

## **Minutes of ACT Board Meeting** **September 11, 2013**

**Location:** McKamey Animal Care and Adoption Center

**Present:** Bruce Baird, Ann Ball, Karla McKamey Valadez, Barby Wilson, Carla Morgan, Sonia Young, Carol Goodman, Susie Matthews, Karen Walsh, Nancy Dunlap, Ryan Picarella, Mark Litchford

**Present via Telephone:**

**Absent:** Hiten Patel, Roy Exum, Jackie Hamm, Kevin Lusk

**Also Present:** Alex Green, Times Free Press Reporter, David Long

**Meeting was called to order at approximately 4:35 p.m.**

1. The Agenda was approved.
2. The August 2013 Minutes were approved as revised.
3. Governance Committee Report by Carol Goodman: Stated she would like to meet to discuss nominations for new board members; Carol to advise date of next meeting.
4. Susie Matthews, P&P Committee Report: The P&P Committee has been asked by the ED to evaluate the pros and cons of becoming accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association.
5. Development Committee, Barby Wilson:
  - a. Barby is working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> donor request mailing.
  - b. Board pledges are past due – please make payments as soon as possible.
  - c. A new Board Pledge Form was given out to everyone; please complete and return them to Jeff Wilhite in the envelope provided (please return even if you are currently doing the automatic debit donation but note that on the Pledge Form)
  - d. Reminder – We need 100% participation!
6. Special Events, Ann Ball:
  - a. The Hyper Flight Skyhoundz reception will be held at McKamey Center the evening of September 26<sup>th</sup> ; the event, that benefits McKamey, takes place at Coolidge Park on September 28<sup>th</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend this fun event!
  - b. The Lexus Golf Tournament is coming up on November 5<sup>th</sup>, we still need teams and sponsorships!
7. Nominating Committee, Ann Ball: Please read through the self-evaluation handed out regarding your Contributions as a Board member.
  - a. We have a slate officers to present at the October Board Meeting: Bruce Baird, Board Chair; Susie Matthews, Board Vice-Chair, Kevin Lusk, Treasurer; Nancy Dunlap, Board Secretary
  - b. At the October Board Meeting anyone can put forth a nomination
8. ED Report
  - a. There is a Pet Adoptathon this weekend at PetSmart on Gunbarrel road; this is the biggest adoption event for the year.
  - b. McKamey is one of the finalists for a Grant to be given by Ally Cats.
  - c. Doggie Paddle event at Warner Park was a huge success – about 250 dogs were there.

- d. Board Name tags: If you haven't paid already, please pay Jeff Wilhite (\$18).
  - e. October is Feral Cat month – Fridays will be the day to spay feral cats during the entire month of October.
  - f. We have a new city pet licensing brochure (handed out).
  - g. North Georgia Bank has offered a very attractive refinancing package for the Center's Mortgage. This would push out the Center's loan for 10 years.
  - h. Ann Ball made a motion to approve moving forward with speaking to this bank about their refinancing offer; motion was seconded and approved.
9. Treasurer's report: In Kevin Lusk's absence, Bruce Baird read the letter from the auditors, Johnson, Murphy & Wright, Certified Public Accountants, regarding our end of the year financial audit, congratulating us on another excellent year.
- a. A motion was made by Ann Ball and seconded by Barby Wilson that we remove 3% from the City's Line Item and move it to the Contribution's Line Item; this motion was approved.
10. Old Business: Bruce Baird reminded everyone about the CNP board training on Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – downtown, United Way building, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (coffee and pastries will be provided).
11. Executive Committee Meeting Report, Bruce Baird:
- a. An Executive Committee Meeting was held on September 10, 2013.
  - b. A motion was raised, seconded and approved to pose a question to Carol Goodman asking her if it is her desire to resign from the board since she admitted her unhappiness and distrust of the board. She was given until October 9, 2013 to notify the board.

**Minutes submitted by:** Nancy Dunlap, Board Secretary