

Member Meeting Minutes February 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM.

Members Present: Lynn Soderlund, Sally Cull, Hazel Bellinger, Jim Nutt, Tina Nutt, Blanche Valverde, Brenda Gardner, Barb Foskett, Kris Jurgens, Cathy Gatto, Linda Graeff, Jori Urbanowski, Brian Petersen, Sam Steck.

Guest Speaker: Mendy Harlow, Executive Director of the Salmon Center, spoke at length on the mission and purpose of the Salmon Center, described the various trails, connections to other trails in the area, the planning process and the methods they've used for funding. The land was acquired in 2009 and their *Environmental Education Plan* encompasses a much needed dog park for the community. She solicited members from our group to join their Planning Committee to offer additional insight and ideas. They have already obtained financing for the fence and gate (\$4500) and are submitting additional grants for government and other assistance to further their goal. The timeline at the beginning of the talk was for the dog park to be up and functional by 2018, but a guest in the audience, Dr. Brian Petersen, asked if the project could be completed sooner if funding was obtained and intimated that he would be able to help with that. It was a very informative and positive discussion.

January Meeting Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of December 31, 2016, we have \$135,985.93 total in checking and savings. The decrease is due to operating expenses, a deposit to the S/N Program, a three year payment to "Go Daddy" and higher office rent. We are currently \$340 out of pocket for expenses for the CFC campaign. We agreed to add this as a discussion item after we receive this years' revenue statement to decide if it is money well spent.

Spay/Neuter Report: As of 01/24/17, we have \$3226 in our account, with 45 pending applications, of which 20 are expected to go unused. We financed 153 spay and neuters in 2016 at a total cost of \$9485, an average of \$62 per surgery and we "did" more cats than dogs.

Shelter Update: Nicholson Drilling has contacted Brenda to let her know that they plan to start in about six weeks.

Sails 'n Tails 2017 Update: We are going to retain the \$75 ticket price, go ahead with the "Golden Ticket" sales and reduce our silent auction items to 60. Menu's were sent via email for committee members to select their choices, after which Alderbrook Inn sent out their 2017 menu choices; so watch for a second e-mail to name your preferences. Brenda is going to check with the Liquor Board to determine the legality of the raffles we are considering for this year's event, and our new auctioneer is attempting to procure the "Africa Trip" for the same price as last year. Next meeting is February 16, 2017 at QFC Upstairs.

Twitter and Facebook Updates: Sam Steck has added the *Sails 'N Tails* star, Gunner, to the Facebook and Twitter sites as well as loading the Newsletter on the website. The Newsletter can also be accessed via Facebook.

Budget 2017: Barb presented a partial budget to the Board and it was decided to complete the process via e-mail and vote on it as soon as possible after all the paperwork was obtained. We decided not to purchase any more microchips at this time and to "write off" the T-shirts.

Round Robin: Linda Graeff reported that the individuals who put on the "Halfa" in Port Orchard on 11/26/16 donated \$207 to HSMC.

Jim Nutt needs the logo's for our corporate sponsors as soon as we get them so they can be added to the posters. He also advised us that he has some contacts with the Little Creek Casino in Shelton and would be willing to approach them about assisting HSMC with fund raising. He also suggested that we start and maintain a "Timeline" of photos of our property and all the work that will be taking place there.

Sam Steck has volunteered to be the chairperson for Tahuya Days. The date is July 1, 2017 and we will be encouraged to walk in the parade with our own animals, or possibly walk some of the dogs from Adopt a Pet. (Looking into the feasibility of this.) We will be staffing a vendor booth.