



Eastham Dog Owners' Association March 26, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Per Bentsen, Ruth Bentsen, Dianne Cullen and her Boston Terrier Elvis, Kathy Herrick, Cindy Nicholson, Ellen Murray, Tracey Plantier, Joanne Baldauf

Absent: Vicky Anderson, Cindy Blum, Ed Daniels, Larry DiBona, Karie Miller

The February meeting minutes were approved. (*Motion to accept by Dianne, Tracey 2nd, passed*).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth presented our year-to-date activity against our 2015 budget. Income through today totaled \$2320 with expenses through the same period totaling \$545. Our account balance is currently \$14,129.03 (\$11,851.84 bank balance, \$2034.61 CD, \$242.58 PayPal). *Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Tracey, Ellen 2nd, passed.*

CORRESPONDENCE/NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

- Ruth spent two hours on the telephone with the IRS to clear up yet another mistake on their part regarding our annual filing of Form 990. We are up to date on all filings, but we received a note saying that there was a problem with 2012. After speaking with several individuals at the IRS, Ruth was told that the issue was rectified on their end and that we should continue with our annual filings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (*Motion to accept all committee reports by Dianne, Tracey 2nd, passed*)

Education

- Ellen reported that we currently have 11 people signed up for the Cooperative Dog training program scheduled for May 17th. The price for auditing the program was decreased for all EDOA members to \$40 from \$57 for the four hour program.
- Ellen spoke with representatives from the Brewster Animal Rescue League regarding their interest in being the guest speaker at our annual meeting in October. They were pleased to accept our invitation, and will discuss the history and mission of ARL, along with their fostering and adoption program, animal cruelty work, and educational programs. This will give us a great opportunity to learn more about and partner with yet another organization dedicated to animal welfare.

EDOA Newsletter – our newsletter is published four times a year: January, May, August and November. Please send any article ideas for the May issue to CindyN.

Lost Dog Network (LDN) – There has been no recent activity.

- Ed set up a new process using our web hosting site (PowWeb) for email communication to and from our volunteers. Any mail sent from this site will have "Lost Dog" in the heading instead of just EDOA or a personal address. Ed, CindyN, Larry and Kathy recently tested the new system. All coordinators will be introduced to it at a meeting to be scheduled in late April.
- The LDN Searchers training session was rescheduled to April 11th at 10 a.m. at Nauset Baptist Church on Great Pond Road in Eastham. CindyN and Karie will lead the discussion.

Lower Cape Animal Shelter Team (LCAST)

- The "forms" training session will be held on Saturday, April 18th starting at 9:30 a.m. (location TBD) to better familiarize our volunteers with the forms required for animal intake and animal care. We need to make certain that all of our volunteers can handle intake activities.
- The LCAST Operations Manual is ready for printing/publication.
- CindyB will present an overview of LCAST at the Emergency Preparedness Seminar that is being held on Friday, March 27th at the Eastham Council on Aging. The keynote speaker is head of the Barnstable County Emergency Planning committee.



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Eastham Chamber of Commerce – the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st at 5:30 p.m. and will be held at Artichoke in the Town Center Plaza on Route 6. Artichoke is located in the building formerly housing Landmark Fence.

Membership – We have 143 memberships for 2015.

Buddy Scholarship – Three applications have been received and the committee will begin their review soon. The award is always given in May at the Bow Wow Bash.

Mutt Mitts – Ellen volunteered to stock the dispensers at Dyer Prince, Hemenway, and Salt Pond. CindyN will get a supply of mutt mitts and the key to the dispensers to Ellen.

- There continue to be complaints about the poor quality of poop bags that the Town of Eastham supplies in their dispensers (these are different from the Mutt Mitts bags in the three locations mentioned above). The town has been made aware of the complaints and is looking into alternate sourcing. People with complaints should be directed to the town's Parks and Recreation Department that oversees the program.

Merchandise – New business cards and LDN magnets were distributed at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Wiley Park Bulletin Board – will be added to agenda for April meeting.

Board Member Nominating Committee – will be added to agenda for April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Our condolences go out to the family of Bernie Kaplan, as well as to Kathleen Mueller and Lu St. Aubin on their recent losses. Bernie, Kathleen "K2" and Lu have all served on EDOA's Board of Directors.

UPCOMING EVENTS – updated from last month

- March 28, 10 am – Rabies Clinic (Per, Ruth and Joanne will assist)
- CHANGED TO April 2, 2 pm – Wiley Park Poop Pickup Party (rain date April 3 at 2 pm)
- CHANGED TO April 11, 10 am – Lost Dog Searchers Meeting
- April 18, 9:30 am – LCAST Forms Training
- May 16 – Bow Wow Bash
- May 17 - The Cooperative Dog Training Session (rain date May 24 – all dependent upon member interest)
- May 30 – Paws for Celebration
- June 20 – Hands on the Arts
- September 12-13 – Windmill Weekend

A motion to adjourn was made by Tracey, Per 2nd, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 16th at 6 p.m. at the Eastham Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Herrick, Secretary