

The HRN board meeting on Sunday 5/1/2011 was called to order at 1:15. In attendance were Cheryl Reinhardt, Linda Massey, Diane Mayer, Astrid Kruse, Suzanne Trayhan, Bob Stark, Megan Kierstead, Kathleen Bourdelais, Bill Southworth. Justin Lyons was present from 2:15 until 3pm.

Board members in attendance handed in the non-profit self-assessments to Megan. Bill Southworth, the newest board member, was introduced and has joined the finance, education and volunteer committees for now. The election for the president of the board for 2011 was finalized. Suzanne Trayhan wins with a vote of 8 to 7.

The annual report was presented. It is accepted pending review by all the board members. The current board of directors will be added to it. The report will be posted shortly. Board members are asked to read through and request changes within a week after posting. It was discussed that keeping the report for 2010 short and succinct is preferable, considering the current date and the changes in 2011. Social media was discussed. There is a request for more foster homes to submit blogs of their foster bunnies with pictures to increase their visibility, as more publicized rabbits have a better chance of adoption.

It is requested that the foster home packet includes a reminder that fosters can access the HRNVol section, go to notes, for foster information. Also there is a request that the packet includes emergency vet visit reimbursement procedures.

Committee updates:

Finance- working on policies, committee budgets, and approach to overruns

A motion was passed unanimously: There is a temporary measure until budgets are in place that all spending under \$250 must be approved by a majority vote of the finance committee. All spending over \$250 must be approved by a majority vote of the board. This excludes standard monthly bills including vet bills, accountant and phone bills. Reimbursement requests must be accompanied by an itemized receipt.

A motion passed 7 to 2: HRN will not give people debit cards at this time.

The foster committee is finishing up a foster home packet to go to all foster homes.

The medical committee is working on FAQs and an intake health assessment.

The ethics committee will work on a code of conduct for board members.

The technology committee gave a demonstration of social media and the ASM database.

Marketing is engaging social media.

Fundraising is seeking volunteers.

Short and long term goals for HRN were discussed.

A motion passed unanimously to form a committee to research shelter feasibility in 2012 and table discussion for now.

Low cost spay/neuter programs and grants for this purpose were discussed with possible approaching of the Mass Animal Coalition.

Justin Lyons requested the HRN board discuss providing financial assistance to the

guardian of a former HRN foster rabbit. Board members will vote on the matter pending further gathering of information.

A motion passed unanimously: the next full board meeting is scheduled for September 18th, 2011 at 1pm at Bulger Vet.

Committees are requested to meet in person or virtually monthly until that time to make progress.