

MISSOURI ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 14th, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Nycole Griffin
Teresa Gilley
Shari Pijut
Dan St. Lawrence

Holly Bowie
Mark Hasting
Brandon Anderson

Carmen Skelly
Beth Gillespie
Lorraine Lester

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Christine Portman Kyle Held Sandy Alexander

The meeting was called to order at 10:31am at 44 Stone Public House, at 3910 Peachtree Dr. located in Columbia, Missouri. Roll was taken; all board members were present except for Christine Portmann, teaching a class already scheduled, Sandy Alexander due to illness, and Kyle Held, due to court appearance out of state. Lorraine Lester made a motion to excuse all absent board members from the meeting with, Dan St. Lawrence seconding and all others voting in favor.

Non-voting Committee Chairs- Gina Tanner, not present at meeting

Guest Bob Baker, with Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation

The proposed meeting agenda was accepted motion was made by Carmen Skelly and seconded by Lorraine Lester and all others voting in favor.

Reading and approval of the meeting minutes from January 10th, 2018, meeting minutes motion to approved by Dan St. Lawrence and seconded by Holly Bowie, all others voting in favor.

Presidents Report

Nycole informed the board we are now Affiliated State Association Partners membership with National Animal Control Association and that everyone should have received a letter informing them of the membership. It is worth the cost to the association to benefit our members; the cost of membership to MACA will not go up. The Mini MACA's have been scheduled one will held by Shari Pijut in St. John, Missouri on April 18th, 2018, and the other will be held by Beth Gillespie in Gladstone, Missouri, on May 3rd, 2018. Officer Zack Bunton from Brookfield Police Department will be doing a two hour basic self-defense and two hour pressure point control tactics. Nycole discussed safety for officers and a way to get away from the attacker. J.T. Taylor will also be presenting a two hour class on recognizing cat/dog behavior and the Circle of Violence class. The classes will provide attendees with six hours of CEU's. Cost for the Mini MACA's is members \$50.00 and non-members \$75.00.

Vice Presidents Report

Holly contacted Kyle Held about the SAFER training and if he had anyone who could do the training? She

did not hear back from him so went on her own and found someone from Wayside Waves in Kansas City, Missouri, who might be able to assist with the four hour training. Holly is checking with JT Taylor about the SAFER training at his shelter. At this time it's put on hold until she hears back from someone. Holly is also looking for other speakers and has put it out on the internet. She did hear back from John Warden who is the coordinator for National Animal Cruelty Investigations School they discuss a class on the sovereign citizen, he is interested in a teaching the class at the conference this year. She also heard back from Rob Leinberger, Vice President of NACA and they discussed several possible classes for the conference. Dan St. Lawrence suggested a class on dealing with people who have mental health issues. Holly also reached out to Dr. Pue and Matt Rold about attending the conference and being a speaker. She also was going to speak with Bob Baker about attending the conference, today. Alice Burton from Alley Cat Allies and J.T. Taylor were mentioned to be possible speaker for the conference. Nycole and Holly said they will be attending the Pet Expo in Kansas City, Missouri, in May with hopes of finding other potential speakers for the conference.

Secretary's Report

Nycole asked Lorraine Lester if she brought all the necessary items for the new secretary and she did all items were given to Teresa Gilley.

Treasurers Report

Carmen stated that each account is balanced against the February₁ statement. The main account is the balance from February 18, 2018 thru March 13th, 2018; actual balance is \$30,409.68. The certification account balance up to March 13th, 2018, is \$4779.61, on the certification account under notes the beginning balance is different because minor checks that never hit the bank and the bank is stating they never received the checks. Carmen is working on this issue with the bank the difference is \$31.69. Carmen is also working on changing the credit card to Nycole instead of J.T. since him no longer the president. Carmen and Sara Burkemper are working on filing the 2017 taxes for MACA; deadline is May 15, 2018.

Carmen informed the board that she is working on her letter of intent to retire from Humane Society of Missouri, as of January 2nd, 2019.

Carmen also wanted to let the board know that she and Christine will not be available April 10th and 11th, 2018, for Humane Day and the training in Jefferson City. Dan St. Lawrence will also not be available on April 10th, 2018 for Humane Day; he will be in training in Kansas City, Missouri. It was discussed on who would attend Holly said Ellen Stark would be able to attend since she is on the certification chair for MACA. Teresa Gilley said she might be able to attend and would check with her department. Items to hand out will be available to state representatives and people who visit the booth. Nycole has a check from Petsmart for \$1500.00, the check was given to Carmen to deposit. Datamars gave a \$1000.00 check for sponsorship. Shari Pijut motioned to accept the Treasurer's report with Brandon Anderson seconding and all others voting in favor.

Awards

Kyle did not provide an update on his committee

Certification

Christine did not provide an update on her committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Due to Brandon not feeling well he did his update first and left the meeting at 11:03am. He reported that he has made changes on punctuation and grammar in the bylaws. Wanted everyone to look over bylaws and see if they need any changes. No updates to the bylaws at this time to report. He has been waiting

for J.T. Taylor to give him a flash drive of the S.O.P.'s so he can go over and review. Teresa informed Brandon she had e-mails from J.T. that had S.O.P. information on President, Vice President, Treasurer's, etc. Teresa will e-mail all the information she has to Brandon pertaining to the S.O.P.'s. Nycole stated she received several boxes from J.T. from previous meetings dating back to the 1990's. She in time will get through the information and get it organized.

