

Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society

Board of Directors Meeting June 14, 2016

Present: Melissa Andritz, Helene Chevalier, Amy Leach, Melissa Marsak, Patrick McCarthy, Timm Otterson, Theresa Ryndak, Steven Schultz, Stephanie West, Nancy Fredrickson

Absent: Rebecca Wagner, Stephanie Wolf

DATES for the remainder of the year are Tuesday, July 19, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 15 and December 13. The July 19 meeting will be at Squire on Main, across from Loughrans as the Loughrans shuts down for lunches in the summer. There is a parking lot in the back of Squire off of Freuhof.

1. **Meeting Notes**

May meeting notes were approved.

2. **President's Report**

The declaw bill is still in committee at the state legislature. Those in the veterinary field are encouraged to contact elected representatives and see that it stays there. Time is of the essence as the last day of this session is Friday.

Securing volunteers for events continues to be an issue. Steve, Timm, Emily Rabener and Shana Decker (Killewald) represented the NFVS at AllenWest with the PEF. Presence would be much more effective with more people to staff events. Both PEF and NFVS have same problem. There are no volunteers for the Anniversary Bash at the Amherst Paw Park this weekend; also no takers for Saturday, Aug 5 – the Bark Bash at Knox Park in East Aurora. Unless anyone steps up last minute these events will go on without us. Two volunteers are helping with the Canalside has Gone to the Dogs on Sunday, August 21 from 11-4:30. Only one person per shift so far and would another for each would be best as it's difficult to set up the tent/tables solo. Any volunteers should contact Nancy.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

- Current balance is the checking account is \$35,430.53 compared with \$29,543.53 last year at this time.

4. **Committee Reports**

PEF – Steve

- The Bones vs Paws promotion was delayed and will launch July 4, running through Election Day on November 4, taking advantage of the presidential election.
- Jane Higgins (Administrator at Blue Cross and Ellicott as well as the Buffalo Academy) has joined the PEF board. The PEF is still looking for additional veterinary professional to consider participating along with professionals in accounting, IT, printing/production and other specialties to strengthen resources.
- The PEF is considering retaining an executive director to help coordinate and oversee

marketing activities and long-term plans.

- . PEF is hoping to do 50/50 splits or raffles at some of the 2016-17 Academy meetings along with a presentation.

Explorers – Timm

- . The last program for the year was on May 25. This was a field trip to visit Royalton Equine Veterinary Services.
- . Two Explorers assisted at the AllenWest festival; one brought her dog who was a hit!

SPCA – Helene

- . Helene reported that attendance has been down at Parvo clinics. They hope this is due to the fact that more people are getting their pets vaccinated.
- . Owners now must sign a release after the biting incident at Broadway Market earlier this year.
- . Work has begun on the new facility. The new building in West Seneca is expected to be complete in late winter. The current building is being sold.
- . There have been fewer dogs to adopt locally so the SPCA is working with more transports from southern states.

Mini-Vet – Amy/Theresa

- . Speakers are 90% set and topics being created.
- . Amy is contacting sponsors from last year and looking at new opportunities this year.
- . Goal is to have all info done in the next two weeks so support material can be created. Spree ad is due Friday. Nancy is working on ad using teaser topics.

WNYVMA Relations – Stephanie West

- . As covered under President's Report, declawing is major focus.
- . New SPCA executive will be invited to an upcoming WNYVMA meeting.
- . A few ethics cases were reported this month. All were communication issues.
- . The social get together will be at the Cave of the Winds on July 31.

Health Department – Stephanie Wolf

- . The May rabies clinics were completed, thanks to assistance from Alison O'Toole, Teresa Ryndak and Rebecca Wagner. Still have openings for the fall clinics on September 14, 20 and 28. At the American Legion Post on May 18, 609 animals were vaccinated; ECC South Campus on May 25 saw 792 pets.
- . Eleven positive rabies cases have been reported this year. Two bats; one fox, six raccoons, and two skunks.

College Relations – Stephanie Wolf

- . No report. Colleges are out for the summer.

SMART – Stephanie Wolf

- . Summer social is being planned.
- . No major programs recently.

Buffalo Academy Liaison - Patrick

- . Done for the year.

Roswell/Highpointe/Therapy Dogs – Stephanie Wolf

- . No report

Dog Parks – Timm

- . Paul Zoyhofski represented the NFVS at the Ellicott Creek Park Bark event on May 21st with a first aid presentation. The SPCA provided a resusidog.

Awareness – Melissa A.

- . NFVS is invited to participate in upcoming PEF events as previously mentioned.

New Members – Amy

- . One new person is joining the VEC. A few people are changing practices. Information should be forwarded to Amy and Nancy.

Online Discussions – Melissa M.

- . List Serve has been pretty quiet. An item on declawing.

Facebook Fan Page – Stephanie West

- . Stephanie continues to post relevant items. AM Buffalo segments when available. Board members are encouraged to connect to the NFVS facepage.

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