

House Rabbit Network
Annual Volunteers Meeting
HRN Shelter, Billerica, MA
May 12, 2012 10am.

Attendees: Terry Ashmore, Kathleen Bourdelais, Lindsay Decrow, Terri Dick, Amanda Stewart, Diane Mayer, Stephanie Pereira, Suzanne Trayhan, Cheryl Reinhardt, Carol Youngclaus, Corinna Preuschoff, Maysoon Hamdiyyah, Ellie Hulse, plus others.

Adoptions

64 adoptions so far this year

Fundraisers

Amazon: We have a link to shop at Amazon which will give a percentage of the sales to HRN.

Goodsearch: We receive a penny for each search done on their site

Affiliates page: A list of companies which give a percentage of sales to HRN

PetSmart Charities: We received a grant for \$4890 to go towards Lempster medical bills and supplies.

HRS: \$500 grant to go for the Lempster rescue

Flatbread: Dinner benefit night set for Sept 18. Ticket numbering now, solicitation letters will start going out in June.

Lowell Spinners: Reselling tickets at \$7.50 each. Sweepstakes to throw out the first pitch and pregame BBQ. Tickets are \$5 each (donation) with a method of free entry. Kathleen has already sold 50 tickets and we are looking for a second night.

Bowling Fundraiser- Terri Dick looking to set up for Oct/Nov.

Board Elections

Linda Massey, Kathleen Bourdelais, Cheryl Reinhardt, Diane Mayer and Suzanne Trayhan are all running for the board of directors. Ballots were handed out and all were voted in.

Education Events

Diane is always looking for help with education events. We get more requests than we can fill. Lots of calls from PetCo and Petsmart stores.

Bunny Sitting

This is a large fundraiser for us, often bringing in a few thousand dollars each year.

Easy for volunteers to do, we ask for \$10/day for a single bun and \$13 for a bonded pair.

Customer Service

Our aim is to educate and not just judge or come across as self righteous and arrogant. Pointers were given on asking open ended questions, being non-judgemental, show interest in what the person is saying. You can be firm in your beliefs and still respectful of others. Also you can't get someone to listen to you if you are not willing to listen to them. Be open minded. This will help HRN and rabbits in the long run.

Bunny Bash / Bunny Hop

The Bunny Bash is being renamed the Bunny Hop since so many people dislike that name. Voting on date and location. Aiming for August.

Newsletter

Maysoon, Alana, and Carol are working on it. We currently have a backlog of articles, which is good.

Shelter

Address: do not publicize. We want to prevent dumps, and also have security concerns. Visits by appointment only.

Help is needed for setting up, painting, moving stuff from the storage unit, etc.

Keypad has been ordered for the door.

Corinna will help Cheryl with the survey to get volunteers for working at the shelter.

Shelter committee will work on all the details.