Legislation

Dan had an update with legislation as follows

Senate Bill 918 Working Animal Bill- cities could not regulate animals- amended and passed

Senate Bill 817 Animal Deposition or Impound Bill- disposition reduced from 30 days to 10 days- all animal control or health officials cannot obtain warrants anymore- Bob thinks they will be able to kill the bill

Senate Bill 797 & 662 Animal Care Training Bill- It starts out nobody could do training for animal welfare people except for the State Veterinarian and it would do away with all certification programs. All training would need to be approved by the Department of Agriculture and Department of Safety, if they don't

approve changes will need to be changed. Bob suggested that all training be turned over to the Department of Agriculture for their approval and they are considering at this time. This is all departments no matter what department you work for within the animal welfare field. If training refers to 578 it will need to be approved by either Department of Public Safety or Department of Agriculture. Nycole's concern is getting the information from the speakers can be difficult and last minute cancellations. Shari suggested maybe turn in the certification training since it's the same all the time. Bob said the other option would be to kill the bill if the bill came up right now it would pass. He is going to bring MACA suggestions to the representatives, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Public Safety.

Senate Bill 1398 Breed Specific- No city or county will have a breed specific policies. This would undo mandatory spay/neuter for Springfield & Kansas City. Kansas City had 40% of their population as pit bulls before implementing the mandatory spay/neuter they are now down to 20% of their population is pit bulls. Springfield did the same thing and their population on pit bull went down by half. City of Florissant did away with their pit bull ban and enacted a spay/neuter ordinance.

Bob recommended a story he watched called, 5th of State, recommends everyone see the story.

Bob mentioned several others possible bills that are being looked at but nothing has come of them yet.

Bob Baker's phone number is 314-707-6347. If anyone has any further questions about the bills or new bills that are in the works. E-mail -director@maal.org

Historian and Photographer

Mark asked Nycole if she found anything for the historian within the items she received from J.T. if she would give them to him to look over. She also received old check books, Carmen said to bring and she will look over and shred if needed. Mark stated all dog tags are welcome.

Nominations

Nothing new with nominations and it's posted online for new nominations. Shari might not be able to run next year nor will Brandon. Lorraine brought up board members getting scholarships every year and if it should be something the board looked into.

Scholarships

Lorraine has one full scholarship application Kyle Schaffer from St. Charles County and she has posted on line to get more interest. Discussion was made to exclude mail in application and require online application only. Gina will update the Facebook page and MACA page with scholarship requirements.

Merchandise

Beth suggested discount items by having baskets for sale at the conference. This will lesson her

inventory of older items the board has wanted to get rid of and replace with new items. New tumbler with MACA design in rose gold \$5.00 & challenge coins she will be getting information on how to get them through her Police Department. What would MACA want on the coins? Suggestions for MACA logo or paw prints still in discussion. Will the Executive Board have the same shirts this year at the conference to be uniform or wear name tags? Suggestion was cohesive board tabled at this time. Beth suggested ordering Dan a MACA, polo for legislative purposes while he is at Jefferson City.

Lunch 12:00pm

Meeting resumed 1:17pm

Vendors/Grants

At this time there is \$6500.00 in sponsorship Datamars \$1000.00, Walmart \$3000.00, and Petco a grant for \$2500.00 & a vendor booth included in there grant. Shawn Landers from Bio Nylator is interested in attending the conference with cleaning supplies. Inject Dart Guns will be donating a \$250.00 gift certificate and send fliers for the gift bags. If a company was to donate \$300.00 worth of merchandise they can have a vendor booth. Microchip companies Datamars will be in attendance and we haven't heard from AVID as of this date. Tom from ID Tech will send fliers out for the bags. Reaching out to JP Cook for ID Tags to see if they will possible attend and Tracy from Lupine Leads waiting on response. Holly is going to reach out to the ASPCA for a \$1500.00 grant. ASPCA to possible provide scholarships and snacks/drinks during breaks.

Social Media

Facebook has 989 likes and the Members Only group has 24 people. Give away on the Members Only page to draw more interest from the members.

Newsletter

Brandon will write a story on Barbara Ball on her retirement and a photo.

Website

Gina sent stats of the website so far this year

573 visit the website

Top five pages were home page, training, certification, board member, & help wanted.

367 of those spent less than 60 seconds on the site

232 visitors only viewed 1 page

31 viewed 2 pages

90 viewed 3 pages

47 viewed 4 pages

63 viewed 5-7 pages

60 viewed 8-12 pages

27 viewed 13-19 pages

18 viewed 20-30 pages

4 viewed 31-50 pages

44% of the visitors are reported to be from Missouri, with California coming in second followed by Washington and Georgia.

Nycole has been working on the benefits listed on the membership page of your website, she is looking for suggestions on things to add to that section as it is pretty lack luster at this time and we offer so much free of charge even to non-members; Nycole suggests the board needs to look into offering something more to the members. Gina is doing a great job with the website and is very responsive when a board member forwards her information to post.

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Humane Day, April 10th, 2018, Teresa will check with her department and see if she can attend. If so she will need to get items from Dan for that day. Ellen Stark will also be able to attend since she will be at the certification the following day.

Board members do not have to pay for Mini MACA's since it will be in there city.

Next board meeting will be in June and then one following in August. Nycole will send out an e-mail to verify with the board members of a date.

With there being no further discussion and no announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm with Carmen Skelly making a motion to adjourn and Lorraine Lester seconding with all others voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gilley

Secretary

Missouri Animal Control Association