

**Minutes
Iowa County Humane Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2011**

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

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

Board meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by interim President Todd Novak.
Mike Wagner has returned from family leave and has resumed his position as President.

Minutes

The minutes of the November board meeting as well as the minutes from the very brief January meeting had been reviewed by board members. Motion was made by Todd to accept the minutes as written when an error was detected by Terri Davis. Todd then moved to accept the minutes with a correction to the last paragraph where Spring Harbor was amended to read Shelter from the Storm. Motion seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Reports are attached.

Todd reports that we closed on a loan today from Farmers Savings Bank for \$60,000. ICHS put \$30,000 into a CD for a period of three months as collateral. The CD bears ½% interest and the interest rate on the loan is at 5 ½ %. The interest at 3 months will be \$852. If we pay the interest or pay down the loan the bank will offer the option of renewal of the loan or release of the CD as collateral.

The bank has also set up a program where they will continue to finance our project using donors personal CD's as security for the loan. You can contact ICHS for more information on this program.

We currently have \$99793.48 in the checking account. We have paid a total on the building renovations to date of approximately \$258,000 with approximately \$70,000 remaining to be paid.
DONOR MATCH

We did very well with the matching funds campaign. We raised \$84,444.56. The donor was so impressed they agreed to give us the full \$100,000 the first installment of \$20,000 has been received. We have received approximately \$126,677 in donations for the building in about three months. The Open House was a huge success with overwhelmingly positive public feedback. The final year end figures are not yet in for 2010 but we had approximately \$352,187.35 for income and \$347,544.04 in expenses.

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

Outreach Directors Report

Please see the attached report.

Cheri reports that paid membership dues are up about \$2000 over last year.

Entries for the Quadrapedal and Paws for a Cause are beginning to come in. Also dog licenses are up in part due to the low cost vaccination and licensing clinics. So far this year we have added the City of Dodgeville and the Village/Town of Highland to the list of municipalities that are participating.

We have been fortunate to have some folks from the public out fundraising on our behalf and are happy to report that the Dalyla Gives Back bowling tournament and auction event raised ~ \$1400 for ICHS. We express our gratitude and appreciation. What a wonderful tribute to Dalyla.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Artists to the Rescue live art auction – March 26 at Folklore Village – We are very excited about this new venue! Be sure to tell your friends!

Paws Fur a Cause – April 2

QuadruPedal – May 1

Upcoming Events:

Volunteer Fair at ICHS – Saturday, March 5th, 1-3 pm

Fundraising Committee Meeting – March 9 at the ICHS shelter, 6 pm

Village of Highland/Town of Highland combined vaccination & licensing clinic – 3/12/11

From 9-11am at the Village Offices in Highland

Village of Avoca vaccination & licensing clinic – 3/26 from 9-11at the Fire Dept.

Channel 15 Pet of the Week appearance – 3/28 at 6 am

Operations Director Report

Report is attached.

We currently have 95 cats in the shelter and 6 in foster care. We have 45 dogs in shelter and 12 in foster care.

So far we have adopted out 6 kittens through Pet Smart adoptions this year.

Teresa is very happy to report that some of our long-term residents have been adopted or have gone to foster homes. Cody, a lab mix who had been with us since 2008 has been adopted and is doing very well in his new home according to reports from his new family. Waldo a terrier mix who arrived at the shelter in 2006 in a foster home and Callie a cat who has been with us since 2008 is also now in a foster home. Additionally an older dog who arrived at the shelter recently with a plethora of health issues is currently being fostered by a family with three other aging dogs with health issues who were willing to take him on even with his health issues.

Comments from the Public

The board would like to recognize and thank the public that attended the meeting.

The board heard comments, questions, concerns and suggestions offered by the following:

Sharon Shea, Dave and Mona Thoreson, Terry Davis, Chuck Davis (in absentia), Samantha Atkinson and Alisha Pishion.

Some of the items discussed were animal welfare, hours of operation and wish list items. All were noted and taken under advisement.

In discussing animals with current health issues Terry Davis offered to pay to have an initial exam done on Daphne and Holly.

Mona Thoreson offered to pay for having a VHK test done on Natasha.

Teresa will make the arrangements.

Alisha Pishion of Best Friends offered services to aid in making some of our shelter dogs more adoptable. Alisha's mother Pam has offered free grooming of any animal in need of grooming services including picking them up and dropping them off.

Alisha has also offered to complete a Foster Care application and take one of our dogs who is in need of some training and socialization to keep with her at the store all day and advertise that this dog is available at ICHS. Also her trainer would use the dog as a demonstration dog during training classes to get the animal some training and also promote it for adoption.

Further ICHS Volunteers may bring a dog to a 6 week training session to gain knowledge of training techniques. In return ICHS will do promote the training classes offered at Alisha's as well as providing information on the retail portion of her businesses informing people of what is available through her store.

At this point Todd made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. Motion was seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mary to come out of closed session at approx. 8:15, motion was seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

The board then discussed all comments, concerns and questions brought up during the public comment portion of the meeting.

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

The next meeting of the board will be the Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, March 28th at 6:30 at the Iowa County Humane Society meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Whitmar
ICHS Board Secretary