

Mississippi Critterz
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019

Meeting: Jackson Square Clubhouse
119 Chestnut Street
Oxford, MS 38655

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: Gail Brown – President, Natascha Scott – Treasurer 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 Gail Brown requesting the agenda to be adopted as written. Natascha made the motion to accept agenda as written, with Caitlin seconding the motion. All voted in favor of adopting the agenda as written.

Minutes were reviewed for the previous meeting, and Caitlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written with Natascha 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 January, 2019:

City limit calls - 35
County calls - 1
Other county calls - 0
Dogs picked up - 19
Dogs returned to owner - 8
City licenses sold – 0
Verbal warnings - 1
Written warnings - 0
Cruelty case- 1 ongoing case with OPD

Gail stated we had also gotten the City Dog license tags in and will begin selling those to individuals residing in Oxford City Limits.

First on the agenda, Gail gave the President's Report as follows:

Gail introduced Jenn Petermann as the new Interim Director for MS Critterz. Everyone is excited to have her join the staff.

Two new puppy kennel banks arrived, with four 30 inch kennels to each bank.

John Robinson returned and installed 5 more security cameras for better area coverage around the shelter.

Janice talked with OPD regarding two puppies in the dog park, and OPD did not want to pursue without a License plate number. We will further check to see about a higher resolution camera to view the license plate.

We were approved for MS State Veterinary Services, but this rotation all of the slots were filled and we would not be able to receive spay/neuter services this semester. An email will be sent to us again in April to be added to their upcoming rotation.

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

Animal Report for January 2019:

INTAKE JANUARY 2019 – Total 186

Oxford City Limits – Cats	20	Total Oxford City Limits: 93
Oxford City Limits – Dogs	69	
Oxford City Limits – Guinea Pigs	2	
Oxford City Limits – Rabbits	2	
Lafayette County – Cats	22	Total Lafayette County: 93
Lafayette County – Dogs	71	
Adoptions – January	59	
Transported – January	47	
Return to Owner	20	
Trap/Neuter/Release (City)	2	
Trap/Neuter/Release (County)	1	
Euthanasia	2	(1 Dog/1 Cat - Vet Recommended due to condition)
Passed Away	10	(4 puppies due to illness - did not respond to treatment, 2 puppies arrived malnourished - did not respond to nourishment/treatment, 4 nursing puppies still in the care of their mothers)
	4	(2 kittens found in hypo-thermic condition at City Shop - did not respond to treatment, 1 unweaned kitten - fading kitten syndrome, 1 cat - died after neuter surgery)
Currently, there are:		
Available for Adoption:	142	
On Hold:	65	(Stray/< 6 weeks/awaiting transport)
Currently in Shelter:	147	
Currently in Foster Care:	58	
PetSmart	2	

Transports we are continuing to develop partnerships with rescues for animals to go on transport. During January, we sent 10 kittens on transport, and 37 puppies/dogs on transport. We have partnered with Wings of Rescue and have an upcoming transport to be flown out of Clarksdale, MS next week, and also Jenn met with a representative with

Wright Way Rescue in Illinois to work on coordinating transports with this group. Also, we are working with to transport dogs to Pennsylvania in the upcoming week.

New Staff hired: Haley Hack, Kennel Attendant and Tamara Austin as a floater as back-up receptionist/adoption counselor.

Events: Pet a Puppy at Ole Miss for Honor's College
Upcoming Events: Critterz Corner at the Oxford/Lafayette Public Library reading program for younger children each month
PetSmart Adopt-a-thon will be February 22 – 24th
Continuing to work with Hollywood Feed to partner for hosting adoption events.

Other Events noted were:

Natascha said Yoga with Cats was very successful and we plan to continue this as a monthly event.

Natascha also is also setting up a microchipping event – date to be determined where individuals can bring their pets to get microchips at a reduced cost.

Caitlin is price checking on purchase of selling crates at the shelter, to help purchase crates needed at the shelter.

Caitlin is checking into organizing a Gala later in the year. Also, she is working up setting up a Bar Crawl event in the first of May.

Whiskers and Wine we will partner with Uber to encourage not drinking and driving.

Gail stated she had already reached out to Oxford Run for setting up for the 4th of July 5K Freedom Run. Additionally, she is doing a flyer to do the Spay-ghetti/No Balls Dinner for February 26th.

Natascha has reached out to groups to check into creating a new logo. When we decide on possible logos, we will post to do a poll to let the public vote for the best logo.

Jenn recommended a yard sale at the shelter at the end of the semester asking students to donate items they no longer want to use.

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

Natascha presented through 9 Lives Cat Rescue she had used grant money received to spay/neuter animals for the City and County saving them funding by preventing unwanted litters.

With no follow-up business or public attendance, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.