



**Minutes from meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

I. Welcome All!

II. **Financial Report**

Karen Arnold

UPDATES:

- Panakes with the Bunny: \$300
- Paint your pet class: \$400
- Southport Spring Market \$300

III. Upcoming Events. Sign up sheets available for each.

- A. SSB markets began last week. From now on, each Thursday. 9-3 PM
  - 1. Need volunteers each week. Set up 8am. Work 10-3. Teardown & return tent, tables, tshirts to storage.
  - 2. RACE will bring fosters dogs each week if they are available.

- B. **June 2. BandFest SB 2019 • Sun, June 2, in Sunset Beach Town Park. Bring your chairs and enjoy the day..**

**MATCHING FUNDS FOR EACH DOLLAR RAISED UP TO \$20,000!**

Title sponsorship \$1,000 (current Title Sponosrs include: Surf Unl, Dog Daze, Beacon, Tommy & Karen Tucker, Sherman, World's Best Boston Terrier, Mason Dixon and Country Chevrolet, Warrenton Va).

\$250 Sponsorship available.

Vendor space available @ \$50.

Volunteers needed. Sign up sheet available.

\$250 sponsors include: (have list ready to read)

Food Trucks: Papa John's, Island Seafood, Dawg House Grill, Wicket Good Pretzels, Sunset Sush or Pelican's Snoball, Beer Garden by Red Hare Brewery.

Bands: Sea & Sand Band, Mason Lovette Band, Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot.

C. BCAPS fundraiser: Pins for Paws. Saturday, June 15. 230pm at Planet Fun in Shallotte. Contact BCAPS; Belinda Musgrove: 910 754 8204

IV. Can we do better?

A. Pet Food Pantry need. NH is helping to feed pets in BC each week as their owners go thru crisis. Now forming a committee to begin working on a pet food pantry for next year.

D. Some facts from ASPCA: 670,000 dogs & 860,000 cats are euthanized in animal shelters in our country in 2017 (documented from ASPCA records).

This is a total of 1.5 million dogs and cats every year, average of 4,143 dogs and cats every day, costing taxpayers nearly 375 MILLION DOLLARS.

Statistics reported to NC from Brunswick County:

Dogs	2039	Cats	2283
Adopted	820	adopted	616
Return to owner	491	return to owne	44
Euthanized	595	euthanized	476
Unaccounted for	728	unaccounted for	1,128

2018 county budget for animal control: \$1,164,267.22

**\*\* Cost per animal \$263.29r**

#### Statement from BCAPS:

The reason the numbers are different between what is reported to the state and our shelter statistics is because the state does not request for certain categories. The state only asks for animal intakes, adoptions, return to owners, and euthanized. This does not take into account the number of dogs and cats that are placed through rescues. In our shelter statistics these numbers go into the category of "rescue" or "transfer." Also with the cats, the state numbers do not reflect the amount of cats that are released through our SRT program. These numbers in our shelter statistics fall under the category "barn buddy" and "released." Hope this helps to clarify the numbers for your meeting.

If this holds true, the number of dogs pulled by rescue was nearly as high as adopted from shelter and nearly twice as many cats to rescue as adopted from shelter. Our rescue groups were not able to confirm they pulled this many animals from BCAPS.

Number of no-kill shelters doubled in 2017. This number is directly tied to the cost to euthanize animals. It is cheaper for a community to move toward "no kill status" than to pay to kill so many dogs and cats.

Euthanasia rate will not change until we have Better regulations to govern animal welfare and better enforcement of the regulations & ordinances we have.

**Adopt – do not shop. Do your part.**

#### V. Volunteer Needs

TYR is a local non-profit that designed a website to benefit animal rescue groups and groups like PA. They need volunteers: Experienced IT background required. Writers would help to develop user instructions and screen "explainers". Volunteers would help set future direction for TYR software application and provide guidance/instructions to programmers. Work would be done from home. For additional information contact: Jack Floyd. [jack@toyourrescue.org](mailto:jack@toyourrescue.org).

Newsletter articles needed. Contact Ellen Lehrer if you are interested.

For event volunteer needs: See Events, Dates, and Contacts at the bottom of agenda

#### VI. Reminders

- A. Memorial Gifts: Donations in memory of or in honor of a pet or a person
- B. Matching Funds & Donations for volunteer hours
- C. Remember Paws-Ability When You're Shopping Online!  
IGIVE.com; Amazon.Smile; Network for Good; Walmart etc  
*Mason Dixon*: LOCAL, a PA business member! Clothing and gift store in Shallotte offering 5% of your purchase to non profit of your choice.  
Papa John's Pizza - use code "Paws30" when ordering online

#### VII. NEW BUSINESSES. Paws-Ability Business Members

- A. Dog Daze Pet Supplies open. PA business member, Dog Daze Mobile Grooming (Old Georgetown Road Shopping Center)

- B. Delilah's Brew & Chew, Opening soon near CVS OIB. MG sponsor & BandFest sponsor.
- C. SweetCakes Bakery, 7026 Beach Drive SW, OIB. Donated King Cake for Mardi K
- D. Spiritquest celebrated 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. PA sponsor.

VIII. 2019 Events: Mark your calendars and save the dates.

- SIGN UP SHEETS AVAILABLE at our meetings.
- A. SSB Thurs markets begin. Spring Market - Sunset Beach Waterfront Park - Thurs April 25 & every Thurs after that thru Oct 10
- B. OIB Memorial Day Market May 27.
- C. OIB Tuesday markets. Jun 4 - Aug 27.
- D. BandFest SB - Sunset Beach Waterfront Park - Sunday, June 2
- E. Labor Day Market - OIB, Monday, September 2
- F. Sunset @ Sunset - Sunset Beach, Saturday, October 5
- G. BandFest OIB - Sunday October 13
- H. OysterFest - October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> • OIB
- I. Oktoberfest - Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> • Calabash
- J. Photos with Santa, Saturday, December 7 • SB Park AND
- K. Photos with Santa, Saturday, December 14 • OIB
- L. Shallotte Holiday Market - Mulberry Park, November 16
- M. Winterfest - Southport Franklin Square Park, Saturday, December 14

XIII Questions / Concerns / Suggestions / Ideas

XIV. Get involved! Volunteers welcome. Contact information below:

Event	Chairperson	E-Mail
Newsletter	Ellen Lehrer	<a href="mailto:newsletter@paws-ability.org">newsletter@paws-ability.org</a>
Hope Harbor	Debbie Eckert	<a href="mailto:debeckert@gmail.com">debeckert@gmail.com</a>
Stella's Touch	Janie Withers	<a href="mailto:janiewithers@paws-ability.org">janiewithers@paws-ability.org</a>
Event Volunteering	Anita August	<a href="mailto:a2sunsetbeach@gmail.com">a2sunsetbeach@gmail.com</a>
Pet Education Program	Anne Overcash	<a href="mailto:aovercash@pecs.com">aovercash@pecs.com</a>
	Derrilyn Harbeston	<a href="mailto:dms hus@gmail.com">dms hus@gmail.com</a>
Feral cats & TNR	Jim Baumgarten	<a href="mailto:bummer3341@yahoo.com">bummer3341@yahoo.com</a>
	Karen Arnold	<a href="mailto:arnoldkj6997@gmail.com">arnoldkj6997@gmail.com</a>
Fostering for RACE	Cheri McLain	<a href="mailto:cbm51@atmc.net">cbm51@atmc.net</a>
Fostering for AAA	Jill Jones	<a href="mailto:jjones2@atmc.net">jjones2@atmc.net</a>

*Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.* - Dr Martin Luther King