

PET PALS, INC.

Minutes Annual Meeting

April 8, 2008

Attending: Pamela Bruns, Jeri Peirce, Susan Tasillo DVM, Mara Erlandson, Nicole Von Holt, Robbin Stapleton, Bibiana, Appleby, Lori Clement, Motor Coulson, Pat Potter, Lisa Jonas

Call to Order: Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lisa Jonas.

Minute approval: March 11, 2008 minutes approved after correction of Lisa Jonas' email address.

Introductions: Lisa introduced board members and Susan Tasillo D.V.M. and Kendra (tonight's guest speakers).

Honorary Members: Motor suggested that we give the four veterinarians PP honorary membership. Approved by attendees. Jeri will send a notification letter.

New business: Lisa requested 2008 board nominations. Pam Bruns moved that the current officers continue for another year. The move was seconded and approved.

Old Business

Winter Newsletter, brochure, mission statement update: Very positive newsletter feedback from attendees & community members. Lisa reviewed the revised brochure and asked that changes be in writing. Attendees agreed that PP can no longer afford to pay for veterinarian care, other than spay/neuters, the suggested lifetime membership will be dropped (all other levels will be kept). All members will receive the quarterly newsletters and a sticker. The added gift for each membership level won't be pursued (better to use money for the animals). After discussion and clarification, the Mission Statement was changed to: "Grand County Pet Pals, Inc. is dedicated to responsible pet ownership, animal health and education programs and spaying/neutering of pets in Grand County."

Doggie Drag: Mara will finalize August 9, 2008 date with Kiersten of Grand Park. T-shirt contest – no report available. Attendees approved the proposal for two main sponsors at \$850.00 each (sleeve logos).

Fundraising & Grants Update: Lori applied for \$5,500.00 from the Grand Foundation (\$700 event insurance, \$900 pet enrichment, shelter painting, outdoor cat shelter redesign, etc.), expects decision in 1-2 months. Lori distributed a lengthy list of fundraising events and the group added even more ideas. Will discuss at next meeting and set priorities. Mara reminded all that the priority is raising funds and educating the public.

Kremmling Outreach: Pat will work with Lori and Julie Caruso on contacting the Chamber and 4H. Susan suggested Caroline Smith as a good contact to make.

Proposed Calendar of Meetings: Lisa tabled this item. Sue requested clarification regarding meeting attendance. Board meetings are open to members. Motor will look into a room at Mountain Parks Electric for May meeting. Lori reported that we can also reserve a town hall room.

Reports:

2007 and Q12008: Motor distributed the March 2008 Profit & Loss Statement. March income = Donations \$651.67, Memberships \$395, Adoption Proceeds \$540, T-shirt sales \$60. Total Income = \$1646.67 Expenses = Veterinary Care \$2,341.60. Net Income = **-\$694.93.**

2007 and Q12008 Shelter Report: Motor reported that in 2007 there were approximately 278 adoptions and 263 spay/neuters. From 010108 through 031508 a total of 90 animals came through the shelter (including one bunny), 15 dogs & 31 cats adopted, approximately 38 spay/neuter vouchers distributed.

The WP/Fraser Police Department announced that their Animal Control Officer has resigned. Grand County Animal Shelter will resume coverage of WP/Fraser. WP/Fraser Police department is accepting applications for the Animal Control position.

The expansion of the Sanitation Department next to the shelter will probably be finished in July. After that the Sanitation employees will help spiff up the shelter a bit with a concrete slab in front of the shelter, pave some of the road, perhaps expand the outside runs in the back and add easily removal chain link panels to keep dogs separate if necessary and to provide a private "get to know each other" area for potential adoptees.

Bridgget and Brian Deihl have opened the Four Paws Resort for dog and cat boarding in Granby.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Place to be determined and published in newspaper and at www.gcpetpals.org.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:30 pm. Susan Tasillo & Kendra presented a program on dog training, AAHA & AVMA, and recommended dog and cat vaccinations.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Potter