

THS Board Meeting (#2) Minutes

Thursday, July 27, 2017, 7:00 pm
11 River Street, Toronto, Ontario

Present: Gillian Armstrong, Shelley Austin, Martin Buckle, Shannon Cameron, Amanda Frank, Cathy Kinloch, Kathy McDonald, Bronwen Morgan, Emily Pang, Andy Robling, Dominique Rousselle, Stephen Steele, Keren Troyna, Christopher Wood

Regrets: Monika Sudds

Staff: Jacques Messier, CEO, Claudette Turner, Recording Secretary

Special Guest: Andrew MacLeod, Consultant

1. **Regular Business**

Bronwen Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, welcoming Emily Pang and Andrew MacLeod.

1.1 THAT the agenda be approved.

Moved: Shelley Austin

Seconded: Dominique Rousselle

Carried.

1.2 THAT the minutes of the June 13, 2017 Board meeting be approved.

Moved: Andy Robling

Seconded: Cathy Kinloch

Carried.

1.3 THAT the memberships dated June 14 – July 27, 2017 and all timely renewals be approved.

Moved: Dominique Rousselle

Seconded: Shannon Cameron

Carried.

Kathy McDonald kindly offered to call the new members.

2. **Board Visioning Process**

Andrew MacLeod outlined the process for developing a vision and statement of values to accompany the THS's mission statement. He provided a timeline for the consultation process with key stakeholders. A findings report will be presented to the Board in the fall, and the consultation process should be completed by year-end. A discussion took place about approaches to identifying and communicating with key stakeholders, and encouraging participation and input.

Bronwen expressed the Board's appreciation to Andrew MacLeod for the generous gift of his time and expertise.

3. *Next Meeting(s)*

Board of Directors - Tuesday, August 29 at 7:00 pm

Animal Welfare Committee – Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 pm

Governance Committee – Monday, August 14 at 6:00 pm

4. *CEO Report*

Jacques Messier reported that the THS is in a favourable financial position, with revenue up, and expenses down at the half-way point in the year.

He reported that the THS had taken in over 150 cats from a hoarding situation in Quebec, many of whom were very ill. THS is working to partner with vets in Quebec to have them treated there rather than subjecting them to the stress of transportation while they are ill.

He provided an update on HR. A new feline behaviourist and a new volunteer co-ordinator have been welcomed.

Jacques noted that the Spay/Neuter clinic will be gradually expanding its services to include veterinary outreach, accepting more medically challenging and dental cases.

The Board discussed at length the euthanasia of a dog, and the euthanasia policy in existence. The Executive Committee and the Animal Welfare Committee will work together to review the policy to ensure it more accurately reflects best practices for the animals (including additional guidance around specific viable alternatives) as well as for the staff and volunteers handling behavioural dogs, and addresses any potential risk to the general public.

5. *Committee Updates*

5.1 Governance Committee - Andy Robling invited any interested Board members to join the Governance Committee.

5.2 Open House Report – Bronwen reviewed the Open House Report, which detailed the reasons for its success, and suggestions to make it even better.

6. In-Camera

The Board moved in-camera at 8:20 pm, rising at 8:45 pm.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

8.1 THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Moved: Shelley Austin

Seconded: Keren Troyna

Carried.



Bronwen Morgan, Chair

October 3 2017

Date



Kathy McDonald, Secretary

October 25, 2017

Date