

ACT Board Meeting Minutes March10, 2010

The regular monthly Animal Care Trust Board meeting was held at 5:00 PM March 10, at the McKamey Center on Access Road.

Members of the Board attending: Chair, Ann Ball; Marie Chinery; Secretary, Mary Dube'; Nancy Dunlap; Carol Goodman; Vice Chair, David Johnson; Treasurer, Jack Kruesi; Mark Litchford; Laurie Shipley; Lee Towery; Sonia Young

Absent Board Members: Krystye Dalton; Donnie Hutcherson; Dr. Jennifer Kolb; Susie Matthews; Becky McMahan; Carla Morgan; Karla Valadez, Emerita; Barby Wilson, Emerita

Also present were: David Long; Tricia Sebes; and Executive Director, Karen Walsh. Guests present included: Pam Brooks; Carolyn & Elizabeth Longphere; and Rick Tucker

Chair, Ann Ball called the meeting to order at 5:00. Ann asked if all Board members had read the February minutes & wished to discuss or approve the minutes as submitted. The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

Ann announced that HES was having a 100 year anniversary celebration on April 9 and indicated it would be nice if our Board members chose to go attend. It was decided that we would buy a table for the event and money was collected from the Board members who will be attending.

Committee Reports:

Financial Committee- Treasurer Jack Kruesi provided financial documents and indicated that we should be considering investment options to increase our interest on accounts.

City Report- Marie Chinery indicated that the City has received the letter indicating that we wish to continue to provide services to the City of Chattanooga.

Marketing and PR Report-Laurie indicated she is the liaison for Comcast pet adoptions and dates have been scheduled through June. Additionally, it looks like we will have the Comcast 'sign up' benefit in August again.

Development Committee- Marie indicated that Lee Towery will be chairing the October event which will feature Victoria Stillwell from Animal Planet's: *It's Me or the Dog*. Other upcoming events were also discussed. Rick Tucker & Tricia Sebes provided an update on the Scenic City Half Marathon. Once again McKamey raised the most money of any participating charity (over \$4000) and we had the most runners.

ED Report- Karen reported that additional signage has been placed throughout the building recognizing donors' contributions. Mattie was brought in for all to see. She is a cocker spaniel who came in horribly neglected and had over 10 pounds of dirty tangled mats cut from her coat. There was a judgment & fine levied against the previous owner. February volunteer and rescue statistics were shared. Brandon Bennett modeled the new animal control uniforms for the Board. Karen reported that the officers now

have laptops in their trucks which help them be more efficient with their time. Adoption goals were exceeded in February, which is typically the slowest month. Spay Day activities included giving away 5 free spay / neuter certificates which should help to potentially minimize additional unwanted kittens or puppies.

Lunch was held with Senators Berke & Watson to discuss TN animal laws and the need to strengthen them. They suggest that we share best practices and encourage other areas to adopt best practices and push the need for tighter laws from a local level on up to the state level. They indicated the changes we seek must come from the bottom up, not from the top down.

New business- Rabies Clinic planning is underway. Dr Matthews is involved and the Center will be used for the cat rabies clinic so the cats getting vaccinations will not be as exposed to risks of escaping etc. Vet techs will help to chip pets. Since the new registration fees are in place, owners of unaltered pets will have 30 days to get their animal spayed or neutered & they will then have their registration fee waived.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Dube', ACT Board Secretary.

Our next meeting will be held April 14, 2010 at 4:30 PM for the closed, executive meeting of all board members and 5:00 PM for the open board meeting. All meetings are at the Center.

Committee Chairs: Please remember to be prepared to deliver a committee progress report at each Board meeting and provide a copy of the Committee report to Secretary.