

Mississippi Critterz
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 4th, 2018

Meeting: 119 Chestnut Drive
Oxford, MS. 38655

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Members Present: Gail Brown – President, Brandee Ledene (via telephone conference) – Vice President, Natascha Scott – Treasurer, Aynslee Smith - Secretary, and Kayla Shaver

Members Absent: Rush Mayo

Visitor: Janice Antonow – Oxford City Liaison

The agenda was motioned in by Natascha, and seconded by Kayla, in favor of accepting the agenda as submitted. The remaining members were all in favor to accept agenda.

Minutes were reviewed for the previous meeting, and Brandee made the motion to accept the minutes with Natascha seconding the motion. All were in favor to accept the minutes as written.

New Business:

First on agenda, Janice was introduced and given time to talk to the board on the plans the city had for the building and what was purchased back from OLHS sale. Janice then gave advice to members on what the crucial steps should be for the next month and made suggestions on how to help with the transition. She also stated we could meet with Greg Pinion regarding surplus furniture for the building located at the University of MS.

Next, Gail stated Ginny Robinson submitted her resignation letter to the board due to unforeseen circumstances in which she felt it was in the best interest for MS Critterz was to resign.

The next topic was on the new partner confirmations. Mississippi State Veterinarian School confirmed a spay/neuter program with MS Critterz, and Petsmart's adoption program details were discussed and will be a continued participation. Canada transport, along with other transport opportunities were confirmed and details on date and travel were discussed. Janice suggested looking into ASPCA transport.

The next subject was on the Animal Control Officer position and interviews taking place and the board agreed that the next position to fill, after ACO, would be a fulltime kennel attendant. Janice stated that the ACO position should be a priority of the group to handle first.

Next, the transition time period was discussed. Janice stated that the city would be fumigating the building on Friday, and then would begin cleaning the adult kennel building on Wednesday. She then stated that the city should be done cleaning/repairing on October 17th and made the prediction that the building would be ready to open to the public by November 1st, 2018.

Next, the update of supplies was discussed such as collars and leashes, etc. Gail presented to the members of the insurances purchased/signed, including Oxford Insurance that includes Liability and workers comp. Janice informed the board that it was believed that the title to the van was at city hall and the city would retain the title.

Gail presented the new phone system, under C-spire, and gave details on the contract and terms. In regards to the report from the County Supervisors Meeting, Gail explained how the meeting went and informed the group that the contract was postponed while the County discussed the terms Gail had presented on behalf of MS Critterz.

The group then discussed the upcoming events the organization has planned. Future fundraisers planned were presented and finalized for the month of October and volunteer recruitment was predicted and set into motion.

Natascha next presented the animal report as follows:

Intake

Dogs:

- Lafayette County: 4
- Oxford City Limits: 4

Cats:

- Lafayette County: 3
- Oxford City Limits:5

Outcome:

Adoptions: 5

Transferred: 27

Available for Adoption: 6

Hold: 2

Reclaimed: 2

Euthanasia: 3 (a dog which had been hit by a car and sustained a broken back, a cat with FIP, and cat with leukemia that all were examined thoroughly by a veterinarian) and per the veterinarian's professional recommendation were humanely euthanized.

The board next talked about that the reports on animals would be given every month and meetings with city would be every third Tuesday at 5 pm. The Supervisors meeting would be on the first and third Tuesday of every month.

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

The next topic of discussion was regarding upcoming transports. The ASPCA was brought back to the table and discussed on how we would proceed. The group discussed on finding other transportations and Aynslee requested that a "No Group" be created so that all members and employees would know what organizations/transportations were false ones. The number of animals was discussed and how many were in foster care. Drop off location for Wolf Trap was discussed; as was the drop off location of the Canada transport. The dates were confirmed as October 18th. Finally, the foster situation was discussed and the foster home list was being updated.

The public was then allowed to talk and Leah Veazey was introduced to the board by Aynslee. Leah talked to the board about her past and experience with animals and offered to help MS. Critterz out in any way she could.

The motion was made and the meeting adjourned at 8:49pm