

Animal Control Board of Directors
November 20, 2008

The Joint Board of Directors for the Rock Island County Animal Care & Control Facility met on Thursday, November 20, 2008 in the conference room of the Shelter. James E. Bohnsack called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Directors present: Bohnsack, Armstrong, Austin, Martin and Shearer (representing Wright)

Directors absent: Dueysen, Leach, and Meersman

Others present: Sam DeYoung, Captain Steve Dean, Kim Herrold, and Jessica Gianulis

Motion: Mr. Austin moved, Ms. Armstrong seconded to approve the minutes of the September 30th meeting. Carried.

Old Business

None

New Action Items

Ms. DeYoung advised that the Vet Tech has given her two weeks notice. She and Chairman Bohnsack are looking at their options for the position. The Vet Tech is moving to the Chicago Animal Shelter. There are not many licensed vet tech's available, but there is an abundance of trained vet tech's. Ms. DeYoung would like to revamp the position completely and change the duties.

Statistical Report

Included in the packet was the statistical reports for the last quarter. (Record) An agenda item which remains tabled was the Policy and Procedures Manual that the former director had compiled. The State's Attorney Civil Division has not completed their review of the proposed manual.

Financial Report

Ms. DeYoung reviewed the quarterly reports. (Record) High payroll costs in August and September resulted in larger expenses. Intake of animals is down and redemptions are up. The bad winter may have killed off many of the stray animals.

QC PAWS

Ms. Gianulis advised that PAWS in the Parking Lot resulted in 35 adoptions. The fun event

brought many new people to the shelter. Corn Crib will again assist with the wreath fundraiser. Wreaths are available for \$20 with a December 2nd pick up date. At the PAWS annual board meeting, executive board election was held and terms were renewed. They started with 10 members originally, and had three resign that evening. The by-laws require a minimum of 9 members to function. A nominating committee is now interviewing new potential members. They have a good number of interested individuals. QC PAWS is in a transition period but is always looking for members of the community who share their commitment. Ms. Herrold is on the nominating committee and they meet again December 2nd. They plan to continue to engage their relationship with the shelter and County Board and hope to have someone from the Board of Directors on their Board as perhaps an advisory member. Financially, they have about \$20,000 to \$21,000 in non-committed funds. Mr. Austin and Ms. Armstrong will mention the QC PAWS Board membership at their upcoming council meetings which are televised.

Mr. Austin asked if this body or the County Board would ever publically acknowledge the service and input that Richard Glessner gave in creating the existing facility. Mr. Bohnsack advised that Mr. Glessner was given a severance package and offered a reference letter, which he declined. Mr. Austin suggested acknowledging by resolution his passion for the job and assistance in construction of the shelter, though he just wasn't a "people person". Mr. Glessner worked well with his clients of cats and dogs. Mr. Bohnsack advised that this Board will act on a resolution of this nature at the next meeting.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.

Shelly Chapman