



TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Bi - Monthly  
DATE OF MEETING: Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 2024  
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library  
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 P.M.

MEMBER ATTENDEES: Rebecca Blair, Sue Bernier (w/Izzy), Wes Blair, Shirley Murphy, Carol Rull (w/Raziak), Mary & Brian Hastings (w/Millie), Rose Fiore (w/ Bella), Jeff Idels (Temporary Chair), Adrianna Glazener (w/Romeo)

BY ZOOM: No attendees

GUESTS: Mark & Carol Panasci (w/Dunkin), Doug Hill

SPEAKER: Mr. Tom Topham from Emergency Care for Dogs)

1. Meeting was called to order by Jeff (standing in for Amy who was ill)
2. Guest Speaker – Tom Topham from Emergency Care for Dogs  
Tom is a retired Medic from Natick, MA who has taken on teaching emergency pet care (Pro Pet Hero) to professionals and lay people. Some of the topics he covers are: vital signs, “snout to tail survey”, environmental injuries, bloat, seizures, allergic reactions, splints, bandages, choking, and bleeding control. He emphasized that this does not take away the need for a vet but helps to detect and start to control a problem early. Members were very interested in attending one of Tom’s classes.
3. As is our usual practice, everyone around the room took a minute to identify themselves and their dog (if present). New people and guest follow:
  - a. Mark & Carol Panasci introduced their dog Dunkin a 6yr old golden who is already certified and active as a therapy dog
  - b. Doug Hill has three dogs and is involved with the Panascis in Therapy Dogs International. He stated that they have 6 dogs in their group and are interested in joining H&P
4. Sue reported the following financial items with regard to fund-raising:
  - a. Bark in the Park - \$250 collected for Cape K-9 fund
  - b. Lemans race at Mashpee Commons - \$206 raised
  - c. Cape Cod Coffee – we raised \$500 and Tito’s donated \$1000 for Tommy’s Place
5. Discussion regarding a newsletter:
  - a. Are we big enough for a news letter ?
  - b. Can we summarize the talks given at our meetings ?
  - c. It would have to include lots of pictures and lists of events / venues
  - d. Amy Groden has already volunteered to coordinate an electronic newsletter

6. Updates on visitations – new & old

a. Visitations:

1. Gosnold rehab in Falmouth
2. Orleans terraces
3. A rest home in Sandwich (new)

b. Up coming Events: These are GREAT since they generate a lot of donations and inform people about our group)

1. Alzheimer Walk in Provincetown (maybe ?)
2. Eastham - Turnip Fest at the library (read to dogs ?)
3. Xmas Stroll in Harwich
4. Home and Garden Show
5. Wellness fair

7. Open Discussion:

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm