

PET PALS, INC.

Minutes

February 12, 2008

Attending: Lisa Jonas, Motor Coulson, Mara Erlandson, Suzie Cruse, Rick Sly, Robbin Stapleton, Mary Ann Kerstiens, Elaine Infantolino, Pat Potter

Call to Order: At 7:40 by **Elaine** in Granby Library Community Room. Attendance signup sheet distributed.

Corrections/Approval 01/08/08 Minutes: February 12th meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Volunteer appreciation – “**Corin** thinks sending Thank you notes to all volunteers is a good idea; needs direction from the board to do so”. With these corrections the January minutes were approved.

Discussion Items

Resignation: **Elaine** resigned from the President position for personal reasons.

New President: Board members appointed **Lisa Jonas** President until the Annual Meeting in April. **Lisa** accepted and was welcomed by all attendees.

Board and Committee Vacancies:

Grants and Fundraising: **Lisa** reported that **Lori Clements** accepted this position. **Mara** will assist **Lori**.

Volunteer Coordinator: **Gerry Pierce** is considering accepting the position.

Winter Newsletter update: **Lisa** plans the newsletter as a quarterly update to supporters. She distributed the Winter edition and received rave reviews from all. Printing will be about \$500.00 (Lisa will support this). **Suzie** will pay postage. Everyone expressed concern about the mailing list accuracy. Shelter employees agreed to review the list and scratch names of those not interested in our organization. **Corin** will begin to update and review the list and then ask board members to add any information they can.

By Laws Compliance: Bylaws require that Board members number 2-20. We are in compliance of the requirement as there are currently 5 members. All agreed that **Bibiana's** interest and ideas would be an asset to Pet Pals. Motor will ask her to join the board.

Next board Meeting: February 27 at Mara's house.

Adoption Form: **Lisa** asked **Mary Ann** to add a question about receiving the newsletter to the Adoption Form.

Website: **Mary Ann** will send updates and animal photos to **Corin** every Sunday.

Donation Boxes: **Motor** instructed reps for each town to deposit box donations in the PP bank account, making sure the location is noted on the deposit slip.

Doggie Drag Location: **Mara** had no information at this time. Tabled until March meeting. **Suzie** discussed a Doggie Drag T Shirt Art Contest - Offer this Spring, \$10.00 to enter judged event. **Lisa** asked **Suzie** to develop a proposal for discussion at the Board Meeting February 27.,

Dog Ski/Snowshoe Event: Mara provided the group with information regarding the Grand Park, groomed Trail event for Realtors and the Chamber of Commerce in February/March there is a possibility that we could use the Trail on a different date; possibly March 22. Event would not be a race, just a snow walk and opportunity for Pet Pals publicity and donations. Concerns and questions were expressed about the need for insurance. Suzie will check with Corin and Mara will check with Barbara Nissen. There were also concerns about the short notice and amount of prep time we would have to pull this off before the end of March. Tabled discussion until insurance questions are answered.

Animal Cruelty in Grand County, Update on Cook Book Fund Raiser and Grant Updates: Tabled as Lori Clement not in attendance.

Annual Meeting: Annual Meeting will be April 8 at 7:00 pm in the Granby Library Community Room. Agenda will include board member elections, including proxy ballots and 2007 Activities Report.

Monthly Meeting Location: The majority of attendees felt it would be less confusing if the meetings were held in a single central location, rather the rotation of Fraser, Granby, Fraser, etc. All agreed that Granby is the most central. Mary Ann will check with Granby City Hall about meeting room availability. Agreed to start at 7:00pm.

Reports

Treasurers Report: Motor reported total income for January was \$1,223.00 (Donations = \$1203.00, Memberships = \$20.00, Interest = \$3.73). Expenses for Veterinarian care = \$1,232.22.

By Laws and any proposed updates: See bylaws compliance above.

Open Forum - Announcements, Ideas, Concerns, Etc.:

Mary Ann will give a shelter report at every meeting, including the April board Meeting. Currently there at 5 dogs and 15 cats awaiting adoption.

Mara to contact Pat Postek the "Six Tails" author re: a book signing in conjunction with a Pet Pals community event.

Membership Year: Membership year will be from the first day of the month the membership was received to the last day of the previous month the next year. For instance, membership dues received 02/04/08 means that this membership officially began 02/01/08 and ends 01/31/09.

Network for Good Donation: Pet Pals received \$1000.00 from an individual through this web site. Mara will research the site. No one was familiar with it.

Adjournment: 9:10 pm. **NEXT MEETING March 11, 2008, 7:00 pm in the Fraser Library Urban Community Room.**

Pat Potter

Secretary