

Minutes of ACT - Regular Board Meeting July 9, 2014

Location: McKamey Animal Care Center

Board Members Present: Karla McKamey Valadez (Board Chair), Nancy Dunlap (Secretary), Mark Litchford (Vice Chair), Carolyn Varnell, Sonia Young, Amy Andrews, Carol Goodman, Elisabeth Donnovin, Mary Dube, Bruce Baird, Nairara Cancel

Absent: Hiten Patel, Krystye Dalton

Also Present: Center – Jamie McAloon Lampman, Jeff Wilhite, Anna Baker

City Representative: Brent Goldberg

Public Guest: Marie Chinery


Meeting was called to order by Karla McKamey Valadez at: 4:35 p.m.

1. The Agenda was approved.
2. The June 9, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as amended.
3. Carolyn Varnell stated that she would like McKamey to be part of the Turkey Trot, Thanksgiving pet walk/run event that she is involved with. Board discussed various ways McKamey shelter dogs could be involved and potential ways to solicit McKamey donations. All agreed that we should pursue this.
4. Nancy Dunlap introduced new board Director, Nairara Cancel.
5. Governance Committee Report by Nancy Dunlap: This committee has been working on a stream lined version of the Bylaws, incorporating Stan Sewell's suggestions, Elisabeth Donnovin's suggestions, and suggested revisions from other board members. When completed, she asked how the board would like to review and discuss the revisions. The consensus was that everyone preferred to do this by reviewing sections at various regular board meetings.
6. Sonia Young reported that she is working on another special event called "Society for Aristocats and Debudogs" to be held at a place yet to be determined. Plans are to include entertainment and pet merchandise vendors. She is looking at a middle of November time frame. Sponsors will be needed.
7. Elisabeth Donnovin reported that she will be talking with Lee Towery about her idea of having cocktail parties to solicit new McKamey Donors; Elisabeth's parents have agreed to host one and Karla McKamey said that her family would also be interested.
8. Jamie reported that she will be sending out the Center's schedule of events for the upcoming year.
9. Jeff Wilhite reported that the K9-K netted \$3,784. 6 other races that day impacted the number of participants this year (only had 52 runners).
10. Jeff also reported that Dogs do the Cat Walk event netted \$4,670.
11. Bruce Baird reported for the Nominating Committee: he said that a prospective new board member, Jay Floyd, owner of the ARK Pet Spa and Hotel, is interested in joining the board and he and Karla McKamey Valadez will be arranging a lunch and tour in the near future.
12. ED Report, Jamie McAloon Lampman:
 - a. Purchased the truck and topper approved at the June board meeting; another truck will be purchased in the next budget year.

- b. Typical for this time of year, the shelter is full. This is due to the 4th of July Holiday (pets running away and people relinquishing unwanted animals prior to going on vacation) and the puppy and kitten season is upon us.
 - c. Mortgage Refinancing effort: We have two commitment letters one from NW Georgia Bank and one from FSG Bank. Once the new City Agreement is finalized we can move forward with a decision.
 - d. Euthanasia numbers have been greatly reduced from this time last year which is also impacting the shelter's high numbers.
13. Brent Goldberg stated that he would look into the possibility of the City donating the current trucks we are leasing from them.
14. City Contract:
- a. Elisabeth Donnovin passed out a redlined version of the proposed new City Agreement (with Executive Committee proposed changes) and asked that everyone please review it and get back to her with any proposed revisions by Friday, July 11, 2014.
 - b. Sonia Young made a Motion that Mark Litchford, Elisabeth Donnovin, JamieMcAloon Lampman and Karla McKamey Valadez be given authority to finalize this agreement with the City and make any key changes necessary, in keeping with the mission of McKamey; Amy Andrews seconded this motion; motion was approved by majority "aye" vote.
15. Carol Goodman asked about the Exit Interview from former employee Courtney Parker that was sent to many board directors. A summary of the investigation into some "dog assessment" concerns expressed in this letter was sent to the board prior to this meeting; Jamie stated that she has reviewed the current process being used in the holding area and is finalizing a Standard Operating Procedure that will be followed immediately. All employees will be trained in the new procedures as well.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Dunlap, Board Secretary

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Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By Board: August 13, 2014

