

MINUTES

GHI Companion Animal Committee

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Online Meeting

Note: before meeting started, Kris White introduced Chris Carbone as our new Board Liaison. Kris White also welcomed a new member to the CAC, Elizabeth Tobey.

Meeting started at 7:35 PM

Attendees: Kris White, Debbie Cooley, Ellen Weiss, Liz Tobey, Eldo Brown, Midge Cruz and Chris Carbone

Excused Absences: Laura Kressler, Anne Marcus

1. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve made by Ellen Weiss and seconded by Liz Tobey. Approved by consensus.
2. Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve made by Midge Cruz and seconded by Liz Tobey. Approved by consensus.
3. Animal Complaints – Dogs and cats at large, excessive barking and fence lunging
4. Members and Visitors – No members or visitors
5. CAC Report to the Board – Received comments from the members of the CAC. Kris White will finalize and submit it to the Board.
6. Cat Project -Dr. Ropski should be more available next month. Kris White and Liz Tobey will follow-up with her to see if she needs anything else from us and to discuss timeline.
7. Bag Dispensers and Signs – We started discussing signs and two members of the committee decide to donate money to purchase two Poop Fairy signs. A poster with a similar message has drawn a lot of attention at our events.
8. Chalk Board for Community Education-Eldo Brown – The chalk board will be set up in Kris White’s yard and continue to be used at our Meet and Greets.
9. Meet and Greet - June 23, 2021 Debriefing -Committee members who participated in the meet and greet felt it was successful. We had a couple of longer conversations with several members and pointed them to resources.
10. Meet and Greet – July 21, 2021 (Rain Date?) Between 11 and 13 Court Ridge
 - a. What will our focus be? Bite prevention? Clean-up after pets? DINOS? – All three as well as nuisance behaviors as there have been more complaints lately.
 - b. What materials do we want to make available – our usual posters and a couple of handouts on cats.
 - c. Rain date will be the next Wednesday.
 - d. Warehouse Request Form submitted July 9, 2021- Received confirmation from Melvin that he will make sure the items we need from the warehouse will be in the lobby as requested on July 21. Kris White will pick them up and drop them off.
11. Article on Bite Prevention When GHI Staff Are in Unit or Yard – This is completed and will be published at the same time as the following article as they reference each other.
12. Article on When Your Companion Animal Bites a Human or Another Animal still in draft form. Hope to have rough draft to committee at our next meeting. Some discussion

about how a dog is labeled dangerous and what actions the owner has to take. Kris White and Midge Cruz will research.

13. New Business

- a. Labor Day Festival – Motion made to *not* participate in Information Day by Eldo Brown and seconded by Ellen Weiss. Passed by consensus- We decided not to participate due to the age of most of the committee members and the Covid-19 Delta variant.
- b. Signs about keeping dogs on leash. We will look for sign designs for our next meeting.
- c. Item added by Midge Cruz - She suggested that we insert another blurb into the eNews informing members that dogs and cats must be kept on leash outside of their members' yards.
- d. Item added by Kris White – Review Guide for Members with Companion Animals by the end of the year.

Motion to adjourn made by Midge seconded by Eldo and passed by consensus at 8:26 PM.

Kris White, Chair

Distribution:

Committee Members: Kris White, Debbie Cooley, Midge Cruz, Laura Kressler, Eldo Brown, Irv Wartell, Ellen Weiss, Ann Markus, Elizabeth Jones, Elizabeth Tobey, George Bachman (*staff liaison*), Chris Carbone, (*board liaison*), Board of Directors, Audit Committee, Director of Member Services, General Manager, and Monica Johnson