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The board meeting of the Eastham Dog Owners Association was called to order at 6:05p.m. on January 20, 2011 at the Chapel in the Pines in Eastham.

Board Members Present: Ed Daniels, Lu St. Aubin, Cindy Nicholson, Richard Brezner, Jim Lear, Ellen Murray, Katrina Boucher, Kristine Chiarappo and Kathy Herrick.

Board Members not Present: Tom Shea, Collene Caswell and Noelle Smith.

Public Discussion: The meeting topic was the lost dog network. Cindy Nicholson is the chair of The Lost Dog Committee.

The main topics of this discussion were:

- 1~How do we organize search and recovery groups.
- 2~"Find Fido" Packets available at The Cape Cod Dog, Nauset Pet Service and the Eastham Police Department.
- 3~How to reach us if your dog is lost. Place a Lost Dog request on the EDOA's website. An 'Urgent Message' comes through the EDOA website to 5 individuals, then broadcasted by one of these individuals to all members and non-members who have signed up. Someone from the EDOA will contact the dog owner so they can help coordinate search and recovery with us as well as get the word out. The issue regarding a coordinator is that we need someone to organize the search and recoveries, start a phone tree, email the members and non-members and be a contact for everyone involved. Ideas regarding written notifications of the lost animal via the Cape Cod Times were also briefly discussed.
- 4~Public Awareness: The idea of articles regarding proper dog ownership, current laws regarding ownership, training (dogs AND owners) and vet care. This issue was brought up by Susan and she had mentioned the idea of getting more information out in the papers, magazines and so forth.
- 5~How to make finding your dog easier. Keep your address current with your vet and the chip provider. Embroider the name, address and phone number on collar. Have a current picture of your dog.
- 6~Lost dog info and info on animal parks to be added to rental packets. The idea of adding some pamphlets into rental packets was briefly discussed.
- 7~Lost dog Facebook page. We discussed setting up a Facebook page for the Lost Dog Network. Kristine had offered to do it and Katrina had mentioned the idea in a prior meeting. The idea is to post information regarding lost dogs in our area and possibly expanding to larger areas down the road.
- 8~Walkie talkies. Kathy purchased two walkie talkies for herself at the cost of \$53 and the EDOA discussed purchasing more for search and recovery efforts.
- 9~Lost pet info sheets. How animals act when they are back in the wild. Their behavior changes and it is important for people to understand that. The lost pet info sheet would give you tips on how to recover the dog safely.

10~Waiver. We discussed if those interested in becoming a member of the Lost Dog Network should sign a waiver.

Board Meeting Discussion: Expenditure for internet web hosting of less than \$100 was proposed and approved unanimously.

We then discussed a membership drive for 2011 in January/February. To renew membership we discussed postage and post cards for present members to re-up. We will email first and then mail the post card and then follow up with an email.

June 12th 2011 Paws for Celebration at Drummer Boy Park. We discussed setting up a table. The event is 11a/m.-3p.m. and you need to register your dog to do the walk. This is a benefit for the Animal Rescue League. We discussed possible game booths such as balloon popping or ring toss.

Liability insurance. Scott Kerry is still working on the information to be presented for the annual report.

The annual report was sent to the state by the November 1 deadline.

Cape Cod Dart shelters. No liability for DART volunteers. Sign up for EDOA so they can be on our liability insurance. Ed to discuss this possibility with DART President, Holly Rogers, perhaps might be a win-win situation.

Vet prices. A member who stayed to hear the Board discussions suggested that vet prices on Cape are too high, and that EDOA could be a viable path to force standardized vet prices on Cape. Although the Board listened to the comment and related discussion, no action was taken on this suggestion.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristine Chiarappo