

MS Critterz

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2019

Meeting: MS Critterz Animal Shelter  
413 McElroy Drive  
Oxford, MS 38655

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Members present: Gail Brown-President, Natascha Scott-Treasurer, and Caitlan  
Covington

Members absent: Aynslee Smith-Secretary, and Jordan Carter

Visitors: Jenn Peterman-Executive Director  
Zack Hetrick-ACO

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

Minutes were reviewed for the previous meeting, and Caitlan 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 the agenda, Zack Hetrick presented the Animal Control report as follows for the month of February, 2019:

City limit calls - 30

County calls - 5

Other county calls - 0

Dogs picked up - 4  
Dogs returned to owner - 2  
City licenses sold - 0  
Verbal warnings - 0  
Written warnings - 0  
Cruelty case - 1, ongoing with OPD

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

Gail made a note that elections are in May so we need to keep in mind the processes' involved with that.

We have contacted Greg regarding some electrical issues that have been happening at the shelter.

Gail stated that laundry is getting backed up due to the small size of the current washing machine. Stated that we can't put two washing machines in that room due to plumbing. Discussed possible options on how to move toward a solution.

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

Animal Report for February 2019:

**INTAKE FEBRUARY 2019 — TOTAL 179**

Oxford City Limits — Cats	31	Total Oxford City Limits: 84
Oxford City Limits — Dogs	51	
Oxford City Limits — Gecko	1	
Oxford City Limits — Hedgehog	1	
Lafayette County — Cats	15	Total Lafayette County: 95
Lafayette County — Dogs	80	
Adoptions — February	61	
Transported — February	25	
Return to Owner	14	
Trap/Neuter/Release (City)	12	
Escaped	1 dog	

Euthanasia:	4 Dogs - due to aggression
Passed away:	2 Cats - 1 following vet treatment; 1 en-route to vet after being hit by a car
Available for Adoption:	181
On Hold:	35 (Stray/< 6 weeks/awaiting transport)
Currently in Shelter:	158
Currently in Foster Care:	55
PetSmart:	3

February Highlights: Wings of Rescue Transport where we partnered with Cares Clarksdale. Unfortunately, we had two transports get cancelled due to weather. We worked with CPR and Hoover House again. We also participated in the PetSmart Adopt-a-Thon and had one dog adopted at the event. We also did a Critterz Corner at the Public Library and had a great turnout, as well as, lots of positive feedback. We were chosen by the Youth Municipal League as their benefiting charity. The partnership with Hollywood Feed is in place and we will begin to have adoption events there.

#### Upcoming Events;

March 16: Girl Scout Fundraiser & Donation Drive

March 17: Microchip Fundraiser

March 23: Old Navy Donation Drive & Adoption Event

April 1: Pups & Pilates at Snap fitness. Still working out details.

Met with Melanie Addington regarding an animal themed film fundraiser at the Pavilion this summer.

One of our dogs, Sunshine was in a short film. We are excited to see Sunshines' credit in the movie!

Jenn talked to Greg regarding the trailer on the property that we have been using regarding storage and transports. Discussed the other trailer that has a broken axle with the possibility of purchasing that one or one similar to it. Discussed looking into a shipping container for possible storage options.

Discussed Yappy Hour at Roundtable. Details are still being worked out.

Jenn talked with 9 Lives Volunteers regarding a feral feeding station at the shelter. Everyone was in agreement that this would be beneficial.

Upcoming Transports: Cat transport with Wings of Rescue & Cares Clarksdale. Wolf Trap is hoping to take 20 puppies. We are also reconnecting with Homeward Trails regarding adult dogs.

Caitlan has reached out to several places on the square for the Bar Crawl. We are still working out details regarding the event. Discussed t-shirts with new logo for the event.

Caitlan also mentioned having a paint the shelter event where local artists submit their proposals for murals throughout the shelter.

Natascha had the idea to have people hang their canvas paintings in the shelter & charge a "location fee" to help raise money as well as support local artists and give them a place to display/sell their work.

Caitlan then mentioned the Gala and gave a brief update on how that is coming along.

Natascha then updated us on the search for a location for Yoga with Cats and Whiskers & Wine.

Gail mentioned Best Dressed Pet on the square during Double Decker.

Caitlan asked about making shirts for the shelter to sell at Double Decker for Best Dressed Pet.

We then moved on to the Free Roaming Cat Room. Caitlan then mentioned a screen door with prices for the cat rooms to help regulate the temperature in those rooms. She also mentioned that we need to look into getting a different Catio door so we can put a pet door on the bottom. Discussed shelving options, cat trees, cat beds, thermal cat pads, bird feeder, Shepards hooks, sound machines, dehumidifiers, cat puzzles and sound proof the puppy room. Further discussed logistics on how we were going to begin this transition.

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

Jenn then mentioned donation boxes. Natascha recommended asking Clay Canvas. Gail suggested we look further into it.

We then opened the public discussion. Don Zielenski spoke.

The meeting, next went into Executive Session.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 P.M.