report is attached.

Shelter Population Cats – 65 Dogs – 35

Foster Care: Cats - 2, Dogs - 3

Totals: Cats – 65, Dogs – 38

The board has given Teresa permission to pursue getting the PetPoint software program so that we can get up and running more efficiently again.

The adoptions are down with no adoptions at PetSmart this month. People are waiting for kittens to arrive which should not be far off. We currently have some juveniles in house. Veterinary Technician students from Globe University came out to ICHS along with their instructors and updated vaccines on shelter animals, bathed dogs and volunteered their time on Friday, March 12th. Much appreciation for the sharing of their time and expertise, and as an added bonus one of them adopted a dog from us!

Staff and volunteers have been working on cleaning up the shelter grounds, fixing kennels and setting up donated outdoor kennels to get ready for spring!

Financial Report

Reports are attached.

Todd noted that the items listed under Unpaid Bills are not past due but bills that were due at the time of printing and have since been paid.

Current Balance is \$34423.14with the possibility of another \$5000 still coming from the county.

Todd reports a frustrating turn in the IRS situation. While we were hoping for a decision to be made on our offer to settle by December 28th that date has come and gone and the IRS recently contacted Todd via our tax attorney that they need quite a bit of further documentation such as year end statements etc. This will cause another delay in getting this issue resolved. It remains frustrating but we are doing all we can to cooperate and expedite the process.

The total amount owed the IRS is \$90,000 and we have made an offer to settle for \$10000.

This continues to prohibit us from doing any public fundraising on our own for monies to purchase the building or move to another location.

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

Fundraising

Cheri had a brief report from Dawn regarding the upcoming Artists to the Rescue event. She has enough sponsorship money to cover all expenses and some extra! This is wonderful news. There has been great generosity throughout the art community and they have received more items than they can use for this specific event. Plans will be made to either hold some items for next year's event or use them at another event later in the year.

Dawn will be on Channel 15 with Christine Bellport on Friday morning at 6:40 to talk about Saturday's event. Some volunteers are still needed to help out with the event so if you have any time or know of someone please contact the ICHS.

Hats off to Dawn for doing a wonderful job of chairing this years event!

Comments from the Public

There were several good comments from the public throughout the meeting. Someone raised the issue of concerns about the no kill policy when it comes to animals that are dying of disease. There were suggestions about possibilities for a new location and or how to come up with funding in general including approaching people about benevolence and remembering the ICHS when estate planning. Special thanks to those folks who came out to attend the meeting. We appreciate your comments, suggestions and support!

Other Business

There was no other business.

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, April 26th at 6:30 pm at Stonefield apartment homes meeting room in Dodgeville.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Whitmar
ICHS Board Secretary