

**Oregon Coast Humane Society  
Annual Members Meeting  
June 29, 2025  
Honeyman Yurt**

**Called to order:** Vice President Joe Zarate called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

Joe Zarate, Vice President; Cynthia Beck, Treasurer; Leslie Garrettson, Secretary; Shauna Robbers, Mitzi Hathaway, Marchel DeMersseman, Shauna Robbers, Board Members; Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Director. Absent: Susan Williams, Jan Pizarro, Board Members.

**Welcome Newly Elected Board Members, effective July 1, 2025:**

Trudy Beck, Marchel DeMersseman, Leslie Garrettson, Mitzi Hathaway, Krisi Maderos

**Agenda approved:**

No additions.

**Minutes approved:**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Opening Statements/ kudos:**

Thank you to Mary Henry, outgoing Board President on leave of absence, for her years of Board service. ED Elizabeth thanked Mary for being a mentor and Board member. The Board presented Mary with award for service. Mary remarked she is grateful for community, the places OCHS has gone and where OCHS is going.

Thank you to Shauna Robbers, who has served the animals and people at OCHS as a board member for seven years. During her tenure, Shauna held positions of president, vice president, and secretary. She shares her home with three dogs, including OCHS alumni Loki. Shauna provided a presentation of her seven years of service on the Board. Text of presentation at end of this document.

Thank you to outgoing Board members Susan Williams and Jan Pizarro.

**Treasurer report:** Cynthia Beck

Cynthia provided and discussed the printed report. Leslie gave kudos to treasurer Cynthia Beck for the financial position the organization is in today. Cynthia opened the room for questions. No questions from the group. Copy of printed report attached

**Director Report:** Elizabeth Thompson

**June, 28<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**2024 Adoptions:** 581- 2025 Year to Date Adoptions: 333!

**2025 Outcomes:**

- 306 Clinic Out (Spay/Neuter & Microchip/Vaccine clinics)
- 87 Return to Owners
- 10 Euthanasia
- 10 Died in Care
- 1 DOA
- 15 Transfer Out

**2025 Intakes:**

- 313 Clinic Animals (S/N or Microchip/Vaccine)
- 138 Owner Surrenders
- 21 Returned Adoptions
- 225 Strays
- 13 seized/custody, 3 service in
- 80 Transfers In

**Events:**

- Rhody Parade 2025: OCHS float “Find Your First Mate” won FIRST PLACE in the Non-Commercial Float category.
- Volunteers of the Year awards: Celebrated at City Lights Cinema. Awards were presented to Cynthia Beck, Shelter Volunteer of the Year; Jon Marcotte, Thrift Store Volunteer of the Year, and Community Events Volunteers Trudy and Kirsi Maderos. This year volunteers donated over 19,341 hours in 2024. This is the equivalent of 9 full-time employees!
- 2025 Siuslaw Awards: OCHS won for Innovation of the Year our continuing efforts to provide affordable veterinary care for animals in our community, including the purchase of Oceanside Vet Hospital. We would like to thank our veterinarians Drs. Guevera, Krome, Montes, Schaad, and Thurk for their continued support.
- Elizabeth gave kudos to the Thrift Store and Estate Sales teams for their success and growth.

**Opened to the public for Q&A:**

No questions or comments.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Text of Shauna Robbers presentation:

"I was asked to give a brief presentation on the changes we've made since I joined the board 7 years ago. 2 months, 2 days, 3 hours and 15 err 16 minutes ago. My list is in no particular order and certainly not meant to be all inclusive, so here we go. Lane County increased our shelter acreage from just 1 acre to over 8 acres. For free. We've been able to establish dog walking trails on this additional acreage for our shelter dogs and volunteer dog walkers. We extensively updated the shelter facility, including installing fear-free dog kennels. The cost of many of those kennels was sponsored by donors. Our thrift store has made some changes over the years and undergone a bit of remodeling. A friend of mine commented upon walking into the store, "It's just like I. Magnin." What is notable is that 7 years ago, a good sale day meant the store earned \$400 to \$500. Now a normal sale day is often over \$1,000. And a little bird told me we are making more money than ever this year. Thinking outside the box, we restructured our Christmas store (do you all come in November...do you love it?) and each year, it grosses more and more. Five years ago, we formed an estate sales team made up entirely of volunteers. In one 14-month period, the team handled 12 estate sales. Yeah...we were tired. Please call us for any estate sales needs. Florence is a Facebook community. Our shelter page now has close to 10,000 followers (up from 2,000 seven years ago), and our thrift store, which didn't have an active Facebook page when I joined the board, now has 2500 followers. Our membership is up from 120 to approximately 350. We have an active President's Circle for members who donate over \$1K a year. The number of cats and dogs who find forever homes is way up compared to 7 years ago. We have an up-to-date database. We're tracking you. Best thing the board ever did was hire our energetic, passionate, and strong Executive Director, Elizabeth Thompson. Did you know OCHS now has active committees? These include AW, Community Outreach, Finance, and Strategic Planning. Last year, we held the most amazing gala—the Black Cat Ball...did you all go? We are going to do it every other year. Donations are up across the board. Did you know, in the event that you cross the Rainbow Bridge before your pet, we have a Plan for My Pet program to ensure your cherished animal is cared for after you are gone. See our website for details. We have a new website. Have you looked at it?

Partnerships have been formed with veterinarians who volunteer their time on a monthly basis to see not only shelter animals but community animals as well. Elizabeth has created an extensive network of shelters and rescue organizations both in and out of State. We often bring in pets from high-kill shelters for placement here in Florence, and we also transfer out or even trade pets with other shelters to better find each animal a forever home. In the last four years, we have been nominated for various Siuslaw awards either as OCHS or as an individual (Elizabeth, me, Joe) and have won a few times, including this year, for innovation and Joe at Florence Shipping Solutions. The Siuslaw News has a yearly Best OF Florence publication. We have been voted Best Place to Work, Best Place to Volunteer, and Best Thrift Store a number of times. And second-best Estate Sales Team. Hey, we just installed a prefab office at the shelter. Over the years, the board has pondered the question of how to enlarge our very limited veterinarian space at the shelter. Have you seen it? It's just one room. Recovery is done in our reception area. Seven years ago, the board only dreamed that one day we would be able to buy a vet hospital. Fast forward to 2025, and that crazy dream became a reality when we purchased Oceanside Vet Hospital from Dr. Bachmann.

I couldn't be more awed at the team effort it took to get from there to here. Not just the board, past and present, but the staff, volunteers, sponsors, and community came together over the years to support us in a way that made where we are today a reality. This month is my last month serving on the board. I am honored to have had a small part to play in the evolution of the Oregon Coast Humane Society. I can't wait to see where we go from here." -Shauna Robbers