

MISSOURI ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Nycole Griffin
Mark Hasting
Lorraine Lester
Kyle Shafer

Holly Bowie
Christine Kalish
Sandy Alexander
Anita Byrd

Melody Bridges
Beth Gillespie
Dan St. Lawrence

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kyle Held JT Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 10:44 am at 44 Stone Public House, in Columbia, Missouri. Roll was taken; all board members were present except for Kyle Held, notified Nycole by email stating he would not be able to attend the conference due to an out of state case he was working and JT Taylor, due to teaching out of state. Dan St. Lawrence made a motion to excuse all absent board members from the meeting with, Sandy Alexander seconding and all others voting in favor.

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

The proposed meeting agenda was accepted motion was made by Sandy Alexander and seconded by Christine Kalish and all others voting in favor.

Reading and approval of the electronic vote minutes from February 13th, 2019, electronic vote minutes motion to approved by Dan St. Lawrence and seconded by Sandy Alexander, all others voting in favor. Nycole welcomed the new board members and presented Anita with the MACA secretary computer and additional paperwork.

Reading and approval of the meeting minutes from December 4th, 2018, meeting minutes motion to approved by Christine Kalish and seconded by Beth Gillespie, all others voting in favor

Presidents Report

Nycole reported MACA mini training scheduled for May 23rd, 2019 in Republic, MO and the August mini was being worked out but has not yet been scheduled for Blue Springs, MO. At the trainings Officer John Bagley will be doing Active Threat training and Jennifer Lockwood will be doing Animal Handling training. The January newsletter has been added to the website. Nycole would like to have something in the newsletter for Carmen's retirement and requested that Dan put something together for the newsletter on Legislation such as contacting local representatives.

Nycole presented a MACA Conference Etiquette informational sheet and Dan St. Lawrence made a motion to include this in all conference info and add it to the website. It was seconded by Lorraine Lester with all others voting in favor.

Vice Presidents Report

Holly reported that we have been awarded \$2500 to date in grant funding for the 2019 conference. Holly will be applying for grants from Petco and ASPCA in hopes that they will provide significant funding as they did last year. Holly requested that if anyone has any ideas for additional grants to let her know. Holly will begin the conference flyer this month and request for speakers.

Holly presented the idea for a mobile conference app. It was decided that it was a good idea but tabled as it needed more research.

After an online poll and some discussion the return to Lake of the Ozarks so Holly and Nycole will be arranging visits with different locations to make a selection and get bids.

Secretary's Report

Anita had nothing to report but did say that she is happy to be there and all new to this so she appreciates any help and guidance as she learns her position.

Treasurers Report

Melody reported that as of 02/01/19 the main account balance is 29,573.40 and the Certification account has a balance of \$4002.80. All monies have been transferred out of the Paypal account.

Melody and Christine Kalish went to US Bank to transfer the names on the accounts. It was determined that the minutes need to include that the Main Account should have Melody Bridges and Nycole Griffin placed on the account and Carmen removed. The Certification account should have Melody Bridges and Christine Kalish placed on the account and Carmen removed from the account.

Lorraine Lester made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Holly Bowie seconded the motion with all others voting in favor.

Awards

Kyle was not present at the meeting but Nycole requested that due to his workload that someone volunteer to assist Kyle with awards and Beth Gillespie did volunteer to do so. It was also discussed that a name is needed for awards nominators so the board members can reach out to get needed answers when choosing award recipients.

Scholarships

Lorraine reported that there are currently no applications submitted.

Certification

Christine reported that the next certification is scheduled for April 10th and 11th in Maryville, MO and there are 11 registered so far. Catering has been ordered and Christine will be sending out confirmation letters next week. Due to this training Christine will not be able to attend Humane day this year. Dan St. Lawrence will be attending and Kyle Shafer is going to try to attend.

Vendors

JT was not present, However Nycole shared his information. JT wished to change "Vendor" to "Exhibitor" as he felt it was more professional. A motion to change "Vendor" to "Exhibitor" was made by Dan St. Lawrence and seconded by Melody Bridges with all others voting in favor.

JT also wanted to have ACTS partner with MACA to provide training. In discussion an outcome did not seem favorable however it was decided to table the subject until JT could present the subject in person.

Legislation

Dan presented bills currently being considered that affect Animal Control. (SB 115, HB 204, HB 559 and HB

297) It was decided to remain neutral on the bills as the concern was that they were regulating what cities and counties are able to do. It was discussed that the area of focus should be animal cruelty and that MACA should recommend that people contact their local representatives. Also discussed was the need to put a link to maal.org on the website and Facebook.

Membership

Sandy provided board members with an updated list of members. The need for a list of members by jurisdiction for Humane Day was discussed and it was decided that Sandy would provide that to Dan. Sandy recommended that all membership due dates be changed to 01/01, doing away with the current 07/01 due dates. By doing so the current 07/01 dues would be charged at \$10 instead of 20 and would then receive the annual \$20 renewal on 01/01/2020. Dan St. Lawrence made a motion to change the billing date to 01/01. It was seconded by Lorraine Lester with all others voting in favor. Also discussed was the need for a membership drive. Ideas including a contest for current members to refer were discussed.

Merchandise

Beth suggested the need for more interesting shirts with acceptable sayings. It was discussed that a social media contest could be good to come up with ideas and the winning ideas would receive a shirt as a prize.

Social Media

Kyle Shafer is new to the social media position and was introduced by Nycole as such. It was discussed that some positive posts would be good to keep people interested and following the Facebook page. Also Anita suggested a post to ask different jurisdictions to share their "news."

Newsletter

It was mentioned again by Nycole and agreed by members of the board that something should be included about Carmen's retirement. It was also discussed that the members want to present Carmen with a plaque.

Old Business

Nothing to report at this time

New Business

Nothing to report at this time everything was discussed during the meeting.

With there being no further discussion and no announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm with Lorraine Lester making a motion to adjourn and Sandy Alexander, seconding with all others voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Byrd
Secretary
Missouri Animal Control Association