

## **CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

### **Board Meeting—18 June 2013 @ Villa Angela**

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Erica, Joan and Peggy were absent. The board extended wishes to Helen for a happy birthday.

Concern was expressed regarding the current decrease in adoptions coupled with increased intakes. Such increases can result in more ill cats and cats fighting due to stress. Returns, pregnant and injured cats will continue to be a priority. Many board members feel that a general increase in shelter numbers is almost always a concern during the summer months. Special rates and promotions for adopting “a cat and a buddy” will be offered.

As per consent agenda, Cathi moved to accept the secretary’s minutes, director’s report and financial report as presented. Larry seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The new CWA web site will be ready in several weeks.

In response to a question posed at the last board meeting, the topic of new committee members was discussed. In general, the board agreed that information regarding the needs and activities of the committees needs to be made available to all members and volunteers. The shelter website, newsletter, events, Community Shares, Face book, in-house TV, posters and fliers are possible vehicles for the distribution of information about the committees. All postings/communication should emphasize that all CWA committees are working committees.

Steve reviewed CWA by-laws which govern appointment to committees. He also emphasized the requirement that all committees must submit membership lists and notice of decisions and activities to the board. Each committee must record minutes of all meetings and submit them to the board secretary. All committees must be approved by the board each May.

Each committee can also have one or more subcommittees for special projects and events. Cat Caper and Feline Wine and Dine are subcommittees of the fundraising committee. At this time the Feline Wine and Dine subcommittee consists of Anne Riley, Sheila Zirkle, Wilma Wabnitz, Erica Kittleson, Sharon Hebenstreit and Jennifer Parker. This subcommittee does not have a chairperson at this time.

In response to the recent tragic shooting of kittens by police, the board will consult with Peggy before issuing a letter to local and/or state officials on behalf of the CWA board. It is hoped that any communication will focus on this event as a catalyst for needed change in our laws. Steve proposed that the board authorize Paul and Helen to sign any and all individual letters concerning this incident. Brenda moved to accept this proposal and Cathi seconded the motion which passed.

Cathi moved to adjourn the meeting and Larry seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Martin

Secretary

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