



TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly
DATE OF MEETING: November 21, 2022
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

Member Attendees: Sue Bernier, Rebecca Blair, Wes Blair, Karen Feeney, MarilynRose Guarino, Brian Hastings, Mary Hastings, Jeff Idels, Brian Ligammare, Carol Miller, Cheryl McPhillips, Tony Quinn, Josie Soraghan, Maureen Starr, Anne Thomas, Amy Usowski

Guests: Janet Crossman, Sammy McIsaac, Amanda McIsaac

Secretary's Report – Maureen Starr

- The October 17, 2022, minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Bernier

- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

Welcome

- Welcome to new members and guests Tony Quinn, Janet Crossman, Sammy McIsaac, Amanda McIsaac

Upcoming Events

- Harwich Christmas Stroll will be held at the Harwich Chamber of Commerce. We will be helping with the Festival of Trees and raising money for the Cape Cod Family Pantry. The event runs from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM, and we will begin setup at 4:30 PM. Feel free to dress in festive attire (your puppy, too) and dress for warmth, including your feet!! We will have the opportunity to be both indoors and outdoors.
- We will not be participating in the Chatham Stroll this year.

Training

- MarilynRose reported that Annie at the Chatham Dog Club is happy to set up a training program with us, and will work on a schedule after the New Year.
- Amy has researched nearby CGC evaluators and has composed a list of those that are still active. She will forward the list to the Board for review.
- New member Tony Quinn shared about his experience with Pet Partners, a national training and testing group for therapy dogs.
- Hearts and Paws visitation sites and protocols were reviewed, which included the fact that we always have at least 2 dog/handler teams and a spotter at each scheduled visit. Hearts and Paws volunteers vet each site we go to and set up a schedule for the volunteers.

Community Events

- Cheryl will work on creating a logistics plan for our community events.
- Jeff will research making banners for our community events.
- Amy will work on making a trifold with information and pictures to put on our table at events.

Visitation

- The Falmouth Elementary School schedule has changed from visits every other week to once a month. We will rework the schedule if we get more dogs that are available to visit!
- We are working to have consistent schedules at each of our visitation sites. We are looking for our volunteers to commit to visit on a consistent basis, which will benefit all involved.
- Maureen will send out an email with next year's schedule and will be requesting volunteers. We will attempt to use email as the means for signing up at this point in time, rather than SignUp.com.

Hearts and Paws Merchandise

- Maureen will send out an indication of interest for jackets and/or sweatshirts with the Hearts and Paws logo. If there are enough people that want to purchase something, at their own expense, we will put an order in.

Cape Cod Cares for the Troops

- We will be sending a \$200 donation to Cape Cod Cares for the Troops, which will help with the cost of sending packages to military families and troops.

New Year Information

- Our annual Board Meeting will be scheduled for January or February of next year.
- Jeff will be sending out an annual letter to our donors from this past year, which will express our appreciation and will review all that we have done.
- We will be working to create a list of sponsors on our website.
- Sue will reach out to Cape Cod Coop to see about providing give-aways at our events for next year.
- Annual dues will be based on anniversary month, and invoices will be sent out accordingly.

Open Discussion

Amy passed out festive bandanas donated to us by Cape Cod Crafters.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM