



TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly
DATE OF MEETING: 05/15/23
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

MEMBER ATTENDEES: Amy Usowski, MaryilynRose Guarino, Mary Heikes, Mary Hastings, Rebecca Blair, Bob Shyllberg, Wes Blair, Krisitn LaChance, Jeff Idels

BY ZOOM: Anne Thomas, Karen Feeney, Cheryl McPhillips, Regina Stoker

GUESTS: Beth Benson, Chuck Gosselin, w/Bernese Mountain DogBashi

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Wendy Risko (Falmouth Public Schools)

Congrats to “Bogey” for just getting certified!!!

1. Minutes from April Meeting approved
2. Special Guest Speaker – Wendy Risko – Counselor, Mullen Hall Elementary School, Falmouth
Ms. Risko presented a slide show from some of our past visits to her school. Our visits at Mullen Hall started with small groups of kids that really needed some comfort in their lives for a wide range of reasons (anxiety, emotional issues, etc). However, the program has worked out so well that now everyone gets to see the dogs . The meeting place was moved to a smaller area and the groups are kept small to help the dogs. The kids and staff just love them !! Our dogs now go to all 4 of the Falmouth elementary schools.
3. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:
 - a. 66% responded to the survey
 - b. First responder coming this summer
 - c. 15 minutes at meetings w/speaker sharing info
4. MENTORSHIP PROGRAM: A “Mentor questionnaire” will be used to pair new members with a “mentor”
5. HANDBOOK IS NOW ON THE WEB SITE !!!
6. COORDINATOR NEEDED: With the increased demand for our dogs and also the increase in our number of dogs, there is a need for a “Visit Coordinator” for the Lower Cape. Jeff will handle the Upper Cape and Amy does the mid-Cape.
7. WALK AND WAG – We raised funds for the Sampson fund and met tons of dogs in just 3 hours !! GREAT WORK
8. UPCOMONG EVENTS:
 - a, 5/19 – Community Wellness Fair AT Brewster Baptist Church
 - b. 5/28 (10-4) – Cape Cod Cares for the Troops in K-Mart parking lot for Rocky’s Warriors
 - c. 6/13 – Bark & Sip at Cape Cod Coffee (rt. 130 Mashpee) PLEASE get in touch with Amy if you have items to add to the GIFT BASKETS that will be raffled off.
 - d. 6/25 – Hounds of Highfield: a celebration of dogs.
 - e. July – Bark in the Park
9. PLEASE NOTE: Lilly House would like to have some dogs attend their opening

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:30