

## **CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting July 19, 2016, Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH 43229**

### **In attendance:**

Board Members: Peggy Kirk, RoseAnn Ballangee, Erik Diekmeyer, Steve Hebenstreit, Barbara Mann, Claudia Plumley, and Anne Riley. Executive Director Helen DeSantis.

Others in attendance: Sue Godsey, Nancy Edwards, Sharon Hebenstreit, Mary Jane Ryan, Donna Calderone, Meghan Albright, and Linda Schellkopf.

**Meeting was called to order by Peggy Kirk at 6:59pm**

### **Agenda Items/ Points of Discussion:**

- Consent Agenda
- Shelter Report
- Old and New Business

### **Decisions and Reports:**

1. **Consent Agenda was approved.**
2. **Helen reported that 108 felines were adopted in June and there have been 636 adoptions year to date through June. Adoptions are up 238 more than last year which is about a 60% increase. Shelter resident Mike is still missing after escaping from one of the fenced in enclosures. Helen is working on a rapid response plan with procedures to follow if a cat escapes and is unable to be immediately caught. The Open House will be October 16 and Erik will lead a work team to help coordinate the event. The risk management person from Sheakley brought forward several concerns when reviewing Cat Welfare's safety manual. However, their suggestions, such as wearing fire safety gloves when handling cats so workers are not scratched, would not work in the shelter environment. Helen is working with Sheakley to rewrite parts of the safety manual to better accommodate what is practical and possible. 26 people attended Dr. Linehan's presentation on senior cats and there will be one more presentation given by her this year. Promotion of Gabby Douglas' adoption of a cat from the shelter will begin in late July to coordinate with her appearance in the Rio Olympics.**
3. **Steve is working with Vanguard to liquidate the Renee Paquin IRA and get a check issued to Cat Welfare.**
4. **Barbara Mann reported that Catique sales are up this summer. The last few months more sales have been from customers that are in after 3pm so the hours are officially changing to 10-5 Thursday, Friday, & Saturday through the end of September.**

**Meeting was adjourned by Peggy Kirk at 7:37pm.**

**Respectfully submitted, Anne Riley**