

Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society

Board of Directors Meeting May 10, 2016

Present: Melissa Andritz, Helene Chevalier, Amy Leach, Patrick McCarthy, Timm Otterson, Theresa Ryndak, Rebecca Wagner, Stephanie West, Nancy Fredrickson
Absent: Melissa Marsak, Steven Schultz, Stephanie Wolf
Guest: HEART of Niagara – Kathy and Marge

Presentation:

Two representatives from HEART of Niagara Animal Rescue gave a presentation about their organization. They hold numerous events to raise funds for both animals and facility that shelters and trains animals awaiting adoption. They are looking for ways to partner with the NFVS (and other organizations) to build awareness of their efforts and raise money. Specifically they would like sponsorship of the summer event, Beatle Magic, on Sunday July 24 from 11 – 4 Ewings Road, Lockport. Levels range from \$500 - \$5,000. The NFVS Board to consider.

1. **Meeting Notes**

April meeting notes were approved.

2. **President's Report**

No report.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

- Taxes have been filed.
- Current balance in the checking account is \$39,939.53 compared with \$32,831.53 a year ago. The Mini-Vet committee recommended sending \$2,000 to Medaille from 2015 proceeds. All approved

4. **Committee Reports**

PEF – Steve

- The PEF is planning on being present at several upcoming area events. Nancy distributed a copy of the events and asked for any volunteers. A plea will be sent via the NFVS listserv.
- The PEF is looking for new board members, especially anyone in the veterinary profession. Suggestions can be forwarded to any PEF board member, or president Emily Rabener. The primary search will be for a president-elect, who can be either a veterinarian or non-veterinarian.
- The PEF is evaluating the annual summer Bones for Rover promotion. The idea of adding a second cat paw is being reviewed with a challenge between dog and cat donors.

Explorers – Timm

- . The April 20 meeting had Steve Schultz addressing end of life issues and euthanasia along with being a specialist in veterinary technology and veterinary medicine.
- . A field trip to a dairy farm in Oakfield is scheduled for tomorrow.
- . May 25 is a visit Royalton Equine Veterinary Services and learn about equine medicine and farriers.

Mini-Vet – Amy/Theresa

- . Many of the speaker slots have been filled. Will focus on sponsors next.

SPCA – Helene

- . Helene reported that the east side clinic (no longer at Broadway market) only had about 50 people attend. Owners now must sign a release after the biting incident at the last clinic.
- . Work has begun on the new facility.

WNYVMA Relations – Stephanie West

- . The WNYVMA is suggesting forming a committee including the SPCA, NFVS and WNYVMA to build further communication on issues such as dental care. This would also focus on veterinary concerns about client perceptions. Helene felt that veterinarians still don't understand that they can contact her with any SPCA issues.
- . Cornell capital campaign will launch next year.
- . The state spring conference will be in Westchester; the fall one a Cornell.
- . The social get together will be at the Cave of the Winds this summer.
- . A potential new law on pharmacy instruction is not yet on the state agenda. Same is true for declaw issue. The state is looking for letters supporting why declawing is needed.

Health Department – Stephanie Wolf

- . Still need another volunteer for the May 25 rabies clinic at ECC South. Rebecca stepped forward.
- . Health Department will be giving titers to veterinary professionals at hospitals that do Erie County decaps.

College Relations – Stephanie Wolf

- . No report.

SMART – Stephanie Wolf

- . No report.

Buffalo Academy Liaison - Patrick

- . Last program is set for May.

Roswell/Highpointe/Therapy Dogs – Stephanie Wolf

- . No report

Dog Parks – Timm

- . Paul Zoyhowski will be representing the NFVS at the Ellicott Creek Park Bark event on May 21st at 11 a.m. with a first aid presentation. The SPCA will be providing a resusidog.

Awareness – Melissa A.

- . Melissa A. accepted chair of this committee.
- . NFVS is invited to participate in upcoming PEF events as previously mentioned.

New Members – Amy

- . No new members reported.

Online Discussions – Melissa M.

- . No report.

Facebook Fan Page – Stephanie West

- . Stephanie continues to post relevant items.

Old Business

New Business

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