

TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly  
DATE OF MEETING: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library  
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:37 P.M. (No ZOOM available)



MEMBER ATTENDEES: Amy Usowski, MarlynRose Guarino, Mary Hastings, Brian Hastings (w/Millie), Carol Miller, Tony Quinn (w/Bogey), Amy Groden (w/Charley), Bonnie Chiantera, Susan Harrington (w/Cindy), Shirley Murphy, Carol Rull, Beth Benson (w/ Baschi), Anne Thomas, Sue Bernier (w/Izzy), Jeff Idles and Donna Martin (w/Gus)

1. **Everyone introduced themselves** as is our practice
  - a. Donna Martin and Gus are new members
  
2. **Member Meeting Schedule** (going forward):

Amy explained that the board had decided to try having a formal meeting every other month. The months in between these meeting would be organized and held in each region. So, for the month of June, Anne (Outer Cape), Amy (Mid Cape), and Jeff (Upper Cape) will contact our members in their areas to set up our first regional meetings.

July, September and November will be for a general meeting in Denis with August, October and December reserved for regional meetings
  
3. **Financial and/or compliance updates** – Dogs going to the Dreamday Camp must be current on all records
  
4. **New Business:**
  - a. Our new cards are all ready and boxes for each section of the Cape will be give to the coordinators. The cards are intended to be handed out to spread the word about Hearts & Paws. It will include a new phone number with Google. Carol gets the calls and will send the information on to the appropriate club member.
  - b. Also, the card is to be a prototype to be used for personal cards for our dogs which will include a picture of the dog and the owner's name.
  - c. Clothing – we're working on getting the store up and running. It will include an option for anything that is purchased to be sent directly to the buyer.
  
5. **Visitation Updates:**
  - a. The Eddy School visitations have started and the Lighthouse School visitations are going well.
  - b. The Duffy health center in Hyannis would like us to setup visits. They wanted lots of time so we'll have to see what our dogs can accommodate.
  - c. WE NEED SPOTTERS !!!! maybe some handlers could also help as spotters when the need arises.
  - d. Dreamday Park – This is a camp at Nickerson State Park which is free for families with kids who have serious illness or disabilities. Visits will be on Mondays and four dog teams work well. A sign-up schedule will be out soon

**e. Lower Cape:**

- (1.) First Saturday of each month – Eastham Library will have reading to dogs
- (2.) Turnip Festival is on again this year
- (3.) Rock Harbor respite is going well
- (4.) Working on a veteran's program or collaborating with Veteran's Outreach Program
- (5.) Providence Town Library sent a request for visits once and a while

**6. Events:**

**a. Past** – Harwich Health Fair and Eastham Wellness Fair went well

**b. Upcoming** –

- (1) Bow Wow bash is Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>
- (2) Cape Cod Cares for the Troops (Hyannis) – this is our third year attending. Please bring dog donations and they will be sent out to service dogs. We will collect for Rocky's Warriors
- (3) Hounds of Highfield in Falmouth has all table about dogs. We need a basket to raffle off
- (4) Bark & Sip at Cape Cod Coffee. Tito's will match donations up to \$500. We will be fundraising for "Tommy's Place" (they will be there) . We want to have baskets to raffle off. (donations of any type – gift cards, dog items, restaurant certificates would be helpful). Jeff has a donation letter online to explain why we are asking for donations. Our goal is to have 10 prizes to raffle.
- (5) Bark in the Park – Cape League Baseball games (dates TBA)
- (6) LeMans in September at Mashpee Commons
- (7) Wind Mill Weekend (more info to come)

**7. Open Discussion** – A person from off cape would like to donate a large dog cage.

**8. Meeting Adjourned 7:45**

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary & Brian Hastings*