

THS Board Meeting (#5) Minutes

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 6:00 pm
By Teleconference

Present: David Bronskill, Martin Buckle, Krista Bulmer, Damian Creber, Mark Dilworth, Yussef Hafez, Nicholas Kanhai, Charissa Lai, Kathy McDonald, Bronwen Morgan, Peter Newell, Josh Shanahan, Nabila Tisha, Angela Young

Regrets: Malcolm Bernstein

Staff: Jacques Messier, CEO; Phil Nichols, COO; Claudette Turner, Recording Secretary

Martin Buckle called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. He extended best wishes to the Board for the New Year.

1. Regular Business

1.1 THAT the Agenda be approved.

Moved: Martin Buckle Seconded: Bronwen Morgan **... Carried.**

1.2 THAT the Minutes of the November 30, 2021 meeting be approved.

Moved: Bronwen Morgan Seconded: Peter Newell **... Carried.**

1.3 THAT the memberships from December 1, 2021 through January 25, 2022 and all timely renewal memberships be approved.

Moved: Martin Buckle Seonded: Peter Newell **... Carried.**

Peter Newell kindly volunteered to call the new members.

2. Animal Welfare Committee – Adoption Policy Guiding Principles

Phil Nichols reviewed the proposed adoption policy guiding principles, which give first consideration to the best interest of the animal, while providing enhanced opportunities for education. After discussion, the Board agreed that a new Adoption policy would encompass the proposed guiding principles, and a draft will be brought to the Board for approval in the Spring.

Phil noted that position statements will be forthcoming as they are developed.

3. CEO Report

Jacques Messier reported that the Betty White Birthday campaign was very successful, raising \$92,000.

Jacques reviewed the December 31, 2021 cash flow statement. The Society is in a good cash position at this time.

He reported on two meetings he had with the OSPCA, one an introductory meeting with the new OSPCA CEO and the other with regard to the OSPCA's interest in becoming a Humane Canada member, and matters of mutual interest.

Jacques also reported on his meeting with a number of other humane societies in Ontario for the purpose of developing a united group approach on animal welfare issues for the upcoming provincial election. The Board thanked Jacques for taking the initiative on this project.

Jacques will be also be handling other advocacy matters in the future.

4. Committee Reports

Animal Welfare – Bronwen Morgan reported that the AWC will continue working on the Adoption policy, and afterwards will review the Euthanasia policy. The AWC is expecting feedback regarding the Barn Cat program in early February, and hopes to be able to report to the Board at the February meeting.

Audit & Finance – Charissa Lai reported on the A&FC meeting with KPMG in early January as an initial meeting for the audit process. Recurring timing conflicts were discussed. Potential events (i.e. garage sales) will be possible from the audit perspective.

Development – Josh Shanahan commended Tegan and the Fundraising team for the creative fundraising initiatives. A large estate legacy was also received. The Society will celebrate its 135th anniversary this year; pandemic limitations will influence potential celebrations. The Committee will explore the potential donation of a technology tool.

5. Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 6:00 pm

6. In-camera

The Board moved in-camera at 6:50 pm and rose at 8:40 pm.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Martin Buckle, Chair

Nicholas Kanhai, Secretary

Date

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