



TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly  
DATE OF MEETING: August 15, 2022  
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library  
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:45 PM

Member Attendees: Rebecca Blair, Wes Blair, MarilynRose Guarino, Therese Koellner, Brian Ligammare, Cheryl McPhillips, Josie Soraghan, Maureen Starr, Amy Usowski, Candy VanSciver

#### Secretary's Report – Maureen Starr

- The June 20, 2022, minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### Treasurer's Report – Sue Bernier

- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and donations made to local charities were highlighted.

#### Upcoming Events

- **Harwich Cranberry Music and Arts Festival – September 17 & 18** - We will fundraise for the Lily House and Lily House volunteers will be present as well. Amy is working on getting Lily House a tent next to us. If not, we will share. Lily House would like to do a 50/50 raffle, and Amy is planning on creating a challenge board, with a thermometer to show how much money has been raised toward an end goal, which is yet to be determined. Lily House hopes to be up and running, at least to show, by December. Lily House plans on holding an open house and they would like us to be there! We are also working on a possible fundraising even in Wellfleet for them in the fall.
- **Stand Down for Veterans – October 7<sup>th</sup>** – Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Council has created this event as an opportunity for veterans to take a break and relax. This event is all about wellness, both medical and physical, and will include things such as health screening, massage, yoga and healthy foods, as well as our pups!
- **Chatham Oktoberfet – October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – This is an event that we participated in last year, and we will be fundraising for Cape Kid Meals and spreading the word about Hearts and Paws.

#### **Looking Ahead**

- Christmas Stroll in Harwich
- Orpheum Theater in Chatham

#### Visitation

- Brewster council on Aging is our newest site. We will be visiting on Mondays from 2:30-3:30 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor following a senior activity. We will be starting in October and will be visiting people who used to have dogs.
- We had two new visits to veterans' homes in Hyannis and Dennis. Both went extremely well, and we are waiting to hear from them to schedule future visits.

- We are starting up with Paleamon House, a home for autistic adults, again in September. They recently moved to a new home, and are excited for us to see the new place!
- It was agreed that someone from the organization that knows the people that we are visiting should be present at all visits.
- Rock Harbor Respite may be bringing their old dog visitation group back. They have loved our visits and may try to coordinate both dog groups. They will keep us posted.
- We are going to start having all spotters and handler/dog teams shadow at venues they are interested in visiting prior to a working visit. It is important for everyone to experience what a visit feels like prior to an actual working visit.

### September Meeting

We will be holding our September meeting outside at Amy's house...thank you, Amy! The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. Please bring a chair and your pup! This will be weather dependent. If it is raining, we will hold the meeting at Dennis Memorial Library.

### Training Possibilities

We have lost several potential new members due to the difficulty in finding a dog trainer and getting their dog CGC certified. After discussion, we were all in agreement that we need to find a trainer that will work with our group. MarilynRose and Candy will be reaching out to trainers that they know to see if they might be able to help our group.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:15 PM