

Mississippi Critterz  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2018

Meeting: 413 McElroy Drive Oxford, MS. 38655

Meeting called to order at 7:22 pm.

Members Present: Gail Brown – President, Natascha Scott – Treasurer, Kayla Shaver, and Caitlin Covington.

Members Absent: Aynslee Smith, Secretary and Jordan Carter.

Visitors: Janice Antonow – Oxford City Liaison  
Zack Hetrick – Animal Control Officer

The meeting was opened with Natascha Scott making the motion to accept the agenda as written, with Kayla Shaver seconding the motion. All were in favor of adopting the agenda as written.

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

New Business:

First on agenda, Zach Hetrick presented the Animal Control report as follows for the month of November:

County Calls - 4  
28 Oxford City Limits Calls - 28  
Other County Calls - 2  
Dog picked up running at large - 4  
Return to Owner – 0  
Verbal Warnings - 0  
Written Warning for Dog without proper shelter - 1

First on the agenda, Gail stated that Brandee Ledene and Rush Mayo each submitted their resignation from the Board of Directors. Brandee submitted a resume for the part-time ACO position, but we are still awaiting a reply in regards to her current work schedule in which she works on the weekends, how she would be able to follow-up on ACO calls during her work hours. No response at the time of the meeting.

New board members were introduced, Caitlin Covington and Jordan Carter (who was not able to be present) who have joined the board.

New staff hired – Teresa Putchio; still in need of a part-time ACO, part-time receptionist, full-time and part-time kennel attendants. We have been in contact with Ability 2 Work about possible staffing and will have 1 part-time person starting on Monday.

Janice and Gail met with the Oxford Police Department in regards to a press release was done in regards to the city ordinance which states if anyone caught dumping animals will be prosecuted and also reiterated the fact that anyone surrendering an animal would have to have proof of residency and be a citizen of Oxford/Lafayette County.

Gail next talked about the need of more security cameras in certain areas and would be following up on pricing from individuals to have them installed.

Upcoming transports – potential transports with Companion Pet Rescue is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> with 9 adult dogs and 16 puppies scheduled for this transport.

There was one adoption event done at Petsmart by volunteers.

Next, Natascha presented the Treasurer's Report and stated we are still in good standing.

Natascha presented the Animal Report for November as follows:

OXFORD CITY LIMITS – CATS	13
LAFAYETTE COUNTY – CATS	2
OXFORD CITY LIMITS – DOGS	30
LAFAYETTE COUNTY – DOGS	26
OXFORD CITY LIMITS – LIZARD	1
LAFAYETTE COUNTY – RABBIT	1
ADOPTIONS – NOVEMBER	19
TRANSPORTED – NOVEMBER	0
RETURN TO OWNER – NOVEMBER	5
ESCAPED – Dog	1
TRAP/NEUTER/RELEASE	2
EUTHANASIA - NOVEMBER	0

Natascha talked about the Open House which was very successful with a great turnout. We received donations and several adoptions were done.

Gail next stated MS Critterz had received a grant for \$2500.00 from the Posner-Wallace Foundation.

There were no guest speakers.

Follow-up Business:

Gail stated we hired Drewery Pest Control and the pest problem was substantially better since they have started.

Additionally, all of the ACO equipment was ordered and all the equipment has arrived. This includes the bite gloves, catch poles, nets, and dog traps.

Update on puppy kennels – 2 banks of puppy kennels scheduled to be delivered on December 13<sup>th</sup> which will be mobile banks with 6 (2 large and 4 small kennels on each bank) from Shor-line.

Public Outreach – Facebook starting early November 1380 likes and as of end of November has increased to 1500 and continues to increase. We have a good following also on Instagram which also shares to our Twitter account.

Kayla talked about the fundraiser which she and her husband are doing the Dungeons and Dragons Card fundraiser which is currently slow over the holiday season.

The meeting was opened for public discussion.

The meeting next went into executive session.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.