

MINUTES

GHI Companion Animal Committee

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Lobby - GHI Offices

Meeting Started at 7:30 PM

Attendees: Kris White, Ellen Weiss, Liz Tobey, Eldo Brown, Beth Jone

Excused Absences: Midge Cruz, Debbie Cooley, Laura Kressler

1. Approval of Agenda - Approved by Consensus.
2. Approval of Minutes – Approved by Consensus.
3. Animal Complaints – Dog at large and GHI dog involved in a dog bite.
4. Members and Visitors – Elizabeth Tobey
5. Outdoor Cat Project – Share Email and Report Status – Kris White – An email from Dr. Ropski was shared with the CAC. It included a proposed final list of topics for the training webinar that Dr. Ropski will develop. The CAC voted to accept her list. She will be unavailable during July. We will move forward with the project in August with the goal of finalizing a timeline and setting a date for the webinar training. Kris White will reach out to GHI staff with some questions about Zoom, for example, if there is a limit on the number of people who can attend, and whether GHI has the capability of saving a recording of the webinar for later retrieval.
6. Dispensers and Signs– Status -Eldo Brown – All the broken dispensers have been replaced and new signs have been attached to dispensers where they were missing.
7. Chalk Board for Community Education -Eldo Brown – The chalk board was a nice addition to our Meet and Greets. Traffic was slowing down to try to read the board. On nice days Eldo Brown is still putting the chalk board out in his yard on Hillside RD. People do stop to read the sign.
8. Meet and Greet - May 19, 2021 Near Mowatt – Debriefing- The consensus was that the Meet and Greet was successful. There was a steady stream of dog walkers walking by our table. We provided a water bowl and dog treats which brought members to our table. Several members spent a long time talking to us about issues they were having with their dogs and looking at our materials.
9. Meet and Greet – Set up date and location for next meet and greet – We decided to hold the next Meet and Greet at the corner of Ridge and Research on June 23, 2021 at 5 PM
 - a. What will our focus be? We will focus on cleaning up after pets, keeping dogs on leash, and dogs in need of space (vest and leash sleeve).
 - b. What materials do we want to make available -relevant posters.
 - c. Rain date – the next day.
10. How to Prevent Dog Bites When GHI Staff Are in Your Unit or Yard – Final Draft – The final draft was approved by the committee. It has been reviewed by Mr. Adams-Escalera with his changes being integrated into the final draft. Once the article about what happens when a member’s companion animal bites a human or another animal is finished, both will be uploaded to our web page. Each article references the other.

11. Do You Know What Happens When Your Dog Bites a Person or Another Dog – Status –
The article is still in progress with a rough first draft. Kris White will take the lead in coming up with the final draft by the August monthly meeting.
12. Article on Special Items for Dogs in Need of Space, Blind, Deaf, etc. – Status -Kris White – This is on hold – not sure there is enough for an article, may be better to add something to the Guide for Members with Companion Animals when we review and update later in the year. A decision will be made at the next meeting.
13. New Business
 - a. Labor Day Festival – Kris White heard that there will be a Labor Day Festival. We will try to find out if there will be an Information Day before our next meeting.
 - b. Semi-annual Committee Report to the Board – Kris White will have a draft for our July meeting.
 - c. Public Facing Page for GHI.coop once the private portal is operational. No idea when a private portal will be available. Will remove this item from our agenda until we have a firm date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Kris White, Chair

Distribution:

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