

House Rabbit Network (HRN)
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 7, 2015

Present: Suzanne Trayhan, president; Diane Mayer; Sarah Titus. Also in attendance was Jean Player, secretary.

Meeting commenced at 12:24pm.

Review of Minutes of September 18, 2014 Board Meeting (via phone conference)

Minutes were approved

Finance

The Board reviewed financial statements for 2014.

Income \$50,014; in the black by \$2,200 (last year, \$4K in the red)

The organization is doing better with medical bills.

Spays and neuters at McGrath saved money.

Kate has caught up with the Paypal administration.

Foster Homes

There was discussion of adoption paperwork procedures, filing contracts and adoption fees.

It was noted that foster homes further away from our base are less compliant.

It was suggested that hotline volunteers send a form email about adoption procedures when they contact foster homes of a potential adopter visit; also to post the procedure document online.

The foster waiver needs to be updated and distributed to foster homes.

Gertrude and Bing Bing: Their owner had to move and the new landlord won't accept them.

She is looking to buy a place and HRN agreed to board them and she will pay a monthly fee until she can take them back. We need to identify a reliable volunteer to temp foster.

Vermont foster homes

Need to figure out a way to get Clover here.

There are 5 other foster rabbits with Cheryl.

There are no interested adopters up there.

Ask Dr Kruse if she can issue a health certificate so that the rabbits can be transported out.

New Hampshire foster homes

There are no fundraisers in NH and the vet expenses are higher.
Since Janet wants to close, she has to stop accepting rabbits.
Sarah doesn't know which rabbits are being fostered for HRN.
Provide Janet with a list of HRN rabbits and ask her to verify the info.

Let's pull Janet's HRN foster bunnies by a determined date (April 1?) and close her out, and make it clear that there will be no additional HRN intakes.

There was discussion of coordinating intakes with other organizations when Janet intervenes. Make it clear to ACO and vets that they need to contact HRN for intakes.

Terri Dick is now ignoring Terry Ashmore's correspondence.
She's had her two fosters for over three years, but at least they have not accrued expenses.
We will try one more approach in asking for the return of the education kit.

Kat has two bunnies.

Giggles Fundraiser

MassPaws is interested in partnering. Need to work out the details.
Inclination is to try it out and see how it goes.
There has been some conflict of soliciting Flatbread donors for Giggles donations- we need to be mindful of saving donations for our Flatbread fundraiser.

Miscellaneous

- A question came up about HRN doing endorsements. The general opinion is that there is no benefit, and is more work than we need to do.
- Newsletter will go out soon.
- Dawn Lewis is managing HRN's Petfinder listings.
- Sarah and Jenny Mullen are working on charm fundraiser.
- Discussion of design, getting feedback, and other products besides charms.
- Discussion about Dakin in Leverett and Springfield

Meeting adjourned 1:20