

TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly
DATE OF MEETING: 2/19/2024
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.



MEMBER ATTENDEES: Bonnie Chiantera, Mary Hastings, Susan Harrington, Coleen Sherman (w/Tatum), Sue Bernier (w/Izzy), Amy Usowski, Rebecca Blair, Anne Thomas (w/Sophie), Jeff Idles, Wes Blair, Bob Schyllberg (Ruby)

BY ZOOM: Barbara Colosky (w/ Tosti & Dash)

GUESTS: Tammy Dupont (w/ Nico), Barbara Colosky (w/ Tosti & Dash)

SPEAKER: None

1. Meeting was called to order by Amy at 6:30
2. Rebeca introduced Barbars Colosky and Tammt Dupont as prospective new members
3. **2023 Hearts & Paws Report** – Jeff reviewed his annual report for 2023:
 - a. A letter was sent to all supporters, visitation groups, donators and members reviewing our successful year and asking for donations
 - b. Mullen Hall chose us for their fundraiser in the past
 - c. Cape Cod Cooperative Bank made a generous donation to Hearts & Paws
4. **Upcoming Events** –
 - a. Amy is stepping down as an events coordinator. Jeff and Marilyn Rose will pick up those duties
 - b. Home & garden Show will be March 23rd – we'll fund rise for Lilly House. All our members are welcome – sign up on the web site !! (dogs don't have to be certified to attend)
 - c. Health & Environmental Fair April 27th – held at the Harwich Cultural Center
 - d. Brewster Wellness fair will be held in May (more info to come)
 - e. Memorial Day "Cape Cod Cares for the Troops" - we'll fundraise to support "Rocky Warriors" – service dogs overseas
 - f. Eastham – "Bow Bash" more info to come but this is also around Memorial Day
 - g. We'll probably do two " Bark in the Park" events
 - h. Windmill Weekend (beginning in Sept. dates TBA) in Eastham will be a parade on rt.6
5. **Update on Visitations** -
 - a. Lighthouse Charter School – We feel like we're part of the school family. Visitations went very well
 - b. Oak Ridge Elementary School (Sandwich) Starting march 1st, Ashly, Kristina and Terese visit every other Friday 9-10
6. **Help with Organization tasks** -
 - a. Bonnie and Susan volunteered to take on coordinating gear (shirts and bags)

- b. Thank you notes for donations – Sue B. will indicate who needs a “Thank You” for donations. Bonnie and Sue H. will send out the notes.
- c. Event coordination can still use some help with different areas on the Cape
- d. Compliance – Sue generates a list of members lacking things like vaccinations, dues, attestation, etc. We need someone to contact members to remind them about these things
- e. Jody S. will help Carol with the web site.
- f. Bob S. volunteered to help Rebecca follow up with contacting new members and inactive members.
- g. Should we ask new members at orientation if they would like to be contacted by a mentor.

Open Discussion

1. Access to our website is open after orientation
2. “Bread & Roses” was a good place to meet
3. Should we have social activities to promote participation in club activities ? (outdoors so dogs can participate too ?)
4. New business cards are being printed. On any old cards, cross out the “information”, “Email address” and “phone #”. Add your phone number (or Amy’s or Rebecca’s) and suggest that people look at our website.

Adjournment: 7:45 **Next Meeting:** March 18th 6:30 at Dennis Library