

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
ONLINE**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present:

B. Widdows

J. Story

C. Beaudry

J. Curtis

C. Finkbeiner

M. Murray

Absent:

M. Sayles

Minutes from the August 20, 2012 Special Meeting were previously distributed. They were approved unanimously.

There was discussion about changing the format of the meetings, both online and in person to require no seconding of motions and no calling for a vote. If a motion is made, a vote will ensue.

Widdows made a motion to that language. It was approved unanimously.

There was discussion about how to send out the candy gift (M&M's) which had been imprinted with the new logo.

Widdows moved we mail by USPS the candy to each person on the foster list. It was approved unanimously.

There was discussion about the Fundraising Committee guidelines and whether the proposed guidelines that had been published online in the board list be approved. There was considerable difference in what, if any, to adopt. It was decided to table a decision on the guidelines to a future date.

There was discussion about whether the attorney had clarified why a bank account should be opened prior to insuring the rescue and board and the rescue corporation be up and running. It was decided to wait until the

corporation is up and running, with insurance, before funding the corporation.

There was discussion about getting some fundraising ideas going so everyone could work on them during the upcoming winter months and we would be better prepared for the specialty in the spring.

There was discussion about holding 3 Bag Lady Planning events annually with the person holding each event organizing work parties or individuals during the four months following the Bag Lady Planning event she hosted.

Murray agreed to hold the first event and organize workers for whatever work was planned at that event.

Story agreed to hold the second event and organize workers for whatever work was planned at that event.

Murray asked if the board would work out a plan to deal with the fundraising ideas that come in throughout the year.

The email from a Scottish lady Ms. Kift was rejected as not high enough quality to sell. There was a travel dog bowl idea presented by Sue Peters, but nothing was decided until the first Bag Lady event.

Per Widdows, there is no news about insurance yet.

Per Curtis, there is no news about the 501 (c) (3) that was filed on 20 Aug 2012.

Curtis advised the corporations' fiscal year is August 1st to July 31st. There was some discussion about the annual meeting date.

Widdows moved the annual meeting be held on the 2nd Saturday in August each year, at a physical location, with a rain day of the 3rd Sunday in August in case a lot of people can't make it. It was approved unanimously.

There was discussion about sending notices by USPS when it is important that everyone receive such notices.

Widdows advised there were notices about insurance coverage by the foster homes personal insurance carriers together with the balance of the transportation contract signors that should go out by USPS. She moved the

Board send them with the candy gift. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Curtis advised that a vendor at the Pet Expo in Novi had approached us to make approximately 500 crate pads for purchase by them. There was some discussion about the pros and cons of an order of this size. It was decided to keep investigating the possibilities of this order.

Murray asked for discussion of what to do with the new guidelines of the Macomb County Animal Shelter. It was decided our rescue would tag purebred westies but would continue to lobby for the right to have the dogs groomed and altered by our vets rather than the vet at the Shelter.

Finkbeiner left the meeting at 8:454 p.m.

Widdows set next meeting for October 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Online.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Corrections: made

Approved:

Signature: /s/ Margaret Murray Pietrzak