

MS Critterz
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020

Meeting: Lafayette County Multipurpose Arena, Small Conference Room
70 County Road 406
Oxford, MS 38655

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm.

Members present: Natascha Scott - Treasurer, Jeff Boone, Gail Brown, and Sarah Riffe.

Members absent: Aynslee Smith – President, Caitlin Covington – Secretary and John Yuan

Visitors: Jenn Petermann - Executive Director
Merideth Roberson - Animal Control Officer
Mary Tanner Simmons

The meeting was opened with Natascha requesting the agenda to be adopted as written. Sarah made the motion to accept agenda as written, with Jeff seconding the motion. All voted in favor of adopting the agenda as written.

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

New Business:

First on the agenda, Merideth Roberson presented the Animal Control report as follows for the month of December 2019:

Oxford City Limits Calls - 33

Lafayette County Calls - 8

Other County Calls - 5

OPD Calls - 0

Dogs Picked Up - 21

Cats Picked Up - 0
 ACO Returned to Owner - 2
 Verbal Warnings - 2
 Written Warnings - 1
 Animal Cruelty Case(s) - 0
 City Licenses Sold – 5

Next, guest speaker, Tamara Austin, presented to be considered for MS Critterz Board of Directors.

Following the guest speaker, Natascha requested she step out of the room in order for the board to discuss her acceptance to the Board. Following discussion, Natascha requested to make a motion to accept Tamara Austin to become a board member. Jeff made a motion to accept with Gail seconding the motion. All voted in favor of Tamara becoming a Board Member.

Next, Jenn Petermann gave the Director’s Report as follows:

Animal Report for December 2019:

Intake December 2019 — TOTAL 144

Oxford City Limits — Cats	15	Total Oxford City Limits: 54
Oxford City Limits — Dogs	38	
Oxford City Limits — Other	1	
Lafayette County — Cats	23	Total Lafayette County: 86
Lafayette County — Dogs	63	
Lafayette County — Other	0	
Returned Adoptions	4	

Outcome December 2019 — TOTAL 186

Adoptions	71
Euthanasia	2
Passed Away	3

Trap/Neuter/Release (City)	1
Trap/Neuter/Release (County)	2
Returned to Owner	14
Transferred	93
Escaped	0

As of December 31, 2019 — TOTAL 284

Available for Adoption	108
Stray Hold	4
Hold (Age/Illness/Transport)	155
Pending Adoptions	17
Public Spay/Neuter Assistance Program	15

- December Transports — During December, we transported 93 animals to several partners in Mississippi, Virginia, Illinois, and Washington, D.C.

- December Events:

- Winter Wonderland Christmas Parade
- Pets-n-Vets with Ole Miss Student Veterans Association
- Deck the Pawz
- PetSmart Adoption Event
- Hollywood Feed Adoption Event
- 12 Strays of Christmas
- Pet Angel Tree
- Pictures with Santa

- Upcoming Transports — For the month of January, we have 4 upcoming scheduled transports to various partners with others currently in planning.

- January Events:

- PetSmart Adoption Event — January 4, 2020, was a big success with 4 adoptions this day!
- Hollywood Feed Adoption Event – January 18, 2020

- Upcoming February Events:

February – we will be putting up a Valentine Cupid Tree for people to select an animal's photo and purchase items needed for this animal and we will take photos of person/items donated to place on social media.

February 1 – Pets and Pilates at Snap Fitness (with cats/kittens)

February 8 – PetSmart Adoption Event

February 9 – Cat Spay Day for Community

February 14 and 15 – Valentine Kitten Palooza will be held on these dates with low cost adoption fees for available kittens/cats

February 15 – Hollywood Feed Adoption Event

February 17 – Yappy Hour at The Graduate

Jenn also noted we had secured 2 spots for spay/neuter surgeries at MS State for animals transported to them for the day this semester and an additional 3 spots for the week spay/neuter surgeries with students this semester.

Jenn stated we will also be getting 2 interns from the University this semester. Additionally, the Pharmacy School did a t-shirt sale drive for us, and are also wanting to do a donation drive for MS Critterz this semester.

Next, Jenn stated the Girl Scouts will also be doing another donation drive this spring which was a huge success for the donation drive they did last spring.

Jenn stated she is working with some businesses in regards to help with sponsoring transports. We would place magnets with their logo or individuals placed on our van. Additionally, she suggested doing a Friends of MS Critterz campaign.

Natascha has also signed us up for the Google Calendar in which Board members will receive notifications of our upcoming events.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Natascha next talked about fundraising ideas she was looking at for possible fundraisers. She next talked about the first newsletter she created, which gives people an avenue to read and keep up with the things we are doing. We are tentatively scheduled to have the MS Critterz Yard Sale event at the Lafayette County Multipurpose Arena on April 4th.

Next, Natascha talked about the Data Management on Rescuegroups regarding in addition to donors, fundraiser data should additionally be entered. Additionally, we need to add photos for all animals into our database.

Jeff talked about adding all of our donor list into our database.

Next, it was discussed that membership fees were due for the 2020 New Year from all board members. Dues are to be paid by each board member to remain as an active voting member of the Board.

Public Discussion: None.

Executive Session:

Natascha ask for a motion to go into Executive Session regarding personal business at 8:42 pm. Gail made the motion to go into Executive session, with Jeff seconding the motion. She then made to motion to come out of the Executive session at 9:24 pm and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at this time.