



TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly
DATE OF MEETING: September 19, 2022
PLACE OF MEETING: Amy's House, 70 Witchwood Rd., S. Yarmouth
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:15 PM

Member Attendees: Sue Bernier, Karen Feeney, MarilynRose Guarino, Mary Hastings, Kristina LaChance, Carol Miller, Josie Soraghan, Maureen Starr, Anne Thomas, Amy Usowski

Secretary's Report – Maureen Starr

- The August 15, 2022, minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Bernier

- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and the following were highlighted:
 - \$75.00 received for dues
 - \$25.00 donation received from Eastham Public Library
 - \$243 raised at the Cotuit Bark in the Park for The Sampson Fund
 - \$732 raised at the Harwich Cranberry Festival for the Lily House
 - \$180 fee for the Harwich Cranberry Festival was waived

Events

- **Harwich Cranberry Music and Arts Festival** – The event was a huge success...We raised \$732 for the Lily House and there were lots of visitors and people interested in what we are all about. We had a number of people leave their information to be contacted. Marina, our contact from Country Garden was there, and expressed an interest in partnering with us in some way during the month of November. We have been invited back to the festival next year!
- **Stand Down for Veterans – October 7th** – 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 Oktoberfest – October 22nd** – 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. MarilynRose will follow up on getting the required paperwork.
- **Looking Ahead**
 - **Lily House** – They would like to have a get together with three or so dogs and some patients, families and board members sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - **Veteran's Outreach** – Amy will talk with our contact at Veteran's Outreach to see if we might do something with them around Thanksgiving.
 - **Christmas Stroll in Harwich** – December 2nd. We participated in this last year and are looking into possibly attending the event again.
 - **Christmas Stroll in Chatham** – 7th, 8th or 9th of December. Pine Acres has offered to open their building for us for one night of the stroll to fundraise.

Visitation

- We have decided to waitlist any new sites interested in scheduling visits with our pups. We need to be sure that we fill the spots that we have already committed to.
- We will request that all visitation sites stick to a regular schedule in order that we can more easily schedule volunteers.
- Amy and Maureen will work together on reaching out to all dog/handler teams to check in with them about availability and interest in visits.
- Moving forward, we will not be doing sign ups for visitations on the Sign Up Form. We will be looking to have volunteers commit to visiting sites on a regular basis, rather than sign up for individual visits. We will do this via email, and Maureen will continue to post the information on the calendar and the “Confirmed Venue and Visitation Site Information” Google form.

Cape Cod Times Interview

- Jeff will reach out to the Cape Cod Times to see about doing an article on Hearts and Paws Comfort Dogs.

Training Possibilities

- We are still working on finding a CGC trainer for our members. We have been informed that PetSmart in Bourne has a CGC class. MarilynRose is still working on getting information from a trainer at the Chatham Dog Club, and Amy is following up on a lead regarding a trainer in Eastham.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:30 PM