

MCHENRY COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - July 13th 2011

CALL TO ORDER The July 13th, 2011 meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Bud Alexander at 7:00 p.m. at the McHenry County Department of Health Animal Control Division 100 N. Virginia St Crystal Lake IL

PRESENT Bud Alexander, Pat McNulty, Joe Kozlowski, Jeannette Everett, Sara Denham Dr. Lisa Lembke

NOT IN ATTENDANCE Anna May Miller, Betty Schlieben

APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Sara Denham, seconded by Jeannette Everett. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

OLD BUSINESS (a) Dr Lisa Lembke discussed a NACA training program coming to the Chicago area. Two officers will attend who will then train other officers. Budgetary restrictions for training are a concern.
(b) Dr. Lembke stated that Animal Control had Tracy Reis from the American Humane Association come to the facility recently to offer ideas on strategies to address hoarder situations.
(c) Dr. Lembke mentioned that the Animal Control Officers have a mandatory roll call every morning; Mike McGrath writes minutes for each meeting and emails them out to all staff. Betty Schlieben provides a “tip of the day” to all staff. Pat McNulty commented there are policies and procedures that staff must follow.
(d) Dr Lembke commented that she would like to review all policies and procedures once the latest revision of Article XVII is completed.

NEW BUSINESS (a) Dr Lembke stated that Animal Control and the State’s Attorney’s Office are working on amending the Animal Control Ordinance, Article XVII. She feels Section 6.17 Managed Feral Cat Colony needs reworking. The data provided to Animal Control is hard to obtain and difficult to get accurate information from each colony. Dr. Lembke stated there is a link on feral cats that was sent to her which she will review in the hopes it will help Animal Control to go forward with a more tenable plan.

(b) Hoarding situations. Dr Lembke spoke of the need for better avenues for placing animals when Animal Control is faced with a large impoundment and the requisite budget to accomplish this. If

an impoundment goes through the court, it could take months of holding animals. Dr Lembke spoke to the American Human and Pet Smart charity. These organizations indicated their willingness to assist with transport, crates and food for the animals and help with the impoundment of animals as it relates to documentation, pictures and movement of the animals if they are able to be adopted out.

(c) Bud Alexander made a motion for the following resolution. “That the McHenry County Animal Control Advisory Committee expresses its thanks and appreciation to Ed Varga for his years of service on the committee. primarily as Chairman. Ed brought dedication through this deliberation and a sense of humor to his service. Ed will be missed and the Committee wishes him good fortune in all of his future endeavors”. The motion was seconded by Joe Kozlowski and Jeannette Everett; it passed unanimously. A plaque will be ordered. The Committee will ask Ed to join them for a presentation to present the plaque to him at a future meeting.

Pat McNulty told the Committee that another person from the Board of Health will be selected to replace Mr. Varga.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

End of the Month report: Dr Lembke stated that Animal Control is managing disease in the shelter and there is no sickness at this time. Offsite adoptions have increased. Pat McNulty pointed out the large number of volunteers who support Animal Control and the numerous hours they are providing to care for the animals.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Lembke told the committee that Animal Control has received 2 new vans with signage printed on the side that reads “Animal Control and Adoption Center”, along with the phone and webpage address.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Kozlowski, seconded by Jeannette Everett. The motion passed unanimously.