

## Member Meeting Minutes May 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:03

Present: Hazel Bellinger, Blanche Valverde, Sally Cull, Tina and Jim Nutt, Barb Foskett, Chris Jurgens, Molly Robbers, Stephanie Martin, Sam Steck, Jodene Vaughan

April Meeting Minutes: unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of April 30, 2017, we have \$147,027.72 total in checking and savings. We received \$2130.63 from a PayPal transfer and \$251.88 in Membership fees, with \$19.26 designated for spay and neuter. The property taxes have been paid.

**Spay/Neuter Report:** As of 04/30/17, we have \$2233.00 in the account, with 32 pending applications.

**Shelter Update:** Nicholson Drilling was contacted by Brenda to ask for an update on the well status. Their drilling equipment is now sitting on our property, and Nicholson has promised the well will be dug before the auction on May 13, 2017.

**Sails 'n Tails 2017 Update:** We had 83 tickets sold as of Monday (4/24). The auctioneer indicated that gimmicks such as "Kitty Bucks" don't really speed up the purchase process, but our stats indicate he may be wrong. Brenda talked Jeff into donating the limousine ride for the Walter Dacon tour as opposed to the tour of the Hoodspout Winery as previously proposed. Two of the three commissioners are coming and one State Representative. (All three commissioners were invited.) We have 117 total packages with a value of \$30,756.10. 93 of those packages are for the two silent auction tables. We have 11 Golden Tickets left to sell between now and the start of the auction. The Union River Band (soft rock group) from Valley Feed will be playing the night of the auction.

**Twitter and Facebook Updates:** Sam Steck is keeping Twitter and Facebook up to date with our current activities, our future events and as of May 6, 2017, our adoptable cats and kittens will be on our website.

**Foster Program Update:** As of this evening, our adoptable adults will be posted on Facebook and we will be receiving new kittens next week.

**Tahaya Days:** : Sam Steck has graciously volunteered to chair this event on July 1, 2017. We will have a booth selling bottled water, dog and cat scarves and free information on our Spay/Neuter Program, along with hand-outs encouraging people to sign up for the "Walk For A Dog" program from which we benefit. Anyone interested in volunteering to walk with the Humane Society or staff the booth, please contact our office (360 275-9310) and leave your name and number to add to Sam's list of volunteers.

Sam is also gathering information for an event that will benefit HSMC with no risk on our part. That will be a Sounders game, August 12, 2017. Tickets start at \$19 and run up to \$26. They will be purchased from a special website by the individuals wishing to attend on that day and, if we sell 40 tickets, we will receive a portion of the sales. If we don't sell 40 tickets, we lose nothing. So, if you've never seen a Sounders game, give it some serious thought, and expand your horizons while benefitting HSMC. More information (like the web address) in our next month's meeting minutes or on our website (soon).

**Pet Fair:** Hazel has volunteered to chair "Pet Fair" and it will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2017, the day after our Lakeland Village Garage Sale at our property. This is the only date the Search and Rescue Bloodhounds had available. Last year, we received no enthusiasm from any of the Sheriff's canines, and the Bloodhounds are booked a year in advance. We thought it was important to have working dogs for a demonstration and thankfully, the Bloodhounds fit us into their schedule this year. Adopt A Pet will also be there, hopefully with some of their available dogs, and we will have some of our adoptable cats on site (but not available for adoption that day).

**Road Crew Update:** Our next road clean up will be June 24, 2017 at 8:00. Meet at the airport as usual, bring boots and gloves. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and pastries provided.

Blanche wanted a note in the minutes about our stamp usage. We use the stamps for mailing spay/neuter information and certificates, thank-you notes, membership renewal reminders and to pay our bills.

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:52