

TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: General Meeting
DATE OF MEETING: July 21st, 2025
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Library
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35



MEMBER ATTENDEES: Anne Thomas, Karen Payce, Tony Quinn (w/Bogey), Pauline Ahern (w/Cara), Candy VanSciver, Susan Harrington (w/Cidy), Mindy Pollack, Rose Fiore, Jeff Idels, Sue Bernier, Rebecca Blair, Suzanne Newton (w/Luna), Cathy Croce (w/Dylan), MB Maughan (w/ Madigan), Kathy Fedorchuck, Brian Hastings & Mary Hastings (w/Millie)

“Zoom” attendees: Donna Martin, Linda Valenti

1. Welcome: Jeff was chairing the meeting for Amy and he asked everyone to introduce themselves

Misc. coments:

Mindy Polack (new) has a dashhound mix by the name of “Doogie Hauser, MD
Kathy Fedorchuck is a trainer recently part of CAP. She’s studying to be an evaluator
Suzane and Luna need CGC
Karen Price is finishing up her shadowing
Sue brought up the social for the whole club. A “straw” vote was taken and everyone was in favor
Jeff mentioned that we need to use our members’ talents to grow

2. Financial & Compliance updates: Sue

Hearts & Paws has now reached 70 members
Budget is fine

3. Visitation Sites update: Each Coordinator gave a brief summary for their area:

Anne 🙄 Lower Cape)

Now going to “HOW” – “helping Our Women” Thursday 2:15 – 3, no trouble filling 8 Thursdays
Lilly House in Wellfleet (small hospice facility) requires a short training session
AIMS (substance abuse program) donated \$600 9:30 on 2nd Weds
Rock Harbor still going well
The Terraces is also doing ok
Eastham Library will be 1st Sat of the month. “Windmill Weekend” will be 1st weekend In September

Jeff: (Upper Cape)

Falmouth Schools will start again in the fall
Lauerntide, Recovering Champions and Cape Winds Rest home all doing well
Right now the demand for us is greater than we can supply teams
We need to have members to commit to at least 1 visitation location per month
We need members to commit to the same location each month

Amy (Mid Cape) was not present due to a previous commitmen

4. **Treats at visitation sites:** There was a lot of discussion about giving treats to dogs either by the handler or a client. Opinions were voiced both for and against the idea. Our handbook does cover this, somewhat, but a revision is probably needed. The Board will discuss at their next meeting
5. **Upcoming Events:** Dogs don't need CGC to attend and a great way to meet members and get involved with Hearts & Paws activities.
"Bark in the Park" Harwich July 27, Seaside LeMans – Mashpee in September,
Harwich Dog Festival September 20th

6. **Misc.**

Seven people interested in Therapy test

OUR ON-LINE STORE WILL OPEN !!!!! August 12th to the 20th. WATCH FOR AN E-MAIL

7. **Meeting Adjourned 8:10**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary & Brian Hastings