

Member Meeting Minutes March 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:00

Present: Brenda Gardner, Hazel Bellinger, Blanche Valverde, Sally Cull, Tina Nutt, Sam Steck, Jori Urbanowski.

February Meeting Minutes: unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of February 28, 2017, we have \$146,685.28 total in checking and savings. The substantial increase is due to a \$10,000 one time donation from a Port Orchard resident who is interested in helping HSMC build a shelter and continue to support the community with spay and neuter funding. The 2017 budget was sent to all Board members via e-mail and approved during the first week of February.

Spay/Neuter Report: As of 02/27/17, we have \$2959.00 in the account, with 56 pending applications, of which 20 are expected to go unused. Remember *Pizza & Pawsta* at Caspar's on March 8 to help support the Spay/Neuter Program. Tickets available at the door.

Shelter Update: Nicholson Drilling will be drilling in mid-March barring unforeseen weather complications. The septic system installation is next, and Brenda is asking Mason County contractors for bids. If anyone has had a positive experience with a septic contractor, please let Brenda know so they can be included in the selection process.

Sails 'n Tails 2017 Update: Donation forms have been dropped off at numerous locations in Mason and Kitsap counties, and the invitations will be ready on April 1, 2017. So far, our only \$1000 sponsor is Jeff from *Local Wrench*. Our final dinner selections are the New York steak and the halibut entrée's. The famous "dog bone human biscuits" will be on the menu. Brenda has inquired into the "special occasion" permit for serving liquor and was advised that *Alderbrook* needs to sign off on it since they already have a liquor license. That should not create any issues. Jeff from Local Wrench has donated box seat tickets (which include food and drink) and parking passes to *Neil Diamond, Tim Mcgraw and Faith Hill* and *Queen with Adam Lambert*. He has also volunteered limousine service to the "tasting's" that we normally acquire and Tina and Sam have already received donations for "tasting's" at a local winery and a local distillery. Price for overnight special accommodations at Alderbrook are \$129 for a single and \$245 for a cabin that sleeps six. No reason not to invite out of town friends! We have dropped off donation solicitations at numerous businesses in Mason and Kitsap counties and will have a list of them available at our next auction meeting for anyone not wanting to "hit" the same business twice. Next meeting is March 15th at 17:30 upstairs at QFC.

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.

Foster Program Update: We have acquired three female tabby cats from the Collins Lake area. Apparently there is a person representing herself as a "rescue", who is not containing the animals on her property and has created some animosity with the neighbors. The Sheriff's Department has been contacted and the dogs are now being kenneled but the cats continue to roam. Unfortunately, they are not spayed or neutered and have taken up residence under neighboring mobile homes, causing distress to the "owned" cats in the area.

New Business: Sally has taken over the collection of our canisters placed at local businesses and has added a new look to the tired old cans. The new colors are blue and green and the logo (designed by her niece) is a very attractive cat and dog under an umbrella with the *Almost Home* signage. For those of you who have forgotten, *Almost Home* was the name chosen for our new shelter.

Sam Steck will be emailing a link to the KHS newsletter website for anyone at this meeting who gave her their e-mail address and is interested in some innovative ideas for fund raising. It also contains links to access important legislative information that requires signatures to go forward with some much needed animal welfare issues. If you weren't at this meeting, please go online to KHS's website to access these websites.

Sally will be signing HSMC up with *Wolf Tracks* to be one of the charities to receive funds from "*Walk For A Dog*", an on-line application that donates money to charity based on the number of miles a person walks with their pet after downloading the app to a smart phone.

Hazel will email a list of suggested dates for our next highway clean-up with the expectation that recipients will choose the days they are available. She will choose the Saturday with the most number of people available and advise us via e-mail of the proposed date.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00