

HUMANE SOCIETY OF HURON VALLEY
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
September 28, 2009

Present: Del Dunbar, Diane Heidt, Mark Heusel, Jane Lumm, Robert Tetens, Mike Walsh, Teresa Welsh, Dennis Wojcik

Absent: Nancy Culotta, Anne Ferris, Peter Fink, Diana Kern,

Others Present: Tanya Hilgendorf, Jaci Nicols, Carolyn Raschke

Email Motion and Vote

- **An email motion was made and accepted prior to the scheduled board meeting.**
- Diana Kern motioned that the organization, through its duly authorized officers, make application to the MLCC for a Special License for the sale of either Beer and Wine, or Beer, Wine and Spirits, for consumption on the premises to be in effect on the following days: September 25, 2009 at the following location and address. Location Name: Pierce Lake Golf Course. Address: 1175 S Main St Chelsea, MI 48118 This location is in the (city, incorporated village or township) of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw. Nancy Culotta supported. All approved.

Bob Tetens called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Minutes Approved

- Dennis Wojcik motioned to approve the July 27, 2009 Board meeting minutes. Mike Walsh supported. All approved.

Treasurer's Report – reported by Mike Walsh

- Our August financial reports were reviewed. Looking great. Revenue is 8% over budget and 33% ahead of 2008. Carolyn Raschke added that our TNR program is getting great donations. Expenses are 6% below budget and are managed well. Overall about breakeven and considerably better than budget and 2008.
- Balance Sheet is very strong and not a lot of change.
- Jane Lumm questioned the tree buffer escrow. Tanya Hilgendorf replied that we have up to 5 years to spend and we have begun to get bids on the work.
- Capital Campaign financial reports were reviewed. Carolyn Raschke clarified the discount on pledges is the loss of investment, basically time value of money. Jane Lumm commented that with half of the contingencies remaining, the budget has been well managed. Changes in the Capital Campaign Balance Sheet were movement of some money to CDs for better interest rates.

- Teresa Welsh motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jane Lumm supported. All approved.

Director's Report – reported by Tanya Hilgendorf

Shelter Activities

- Second Rescue Waggin' delivery of pups was also great success. Almost all puppies and dogs were adopted out very quickly.
- Canton Twp doing proclamation to recognize HSHV during National Shelter Appreciate Month.
- New Ypsilanti Twp ordinance passed on differential dog licensing to encourage spay/neuters and microchipping of all stray dogs being returned to their owners. HSHV Cruelty Investigators have been asked to assist in enforcement and are being allowed to write tickets.
- Partnership between HSUS, Maddie's Fund, and Ad Council began Sept. 24th to promote adoption of homeless animals nationwide (think of what Smokey the Bear did for forest fires...but cooler). This will coincide nicely with the opening of our new shelter.

Cruelty/Rescue Department

- Matt Schaecher is serving as Interim Supervisor of Cruelty and Rescue Department.
- Woman who locked her dog in the closet and starved it to death was sentenced to 18 months probation, \$800 in court fees, no pet ownership or contact with animals, random drug testing and other restrictions.
- Pre-trial for Brownie will be Oct. 22.
- Three other prosecutions being pursued for starved/emaciated dogs. One case also being heard on October 22 for woman breeding pit bulls who left the mamma dog to starve in the yard, with puppies for sale in the house.
- Case being assembled on dog that had deeply embedded dog collar.
- New case under investigation on meter reader who assaulted a woman's small dog in Ypsilanti Twp.
- No movement from prosecutor's office yet on cow case or Ackley Kennels.
- Working to expand partnership with WCSD.

Marketing/Outreach/Fundraising

- Compassionate Feast honoring Bob Martel is October 20 at Barton Hills.
- Online appeal for Furry Godmother Fund related to Brownie case has raised over \$40,000. Big kudos to Development/Marketing Dept. who basically ran an impromptu week long phone-a-thon in the middle of every other project.

Capital Campaign

- The Matthaei family has made a \$100,000 challenge gift to HSHV.
- Clinic received \$85,000 from PetSmart Charities to buy new equipment for clinic if we agree to high volume spay/neuter clinic and a goal 5000 more spay/neuters each year.
- Move date is October 8. Plan is set. HSHV will be closed for 4 days during move, set up and training. Clinic will be closed for outpatient care for a week.

Discussion

- Jane Lumm commented on fantastic statistics improvements.
- Tanya Hilgendorf informed the Board of the State's Dept. of Agriculture interpretation of the stray holding requirement statute. The differences significantly impact our days of care for stray animals as we cannot count the day of arrival, weekend days, or state holidays. Mark Heusel stated that we comply with the statute when it was recently reviewed in another matter. Mark Heusel requested a copy of the memorandum stating the Dept. of Ag. interpretation, as this may be a topic to take to the Attorney General.
- Del Dunbar motioned to accept the Executive Director report. Diane Heidt supported. All approved.

Development Committee – reported by Jaci Nicols

- The first-ever HSHV golf outing went well this past Friday. We consider it a success. We will have the final revenue numbers this week, but had 112 people on 28 teams participate. Jaci stated it was great working with the staff at Pierce Lake Golf Course.
- The Compassionate Feast is Oct. 20. You will see an electronic invitation tomorrow and mailed invitations going out this week.
- The Development Committee will be continuing its work on various stewardship programs.

Old Business

- The Bylaw revisions were distributed. These will be on the agenda for the upcoming Board working session in October.
- Mark Heusel had additional follow up and it looks like the SB135 plate bill has stalled in the House.

Working Session

- Board working session is scheduled for Monday October 26. The agenda topics are 1) Bylaw revisions 2) Nominations.

Jane Lumm motioned to adjourn regular meeting and convene an executive session. Diane Heidt supported. All approved.

Jane Lumm motioned to adjourn the executive session and re-convene the regular meeting. Mike Walsh supported. All approved.

Del Dunbar motioned to authorize the expenditure of \$4,000 (fixed fee) to hire the firm of Nacht and Associates. Diane Heidt supported. All approved.

There being no other business, Del Dunbar motioned to adjourn the meeting. Teresa Welsh supported. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is Monday November 23rd at 6:00 pm (at the NEW HSHV facility).