

TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly
DATE OF MEETING: March 18th 2024
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 P.M.



MEMBER ATTENDEES: Carol Miller, Wes Blair, Mary Hastings, MarilynRose Guarino, Candy VanSciver, Bonnie Chiantera, Rebecca Blair, Amy Usowski, Shirley Murphy with Blueberry, Sue Bernier with Izzy, Alexa Gilbert with Choco. Amy Groden, Jeff Idels, Anne Thomas

BY ZOOM:

GUESTS:

Meeting:

1. Minutes for the January 2024 and February 2024 meetings were approved
2. Rebecca went over the revised Bylaws:
 - a. Now to include:
 - i. Attestation form to sign after a new member reads the handbook
 - ii. Role and duties of Regional Coordinators
 - iii. Role of a Spotter
 - iv. Keep visitations to 45 minutes (if needed) to help our dogs not to burn out
 - v. VSP technology – to facilitate scheduling (one of the things that our dues help pay for)
 - vi. Website will provide handbook in PDF format
3. Financial and Compliance updates from Sue:
 - a. We're in good financial shape
 - i. Our dues take care of our operating expenses
 - ii. We have an endowment from a donation in our first year which is now at \$12,000
 - b. Our yearly outreach letter has gone out with \$500 received so far
 - c. Compliance :
 - i. We need to make sure that everyone signs the attestation form . Please send a picture of this form to Sue
 - ii. We also need a copy of the CGC certificate, a record of vaccination with the rabies expiration listed
 - iii. Owners should send vet records to Sue every year. We need these records current for visitations (let the regional coordinators know)
4. Update on visitation sites (old and new) : Jeff, Anne and Amy)
 - a. Upper Cape: (Jeff)
 - i. Reading to our dogs at the Sandwich library 4/24
 - ii. Oakridge Elementary School (Sandwich) every other Friday
 - b. Mid Cape: (Amy)
 - i. Lighthouse Charter (Harwich) doing well and accommodating to our dogs' needs
 - ii. We will visit the Dreamday Camp in Brewster again this summer

- iii. New Places:
 - 1. Eddy Elementary School (Brewster) for reading to our dogs
 - 2. Nursing home in Chatham (right now 1 day but may be more)

- c. On the outer Cape: (Anne)
 - i. We will again visit: Eastham library, Rock Harbor Respite and the Veterans' program in Eastham
 - ii. Wellfleet – April 10th – visitation at the Wellfleet Cinema with the Nauset New Commers 8:30-9:30 (Let Anne know if you would like to attend)

- 5. Events:
 - a. The Hyannis Home Show at the Youth & Community Center 3/23
 - b. Hounds of Highfield: 6/23 outside of Falmouth mansion (bring something for a basket to raffle)
 - c. Cape Cod Cares for the Troops: Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in Wellfleet
 - d. Brewster Wellness Fair – 5/12/or 5/24

- 6. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!
 - a. Don't forget to add photos to the Drop Box. Just be careful with pictures of kids
 - b. Help with event coordination (we're getting bigger and need more help)
 - c. Verifying compliance needs some help
 - d. Carole has Sue Reiter and Jody Shyllberg helping with marketing (website and brochures)
 - e. Rebecca could use help in finding trainers for CGC

- 7. Open Discussion : If someone needs a shirt or bag, see Bonnie Chiantera.

- 8. Meeting Adjourned 7:50