

NEED YOUR HELP! BRING A NEW OR GENTLY USED, CLEAN STUFFED ANIMAL TO TONIGHT'S MEETING, TO BE USED IN ADOPTION FAIRS.

Meeting Minutes • Tuesday, Mar 27, 2018

Approval of February 27, 2018 Minutes
Linda Sing moved that we accept the minutes as written.
Cindy Tarantino seconded the motion.
In attendance at tonight's meeting: 33

Financial Report

Leadership Changes

Bunny MacKinnon has served for 2.5 years as our Treasurer
Carol Bates to take over bookkeeping responsibility.
Karen Arnold will manage the post office and banking responsibilities.
Wayne Rowell, our CPA, will continue to do our taxes this year.

Raising Funds: It's what we're about!

We are now accepting donations of small to medium-sized stuffed animals to be for children in cardboard kennels available at Woof Stock & BandFest. These are for kids who are not ready to adopt live pets quite yet.

1st "Pasta 4 Paws" was March 26 at Twin Lakes by the Sea in Sunset Beach.

- C. Check presented to Grady Watkins, who, with his wife Alyssa, owns the restaurant for \$1,475. Paws-Ability raised \$1,500 from this fundraiser.

Event was beyond a sell-out with over 200 attending.

UPDATES

Sunset Beach Market begins for the season on Apr 5, 10-3 pm.

Volunteers needed; sign up tonight.

Set up 8 am.

Work 10-3pm.

Teardown & return all to storage after 3pm.

Woof Stock: Saturday. April 7, 10-2 pm.

Volunteers needed; sign up tonight. Anne VonDerHeide is coordinating our volunteer team.

FFAR celebration. May 19. Volunteers needed 10-2pm.

BandFest: Sunday, June 3.

Volunteers needed; sign up tonight.

Saturday set-up stage, marking vendor spaces, Sun- 12-6 set up, work PA tent, tear down, entry gates, miscellaneous crew throughout the day 12-6. Music will be provided by Sea & Sand & Trey Calloway. Vendor applications available for PA business members.

PEP: Pet Education continues at Jesse Mae Elementary School.

UNCHAINBRUNSWICK.COM

Brunswick County commissioners voted to pass animal welfare ordinance that would give BC tethering language BUT followed it with a statement to exempt hunters and hunting dogs from any chaining restrictions. It is now legal to chain a dog in Brunswick County for a lifetime.

AFAR statement: [full text of statement found at end of minutes]

Melissa Miller, Dog Daze Mobile Groomer

Let's support Melissa and her husband as they open their new business on Hwy 904 (former Piggly Wiggly building). Melissa has donated her services grooming many of our rescue dogs, taking them from drab to fab! Show your support to one of our business members. Without her skills and talents, rescues would struggle and take

longer to find a good home. Her business will open in mid-April and will feature pet products from local vendors.

Reminders

Papa John's promotion PAWS30 CONTINUES.

Save 30% with a 20% donation being made to PA.

¼ pg flyers in rental packages for tourist season rentals on OIB, SSB, and HB.

Membership Drive. will conclude this week. Is your membership current? ALL volunteers must be current members of PA for insurance liability reasons.

Online Donations (Network for Good, Amazon Smile, Walmart etc)

Before making any online purchase, go to IGIVE.COM and select PA as the charity of your choice. So easy to give to Paws-Ability at no cost to you.

Memorial Gifts: Donations made to Paws-Ability in memory of or in honor of a pet or a person.

Paws-Ability's Newsletter: story ideas or articles needed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Volunteers will be needed at each event

Spring Market. Sunset Beach; Saturday, April 5. Volunteers needed for our tent

Woof Stock; Saturday, April 7, Southport. Volunteers needed for our tent

BandFest. June 3: Sunset Beach Town (Waterfront) Park.

Volunteers, vendors and sponsors needed

8th Annual Bicycle Poker Run: Saturday. October 13, OIB

Oyster Fest on OIB. Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21

Oktoberfest, Calabash, Saturday, October 27

Saturday, December 1: Photos with Santa - Sunset Beach Town (Waterfront) Park

Public Service Announcements

Kite Day OIB, Saturday, March 31st, OIB.2-5 PM

Community Center: Monroe & 1st Street

Electronic and Electric Recycling: Seaside Methodist Church, Saturday, April 7

Keep things out of the landfill

Can donate anything that plugs in!

