

MINUTES OF THE CARL W. NELSON ANIMAL SHELTER MEETING
February 15, 2006

Attending: Kathy McNally-Bova, Deb Flint, Kathy Storandt, Nichole Sauer, Rosemary Aney, April Strohmeyer, Linda Sue Miller, Fran Goodwin

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Flint at 5:30 p.m..

A motion was made by Debbie to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Motion seconded by Kathy McNally-Bova. Carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. We have a balance of \$15,407.00. A motion was made by Rosemary and seconded by April to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Foster Program: The Board has established the following guideline to define a foster family:

The ideal foster family expresses a long term commitment to helping animals in need. After being screened and approved by our Foster Care Coordinator, the foster family will be matched with an appropriate foster animal. Our foster program is not intended to provide medical care for animals already in the prospective foster family's home.

A motion was made by April and seconded by Kathy McNally-Bova to adopt the above guideline for future reference. Motion carried.

Fran reported that we have one new foster family. We currently have 10 cats and 2 dogs in our foster program.

Prison Partnership: Deb has not had a response from the Prison contact at this time.

Land Acquisition: The deed has been signed and all that remains to be done is to have the deed recorded. The conditional use hearing with the Town of Lindina Plan Commission will be held Monday, February 20, 2006 at the town hall at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Fundraisers: Deb received a response from Menards about our request for a discount on materials. Our request has been forwarded to the Menards Contributions Committee. We also discussed the 'Scrip Program' which is sponsored by Menards.

The Moose Lodge is hosting a pancake breakfast on our behalf on February 26, 2006. Deb and Rosemary will take care of setting up an information table.

Education: Kathy Storandt and Rosemary will present a Humane Education Program in the Wonewoc Schools on February 28, 2006.

Summer Reading Program: We are considering using the money from the Mauston Lions Club to fund the needed materials for the program. Deb will contact the Prison to see if they can make the stuffed animals we need for the Summer Reading Program.

Spay and Neuter Clinics: Kathy McNally-Bova reported that the February dog clinic is full. We will have a cat clinic on April 12. If anyone would like to volunteer to help at the cat clinic, email April at bill.s@mwt.net. There will be another dog clinic on June 7, 2006. A big thank you to Kathy for arranging the clinics and handling all the phone calls.

Board members also discussed the best solution to the many requests we have received concerning unaltered animals (especially cats). The board recommended that in order to best address the great need for spaying and neutering, the animals need to be defined into 3 categories:

1. **'Feral'** cats are cats that have never been socialized and would not usually become good pets. The Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter feels that the best solution for feral cats is for the care taker to make an appointment at a scheduled spay/neuter clinic and then trap and transport a few of the cats from the colony to the clinic for altering. After the animal is altered, it should be released back into the feral colony. It may take a while to alter the entire colony, but it is felt that this is the best way at this time.
2. **'Stray' or 'relinquished'** animals are socialized animals that would make good pets and are in need of an immediate home. The board is proposing that \$600.00 be allocated from the Carl W. Nelson Grant Account for the purpose of altering animals that fit this definition. CWNAS will have the animal altered and tested for feline leukemia and given a rabies and distemper shot. CWNAS will then find a home for the animal. **Important Note:** The care taker must be willing to relinquish the animal in order to receive this service.
3. **Family pets** are the third type of animal we wish to address. This is an un-altered animal that is already owned by a family, and who the family intends to keep. The Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter intends to provide low cost spay/neuter clinics to address this problem. Anyone asking about a family pet should be given a phone number to call to schedule an appointment at our next clinic.

A motion was made by Fran and seconded by April to adopt the above guidelines for future reference. Motion carried.

New Business:

Vice President: Deb announced that the floor was open for nominations to fill the Vice President position. Kathy Storandt nominated Nichole Sauer. Rosemary seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Kathy McNally-Bova made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Nichole Sauer. The motion was seconded by Deb. Motion carried.

New Member Packets: We have a new member packet to give to prospective members. If anyone would like one to give to someone, contact Rosemary at theaneys@mchsi.com.

Key Club: Deb and Rosemary will meet with the Mauston Key Club on February 22, 2006. Please email Deb or Rosemary before then if you have any ideas for a fund raiser that the Key Club can do for us.

Eagle Promotions will donate some advertising items for handing out at special events.

Bills: Calendar Contest Mailing: \$15.65. Kathy Storandt made a motion to approve all bills as presented. April seconded the motion. Carried.

Meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be March 15, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Aney, Secretary