

Oregon Coast Humane Society
Board Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2023
Private Home

Present:

Mary Henry, President; Cynthia Beck, Vice President; Shauna Robbers, Secretary; Sandy Davidson, Treasurer. Maire Testa and Laurie Arms were excused.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Henry at 12:20 PM

Check-in/Opening thoughts/Kudos:

Mary welcomed all and thanked the board for all they do. Shauna thanked Mary for being a great President.

Approval of Agenda:

Shauna had an item to add under Fundraising & Marketing

Approval of Minutes:

Shauna moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2023. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Finance:

The Treasurer reported that the OCHS is in sound financial health.

Executive Director Report:

YEAR TO DATE ADOPTIONS: 271!

ANIMAL UPDATES: As of today, we have 118 animals in our care.

APRIL INTAKE: 69 clinic animals (57 microchip/vaccine clinic and 12 s/n clinic), 27 owner surrenders (10 dogs, 17 cats/kittens), 10 returned adoptions (3 cats, 7 dogs), 20 strays (6 dogs, 14 cats/kittens), 1 service in (s/n clinic & protective custody hold), 2 custody holds, 27 transfers in (3 Marion County dogs, 5 Bakersfield puppies left in a box outside the shelter, 18 cats/kittens from Eugene/Springfield area)

OUTCOME: 65 adoptions (41 dogs/puppies, 24 cats/kittens), 70 clinic out (microchip/vaccine clinic and s/n clinic), 6 return to owners, 6 died in care (neonatal kittens abandoned by mother), 2 euthanasia (one senior cat, one Great Dane medical), 1 transfer out (rabbit to Greenhill).

EVENTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

*Kitten Shower was a great success - lots of donations and visitors. Moshow and EmSee adopted a kitten while they were here, too, so lots of social media attention for us because of "Crab Cakes" the kitten.

*First Ems game was a lot of fun. Next game is June 7th. Valerie, volunteers, and dogs will attend.

*April's microchip clinic saw 57 community animals! We hope to host the next one in June.

*April in-house estate sale at the Vintage House raised \$1795 for the animals and brought in some great donations for sale after the event ended.

*Ford Ranger truck sold for \$3500 to support the animals.

*Dr. Schaad is here this week for the vet clinic. Lots of community animals being seen - 27 cats and 4 dogs are scheduled, and multiple feral cats are hopefully being trapped and brought in for services.

*ET presented to Greentrees Emergency Response Team about Animal Preparedness. Thanks to Lisa Mullins for providing a prep kit for a cat to show them, and to Heidi White for attending the event.

*Peanut Butter appeal letter sent and already bringing in donations. There have been 37 donations totaling \$2,380 from the appeal. Total donations for May at the shelter so far are \$18,939 (including a \$5000 gift from an estate).

*Grant submitted to Western Lane Community Foundation requesting funding for community animals' spay/neuter procedures. We asked for \$5000.

*Rhody Days was FUN! Our booth at the Car Show was hosted by Mary Conley and Cynthia Beck. The Parade float won the Mayor's Award. Special thanks to Valerie and the volunteers who put the whole thing together. Also thanks to Mike Bones Nursery and Laurel Bay Gardens and Florence Shipping Solutions for their support!

Nomination Committee:

The committee met and ballots were mailed first class May 24. They are due back by June 10. The new board will be introduced at the general meeting on June 24. The roster of board candidates was approved by unanimous consent of the board. Mary stated that in the future, the nomination committee should move into board development and seek out candidates who can provide expertise in certain areas to enhance the general knowledge of the board.

Planning/Culture of Learning:

Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24 at noon at the Siuslaw Public Library in the Bromley Room. Doors open at 11:30 and meeting will commence at noon. New board members have been invited to attend this meeting.

New Board Member Onboarding: The board addressed items they believe new members need to have right away which include email addresses, access to QuickBooks, file at the shelter, and a board mentor. Mary, Shauna and Cynthia each agreed to mentor one new board member each. New board members will be invited to the annual meeting. On boarding meeting will be at the July board meeting with new board and outgoing board members.

Fundraising and Marketing:

Rhody Days: The parade was a hit reported Elizabeth. The float was mostly put together by volunteers. Mike Bones and Laurel Bay loaned OCHS plants, and Shippin Solution pitched in with a truck and driver and a trailer. The team did run out of candy before Bay Street. One dog was adopted immediately. Cynthia worked the OCHS

booth at the car show. Attendance was low as there was nothing to draw attendees into the area where the booths were set up.

Spring Appeal: Received \$2,382 in donations plus an additional \$5,000 was mailed in with the return envelope but was not part of the appeal. OCHS has some estate checks coming in as well. The finance committee has been tasked to come up with a strategy for planned gifts to present to the board.

Ideas to Research: Shauna suggested looking into four things (1) Dog is Good merchandise; (2) Sniff Spot App; (3) Pawlynesian Pawty (name for fun event); and (4) Vibrant Dog (Holistic Dog Health including CBD tincture).

Program:

Animal Welfare Committee: Cynthia reported it is kitten season and we are keeping our heads above water. Pam is trying to get as many animals fixed when possibilities arise. We need 12 foster families. Currently we don't have enough. The Committee went over the report generated from the visit of the Oregon Humane Society veterinarians. OCHS has implemented most of the medical suggestions as well as vaccines, and spay and neuter procedures. The Committee discussed OHS suggestions for kitty housing and cozy spaces for dogs. Volunteer dog walkers are now writing synopsis regarding how each walk went and if there were any issues. Each dog has a page at the shelter that staff and other volunteers can read. The Committee is working on the vision statement for OCHS and policy statement for the animal welfare committee. At the AWF's next meeting they will be asking how to look for reputable sources.

Closing Thoughts:

Discussion was held regarding "A Plan for Your Pet. "When you include us in your will, there is a benefit for you. OCHS will take care of your pet."

Regular Session ended and Executive Session started at 2:10 PM.

Returned to regular session at 2:14 PM.

Next meeting is the OCHS Annual Meeting to be held June 24, 2023 at noon at the Bromley Room, Siuslaw Public Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shauna Robbers, Secretary