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Animal Shelter Board Meeting Minutes

9 March 2021

By Zoom at 6 pm

The Animal Shelter Board met on 9 March 2021 by Zoom at 6 pm.

Dr. Bob Acuff called meeting to order. Dr. Bob Acuff asked for roll call.

Members present was Dr. Bob Acuff, Kelly Collins, Sonja Culler, Mike Simerly, Wes Frazier and Kim Birchfield joined a few minutes late. Members absent was Chairman Mike Barnett.

Dr. Bob Acuff asked for approval of minutes. Motion was made by Wes Frazier and second by Kim Birchfield. All voted Aye, none opposed.

Dr. Bob Acuff asked for update and current numbers from shelter director. Director Shannon Posada gave current numbers for the shelter.

February

Cat intakes 44

Dog intakes 40

Cat adoptions 44

Dog adoptions 32

Current Numbers

Cats 52

Dogs 27

Director Posada stated the shelter has 2 trips to Asheville scheduled in February. Director Posada stated there has been 2 part-time personal to quit. Director Posada stated Darren Lacey has taken over the dog catcher position and loves it. Darren is working well with the CCSD and EPD. Director Posada said just as a reminder if you have an animal issue, all calls go through 911 and the officer will dispatch Darren out as he is needed. Also Director Posada wanted to remind everyone the shelter has cats/kittens at Petsence of Elizabethton for adoption daily.

Dr. Bob Acuff discussed with board members the directors job description. Dr. Bob Acuff asked members to be in thought of the board writing a job description for director. Mike Simerly requested to defer directors job description until the next board meeting in April to allow board members opportunity to review the job description of WCAS director.

Wes Frazier asked the board members to review an article from the Johnson City Press titled Financial Jeopardy of 501C3. Wes Frazier stated it was a good article with good information.

Dr. Bob Acuff discussed the Carter County Social Media policy that was discussed at the Rules and By Laws meeting. Dr. Acuff said he wanted board members to have the opportunity to review the policy before being discussed at the next Rules and By Laws meeting.

Dr. Acuff opened up discussion about the special called meeting concerning 501C3. Dr. Acuff said he had several questions that was still unanswered. Mike Simerly had made a request for board members or the director to reach out to MTAS or CTAS for information they may have on 501C3 or any knowledge they may want to share.

Abby Fry stated there is already a joint workshop in the planning. Abby Fry stated MTAS & CTAS is already invited to join in the workshop for whatever may be needed they may be able to help with.

Dr. Bob Acuff discussed an email from one of his constituents about barking dogs. Dr. Acuff asked Director Posada if she had any insight on what could be done. Director Posada recommended to speak with an officer. Director Posada explained there may be a cause for the dogs to be barking such as an injury, no food or water, or unsanitary living conditions. Director Posada stated it may be something obvious that could be fixed or it could be a dog that likes to bark.

Mike Simerly mentioned the new dog catcher and the goat he had retrieved running at large. Director Posada stated that was the best goat with the neatest story behind it. Director Posada stated the goat was returned to owner.

Next meeting was scheduled for 13 April 2021 at 6 pm by zoom.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Sonja Culler and second Mike Simerly

Approved

By: _____

