

## MINUTES

GHI Companion Animal Committee

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Online Meeting

Attendees: Kris White, Laura Kressler, Debbie Cooley, Midge Cruz, Eldo Brown, Liz Tobey, Chris Carbona

Excused Absences: Anne Markus, Ellen Weiss

1. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve minutes with two additions: Catnip magazine subscription and GHI Board Meeting on Committees was made by Laura Kressler. It was seconded by Liz Tobey. Approved by consensus.
2. Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve was made by Liz Tobey and seconded by Midge Cruz. Approval by consensus.
3. Animal Complaints – As the Director of Member Services position is currently empty, we were not notified of any animal complaints.
4. Members and Visitors - None
5. CAC Report to the Board – Kris White shared that the report will be discussed by the GHI Board of Directors at their September 2, 2021 meeting.
6. Cat Project – The committee agreed to the October 26, 2021 date for Dr. Ropski's training on Zoom. Kris White will notify Dr. Ropski.
7. Dogs Must Be On Leash Signs – The committee decided that this problem seems to have resolved itself. We might purchase one sign that we could use at our Meets and Greets.
8. Chalk Board for Community Education – New messages? Heat Stroke message. Eldo Brown will help Kris White change the message to one about the danger of heat stroke. When they come up with a sound bite, it will be sent out to the committee by email in case anyone has a suggestion for some edits or a different one.
9. Meet and Greet – July 21, 2021 Debriefing – Had good conversations with few members who came, but ended up meeting lots of Volkmarchers who were very interested in learning more about our committee and GHI in general.
10. Meet and Greet – Need to decide date and location - Decided not to have a Meet and Greet this month because of the weather. Will hold one in September. The next Meet and Greet will be held near the playground behind the Greenbelt Museum.
  - a. What will our focus be? Heat stroke, Nuisance behaviors, DINOS, and cleaning up after pets.
  - b. What materials do we want to make available? Our posters should cover it and also make available two handouts about cats.
  - c. Rain date? The rain date will be the following week.
  - d. Warehouse Request Form
11. Article on When Your Companion Animal Bites a Human or Another Animal- Status – A rough draft was emailed to the CAC members. It will be discussed at our next meeting. Kris White already received changes from Midge Cruz and Liz Tobey.
12. New Business
  - a. Submit blurb to the e-News reminding members that dogs and cats must be on leash when outside their members' yards. This was done once, so we will ask the Communications Committee to rerun this blurb in the eNews.

- b. Review and update the Guide for Members with Companion Animals before the end of the year. – Three members agreed to help review all the links and contact information included in the manual. There are a couple of articles that we may add to the Guide.
- c. Catnip Magazine Subscription – During a discussion, Liz Tobey mentioned that she has a subscription and was willing to circulate her copy. Committee agreed to do this at least until the end of the year.

Date of next month's meeting will be September 21, 2021.

**Kris White, Chair**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM. Laura Kressler made the motion to adjourn and Eldo Brown seconded. Approval by consensus.

**Distribution:**

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