

MINUTES

GHI Companion Animal Committee

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Lobby - GHI Offices

Meeting started at 7:35 PM

Attendees: Kris White, Ellen Weiss, Anne Markus, Eldo Brown, Debbie Cooley, Steve Skolnik, Kiki Theodoropoulos (Visiting Member)

Excused Absences: Midge Cruz, Laura Kressler, Beth Jones

1. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve Ellen Weiss, Second, Anne Markus
2. Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve Ellen Weiss, Second, Anne Markus
3. Animal Complaints – Dog off-leash and excessive barking
4. Members and Visitors - Kiki Theodoropoulos attended the meeting to discuss a member's dog that is allowed to run at large. After listening to her discussion of the situation, the CAC suggested that she contact Member Services and make a complaint.
5. Purchase of DINOS items using 2020 committee budget – Status- Items were purchased and will be used in community education, and post-covid, at events.
6. CAC Pamphlet for Pre-Purchase Orientations–Deferred -Laura Kressler – Laura Kressler was unable to attend the meeting. Kris White will ask her if she can save the draft pamphlet in a format that Member Services can work with.
7. Dispensers and Signs– Status- Eldo Brown continues to replace damaged plastic bag dispensers. He also is adding signs in English and Spanish that these dispensers are not trash/pet waste receptacles.
8. Winter Tips for Companion Animals -Final – The CAC approved the final draft and the article will be uploaded to the committee's web page.
9. Why You Should Not Feed Wildlife – Final – The CAC approved the final draft and the article will be uploaded to the committee's web page.
10. Chalk Board for Community Education- Status - Eldo Brown – Eldo has received some positive comments from members about the chalk board that is being used to educate members about responsible guardianship.
11. New Business
 - a. Draft Goals for 2021 – Goals were discussed. Steve Skolnik said we might want to add one more: what content will we have for the public facing committee page once the private portal is in place. The CAC agreed to add this to our goals, and with that addition, the goals were approved by the CAC.

- b. Semi-Annual Report to the Board for the end of 2020 (What do we want to discuss?)
 - Kris White proposed that since our previous reports were reviewed by the Board recently, and because of Covid, the December 2020 report will simply be a statement about how Covid is affecting our activities and our 2021 goals. Kris White will draft this report for the February meeting.
- c. 2021 Budget was discussed. The budget does include the money for a webinar on cats, common problems/solutions and transitioning outdoor cats indoors, resources and whether the speaker has heard of other community education program addressing the issue of cats running at large. Kris White will take the lead on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 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, George Bachman (*staff liaison*), Steve Skolnik, (*board liaison*), Board of Directors, Audit Committee, Director of Member Services, and General Manager