

Mississippi Critterz Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 6, 2018

Meeting: 119 Chestnut Drive  
Oxford, MS 38655

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm.

Members Present: Gail Brown, President, Brandee Ledene – Vice President, Natascha Scott – Treasurer, and Barry Scott.

Members Absent: Aynslee Smith and Ginny Robinson.

The agenda was submitted with a revision made to add Rush Mayo to speak following Kayla Shaver, with a motion made by Brandee to approve the revision, and Natascha seconding the motion, with all in favor to approve the addition to the submitted agenda.

Minutes were reviewed for the previous meeting, and Brandee made the motion to accept the minutes as written, and Barry seconded the motion, with all in favor to accept the minutes as written.

New Business:

First on the agenda, Kayla Shaver presented her bio and information as to how she could be an asset for the MS Critterz Board of Directors. She moved to Oxford in 2004, and graduated from Ole Miss in 2012 with a B.S. in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. She has been employed at the Animal Clinic of Oxford for 9 years, with prior experience with 2 other veterinary clinics. She can offer information on animal care, with extensive knowledge into illnesses of animals, and accessibility to feedback from veterinarians at the Animal Clinic. She has a great interest in helping animals in need within the community and community involvement.

Next, Rush Mayo presented his bio and information as to how he could be an asset for the MS Critterz Board of Directors. He operates a marketing company, to include social media, graphics to benefit the mission. His abilities to use technology to promote our mission to help, save, and reduce overpopulation will be beneficial to the board.

Kayla and Rush were asked to leave the room, and discussion was made for each in regards to acceptance as members of the board. Natascha made the motion to accept Kayla as a board member and Barry seconded the motion and all were in favor and Kayla was unanimously accepted. Next, Barry made the motion to accept Rush as a board member and Natascha seconded the motion, and all were in favor and Rush was unanimously accepted.

Next, Brandee discussed Pampered Paws veterinarians willingness to work/partner with us in the future, to do exams for free health certificates for animals going on transport

and to donate vaccination trays when we are operating on a larger scale in the future from a building.

Natascha stated Dr. Fyke is checking on partnering with MS State Veterinary College for spay/neuter for intake of animals. Will confirm more information soon.

Next discussion in regards to our upcoming events, which includes the Petsmart Adoption event the weekend of September 14 – 16<sup>th</sup>. We will secure volunteers to help, having at least one board member with them onsite.

Next, Brandee talked about the event being hosted by High Cotton Warehouse Adoption Day and Fundraiser on October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 10 pm, partnered with Tito's. Profits made from the day from Tito's sales will be donated to MS Critterz. We would need animals available for adoption present from 1 to 6 pm. This is tentative and will be confirmed. We will secure volunteers for this event.

Next, Gail talked about getting approval for MS Critterz to do donor drives in front of Walmart. We would need to schedule in advance, can be up to 8 hours a day, and could do 2 days in a row. Lorie Ann stated the best days were before Ole Miss football games to get donations. We will be setting up donor drives in the upcoming months. Also, discussion was made to check into donation drives from Kroger.

Potential Volunteer Duties was tabled for later clarification.

Natascha then presented the animal report.

Intake

Dogs:

Lafayette County – 30

Oxford City Limits – 4

Cats:

Lafayette County – 0

Oxford City Limits -- 5

Outcome:

5 Adoptions

27 Transferred

6 Available for Adoption

2 animals reclaimed

Natascha presented the Treasurer's Report and we are currently still in good standing.

Gail gave an update on the State of Mississippi Charity status which is complete and we are in good standing.

## Follow-up Business:

MS Craft Show – donations received from items was \$674.00 and MS Critterz will receive the remainder of the admission fee funds after all of the Craft Show expenses have been paid.

Update Feline Spay Day at Bottletree - 33 surgeries were done. Pricing was higher than originally stated, and Natascha will follow-up in regards to cost. Two cats had complications and the cats were treated at an extra cost. One was paid by owner and other was covered by 9 Lives Cat Rescue.

Update on Get Involved at Ole Miss – turnout for volunteers was great and we had over 100 people sign up for information. Brochures were distributed about MS Critterz among students about our mission and volunteer opportunities.

Paypal Card Reader – we received the free card reader from Paypal. The free reader does not accept cards with microchips. Brandee made motion to purchase the \$25 card reader that will accept cards with microchips and Natascha seconded, with all voting in favor of purchasing. Gail will purchase the chip card reader.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm which was followed by an open discussion for the public in attendance.