Speaker: Nicole Markatos Depauw, foster for RACE

Fostering a pet in need. What is required? Why it is important? Q & A.

Fostering is the lifeline of rescue offering a "landing pad".

Animals are "broken." They need a little clean-up, a bit of repair (vet care), and a secure, loving home so that they can learn to trust humans again.

There are no specific time limits at the County shelter before animals are euthanized. It depends on the amount of rehab needed.

RACE handles a number of cases involving senior dogs.

Special Requests for Help

Friday, March 30 - April 3 - 5 days only, feed a feral cat colony that's behind the Waffle House in Shallotte: contact Debra Fincher or Karen Arnold

Cage cleaners to work for 1-1.5 hours at PetSense, one day a week, clean a bank of six kennels; contact Karen Arnold: arnoldkj6997@gmail.com

Volunteer needed to feed cats for only 5 days at a feeding station behind Waffle House in Shallotte: 3/304/3.

Post flyers for WoofStock: Obtain flyers from Mary Beth Mount

You have chosen to be part of PA. Please help us realize our vision, to improve animal welfare and enhance the bond between animals and humans. There are so many ways to help: write a article for our newsletter, attend an event, sell raffle or dinner tickets, have your photo made with the Santa or volunteer to help at an event. Get involved! Contacts below:

Event	Chairperson	E-Mail
Spring Market, Sunset Beach, April 5	Janie Withers	janiewithers@paws-ability.org
BandFest, Sunset Beach, June 3	Janie Withers	janiewithers@paws-ability.org
Woof Stock	Mary Beth Mount	mbs6042@gmail.com
PA Newsletter	Ellen Lehrer	newsletter@paws-ability.org

Hope Harbor	Debbie Eckert	debeckert@gmail.com
Stella's Touch	Anne VonDerHeide	annevdh@atmc.net
Pet Education Program	Anne Overcash	aovercash@pecs.com
Cat House Project	Janie Withers	janiewithers@paws-ability.org
AFAR / Unchainbrunswick.com	Madge Mateo	afarnc@gmail.com
Fostering for RACE	Judi Haft	judi_haft@yahoo.com
Fostering for AAA	Sherry Gloer	gloer@atmc.net

Future Paws-Ability meetings:

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 PM @ OIB Town Hall

Tuesday, May 29, 6:30 PM @ OIB Town Hall

Visitors welcome.

No monthly meetings in June or July!

March 27, 2018

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

- Dr Martin Luther King

[see below for text of UnchainBrunswick's message to the Brunswick County Commissioners.]

AFAR's Presentation to Brunswick County Commissioners: 03.19.18

My name is Madge Matteo and I am the president of Advocates for Animal Rights.

On August 21, 2017 I presented you with a well thoughtout legal revision of our county's Animal Control Ordinance. None of you asked me any questions for clarification and you appeared disinterested. Yet when Ray Casteen, a hunter, presented information which had no bearing on the issue at hand, you all reacted.

I will remind you again that there are 95,000 voters in this county with 2.67% holding hunting licenses. Turning this into an issue of hunters vs. animal advocates was not productive last year, nor is it now. There is a large population of illegal dogs' rings in Brunswick County. Ms. Sykes, do you not realize that your proposed ordinance not only continues to tie up dogs but also the hands of law enforcement?

I question why last year last year we were invisible to you but now in an election year you see us. Ms. Sykes, before you chose to schedule a nonpublicized, secret meeting, did you review the minutes or the information we provided at our presentation last August? If you had reviewed the ordinance we proposed, you would have clearly seen the section noting that "TETHERING OF DOGS SHALL BE LAWFUL" while actively engaged "in lawful sporting activities if the restraint is reasonably necessary for the safety of the dog and/or public." Therefore, there is no need to exempt Sporting/Hunting Association.

The ordinance Ms. Sykes has proposed permits the chaining of dogs outside for life by the time they are 6 months, without regard to weather extremes or living conditions. The ordinance she has prepared with Mr. Casteen was not approval by AFAR. Plus, it not only fails to provide humane treatment of animals but fails a large population of voters. Not putting an end to animal cruelty is an epic fail by this commission and that is why some cities are now seeking our help to revise their own town Animal Control Ordinances.

AFAR's goal is to strengthen animal welfare laws, not only through banning the practice of tethering dogs, but by promoting humane treatment for all. Like the concerned citizens behind me, we are not going away, even if you approve this revision, because we will no longer tolerate backroom politics and being bullied by the people we elected.

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