

Oregon Coast Humane Society
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2024
Conference Room, Siuslaw Public Library

Present: Mary Henry, President; Jill Simpson, Vice President; Deb Ripley, Secretary; Cynthia Beck, Treasurer; Shauna Robbers, Joe Zarate, Board Members; Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Director.

Welcome and Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Mary Henry at 11 a.m. She welcomed all in attendance and iterated the mission of OCHS and our 30th year of service to our community. Kudos were passed along by Board Member Robbers for the Gala Committee and their hard work, mentioning the community response has been overwhelming. Mary welcomed new board member, Deb Ripley.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: A copy of the minutes of the regular meeting was sent out prior to this meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and passed, with one abstention.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee - Cynthia Beck

Cynthia reported that she had no formal Budget to Actual report yet, as bookkeeper is experiencing delays due to health concerns. She did report OCHS finances are very healthy. Board Member Robbers asked if there was some money that could move from the business checking account into Fidelity Treasuries Bond money market account that could make more money with a higher return rate. Treasurer Beck reminded members that money market accounts are not insured like checking accounts are. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to move \$100,000 from the business checking account to the Fidelity Treasuries Bond money market account, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Beck is not a signatory on the Banner Bank account(s). Motion made to update signatories on Banner Bank account to include Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Henry and Cynthia Beck and remove all other signers from that account, seconded, passed unanimously.

Planning/Culture of Learning - Mary Henry

Committee structure started last year. Once a year evaluation is requested. President Henry requested all board members email her within the next seven days to give their preferred committee assignments.

Executive Director Report (copied and entered) - Elizabeth Thompson

CURRENT OCHS MEMBERS: 341 (100 families, 215 individuals, 26 lifetimes)

This does not include memberships added this week - at least six so far.

CURRENT PLAN FOR MY PETS MEMBERS: 20+ (paperwork arriving daily)

ANIMAL UPDATES: As of today we have 115 animals in our care.

ADOPTIONS YTD: 290 LOST ANIMALS REUNITED WITH FAMILIES: 68

JUNE INTAKE: 37 owner surrenders, 10 returned adoptions (5 dogs, 5 cats), 28 strays, 6 seized/protective custody, 7 transfers in (small Cali dogs), and 1 clinic animal.

OUTCOME: 41 adoptions, 10 return to owners, 2 transfers out (dogs to Cascade Beagle Rescue), 2 euthanasias (one senior dog Jillaroo and one neonatal kitten), and 1 clinic animal.

EVENTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- Ems Game was fun! Thanks to Mary and Cynthia representing the Board there. Valerie threw the first pitch with a dog named Jennifer who was adopted after meeting her new family at the game!
- Estate Sale had a team meeting on July 8th. Approximately 20 people attended! Thanks to Mary for facilitating the meeting. The next estate sale house is being started now and the sale will be held on August 2-3. Stay tuned for details.
- ET met with a contractor at the Vintage House and Thrift Store last week to start getting bids for repairs needed at both locations. More information will follow about this.
- Crafty Estate Sale is this weekend at the Vintage House (Friday and Saturday, July 19-20 from 10am until 5pm) with presales for members and volunteers on Thursday, July 18 from 4-7pm. ● Modular office unit project is making progress. ET will meet with the City of Florence on July 18th to confirm the site is acceptable and move forward with the process.
- Annual report donations: 27 donations totaling \$2,045.
- Olivia appeal letter donations: 47 donations totaling \$6,310.
- Donation jars YTD \$4,212 with several ready to be picked up and counted again. ● Gala sponsorships so far: 18 totaling \$12,700. Silent and live auction items arriving daily! Thanks to everyone who is helping make this happen!
- Volunteer and Member Picnic is scheduled for July 21st from 11am-3pm at East Woahink Shelter.
- Florentine Estates Yard Sale is August 18th.
- Shorewood Senior Living Pet Fashion Show is September 13th.
- One new part-time Animal Care Technician has been hired. We are still looking for one full time and one or two part-time ACT's.
- Next spay/neuter clinic will be on July 25-26 with Dr. Thurk from Bend.
- ET and some of the team will be attending The Siuslaw Awards on July 25th. We've been nominated for the Innovation is Everything award. Congratulations to Shauna who is a nominee for the Life Preserver Award and Joe at Florence Shipping Solutions for their nomination in the Heart on Their Sleeve category.
- Maire is making incredible progress on the website. We need pictures of each board member.
- Deb Larson will be at the picnic this weekend to take some if you are there. Otherwise we can arrange a time with her or you can submit a picture of you and an animal. Thank you. ● Next volunteer orientation is August 4th at 1pm at the shelter. Thanks to OCHS team member Nicci and OCHS board member Jill for leading the orientations.

Elizabeth told the story of 13-year-old chihuahua, Rex, who received the care he needed (including neutering), visiting the vet for the first time in his life, using OCHS resources earmarked for such care. This is a great example showing how OCHS serves the community.

Elizabeth says there are so many kittens she is afraid of illness. The staff is working on getting as many adopted as possible, as soon as possible (kittens out to businesses, running a special adopt a kitten promotion).

Elizabeth and Cynthia updated board on the audit.

Elizabeth updated board on the addition of a module unit to the property.

Fundraising & Marketing

Gala Committee - Deb Ripley

There are over \$11,700 in sponsorships. In-kind donations are coming in droves. Most of the seats are sold and we are looking at adding additional tables. Shauna mentioned this is unprecedented in Florence fund-raising galas.

PSAs - Jill Simpson

The board listened to the 4 PSAs Jill recorded which are running on KXCR.

Animal Welfare Committee – Jill Simpson

Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) is working on updating the volunteer handbook. Temporary visual barriers were installed in the main yards so dogs can come out of the kennels and get through “the gauntlet” to walks.

AWC is working on other improvements in the dog yards, including researching sturdy shade structures and planning to open up the outdoor walkway between the south and north kennel runs. AWC is working on creative ways to get the larger long-term dogs adopted, including getting dogs certified from Canine Good Citizenship. Elizabeth said they are talking about sending employee Tyler Delle to become a certifier of CGC.

Next meeting – Does a regular monthly meeting time on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am work for everyone? Consensus is yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ripley, Secretary