



TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly  
DATE OF MEETING: April 17, 2023  
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library  
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

Member Attendees: Amy Usowski, Anne Thomas, Ashley Bulger, Bonnie Chiatera, Candy VanSciver, Carol Miller, Jeff Idels, Joanne Kubiak, Karen Feeney, MarilynRose Guarino, Mary Heikes, Mary Hastings, Rebecca Blair, Regina Stokeer, Bob Shyllberg, Sam Starr, Sue Bernier, Therese Koellner, Wes Blair, Bill Norman

By Zoom: Colleen Sherman, Susan Reiter

Guests: Diana Gilbert, Val and Gina

### Welcome

- All members introduced themselves, including several first time attendees

### New Member Handbook

- Huge thanks to Rebecca Blair, Karen Feeney, Susan Reiter, Mary Hastings, Carol Miller and Maureen Starr for their outstanding work.
- Rebecca handed out hard copies and presented an overview of the contents and how the handbook was researched and produced. She discussed the importance of everyone reading it thoroughly for the valuable information included.
- Rebecca reviewed the “Attestation Form” and the importance of signing and returning to Sue Bernier (Compliance Officer).
- Copies will be distributed to members not in attendance over time.

### Education Committee

- Rebecca Blair and Therese Koellner discussed interesting ideas for future member meetings and the prospect of inviting guest speakers.
- An initial survey was emailed to all members for feedback on thought-provoking topics.

### Mentorship Committee

- Sue Bernier discussed the goals and the next steps.
- The Committee is meeting April 26th and will begin matching experienced members with newer members, to help everyone become more engaged and reap all the benefits of membership.

### Newly Certified dogs (Hip hip Hooray)

- Therapy dogs – Ruby, Luci, Sophie, Mae, Willa, Halle.
- Canine Good Citizen – Jake, Millie, CJ, Tigger, Izzy.

### Upcoming events

- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Harwich Conservation Trust’s Walk and Wag, fundraising for the Sampson Fund.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Brewster Baptist Church Community Wellness Fair
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Cape Cod Cares for the Troops in the K-Mart parking lot, fundraising for Rocky’s Warriors

- June 13<sup>th</sup> – Cape Cod Coffee’s Bark and Sip, again fundraising for Tommy’s Place. We will hold a raffle again and will need everyone’s help gathering raffle items and business donations.

#### Membership Map

- Jeff Idels distributed a crudely drawn map (attached) of where everyone lives, to highlight our distribution around the Cape.

#### Volunteer Scheduler Pro (VSP) software

- Carol Miller updated us on the status of the implementation and asked everyone to review the software to become more familiar with it.
- Ashley Bulger explained how to install a quick link on your smart phone, so you can check in without having to use your PC. The link will be emailed to all members again,

#### Miscellaneous

- Amy Usowski reported on a nonprofit called Family Table Collaborative, which distributes prepared meals directly to individuals and families, which we may fundraise for in the future.
- Mary Heikes’s daughter Abbie had made a huge bag of dog treats that Mary distributed at the end of the meeting. Thank you, Abbie!

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM