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**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 15, 2008 @ 6:30PM**  
**Council on Aging**

**Present:** Cindy Nicholson, Lu St Aubin, Ed Daniels, Pat Engstrom, Mary Beth O'Shea, Noelle Smith, Bernie Kaplan, and Lynne Bates.

**Cindy Nicholson opened the meeting; quorum verified.**

**Minutes:** Previous minutes of April 17th, 2008 reviewed and accepted with one change to the spelling of Guest Fred Bates name.

**Agenda Tonight:** Emergency Animal Shelter Committee update, EDOA Website & Membership Recruitment status, Annual Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report for the period of 4/17/08 to 5/15/08 was presented by Mary Beth O'Shea and was approved.

Balance in Bank 5/15/08	\$1,705.55
To be Deposited	<u>20.00</u>
Ending Balance 5/15/08	\$1,725.55

Mary Beth is putting together a list of existing members that have not paid 2008 Membership Dues. 2<sup>nd</sup> notices will be sent to members by email or called if a telephone number is available.

**New Board Members:** Noelle K. Smith and Kirsten T. Davis were voted in for sharing equally one of the opening positions on the Board. There is still one position open on the Board. Mary Beth offered to contact Dr. John Kelly or Dr. Jim Lear of Eastham Veterinary Hospital to ask if either one had any interest in the position.

**Website & Membership Recruitment:** Ed Daniels answered questions in regards to our new website [www.easthamdog.org](http://www.easthamdog.org). He will be updating the site with any information, activities, pictures of member's dogs, and pet friendly links. Money was allocated to purchase additional inventory for EDOA business cards. A suggestion was made to have EDOA flyers or business cards distributed to the Eastham Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce as well as having some available at the Town Hall. Another suggestion was made to have information available at the Eastham Non-Resident Taxpayers meeting that will be held July 12, 2008 at the Elk's building on McCoy Rd.

**Emergency Pet Shelter:** Pat Engstrom reported that she had received only 2 responses so far from the May 5<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting handout for the Emergency Pet Shelter Guidelines.

More ongoing discussion on how to proceed with the present Town's basic requirements and expectations. The need to decide what is the best way to move forward towards an agreeable shelter that would accommodate both pet and owner. Pat mentioned that she had not had any response to her phone messages from Sheila Vanderhoef . Mary Beth mentioned that Sheila had been out of the office and probably would be getting back to her when she returned to her regular work schedule. Meeting with Sheila would be the next step in trying to move forward.

Pat located classes or courses that could be taken online – HSUonline.org - Human Society University Courses Online that might be helpful if anyone was interested. Pat and Linda VanNest are going to attend a Massachusetts Animal Response Team (SMART) shelter field exercise May 17<sup>th</sup> at the MA Military Reservation Camp Edwards. They will practice the small animal sheltering component of the Cape Cod Emergency Traffic Plan (CCETP). The purpose of CCETP is to facilitate vehicular traffic moving off Cape Cod in times of emergency.

**Annual Meeting:** We still need to choose a date this fall for our Annual Meeting.

**Next Board Meeting is June 19, 2008 at the Council on Aging.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lu St.Aubin  
Secretary