

Companion Animals Committee

Minutes of 12-4-08

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 by Liz Brockert.

The following people were present: Julie Bergstrom, Heather and Robert Kitchen, Liz Brockert, Kirk Dettloff, Dawn and Emily Rishel, Robert Lotan, Nancy Duemling, and Anne Crotser.

Heather Kitchen moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Nancy Duemling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was read by Julie Bergstrom. The starting balance was \$422.70. The closing balance was \$421.31. Nancy Duemling moved to accept the report. Seconded by Dawn Rishel. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Dumbbell Workshop Update: Rob Kitchen is talking with the Huron Pointe Sportsman's Club (28 Mile Road and Gratiot) to see if we can use their facilities.

Julie Bergstrom reported that Freestyle training may possibly start in the end of January at K-9 Top Dog or Best Friends Training Center. Nancy Duemling talked about opening it to all 4-Her's. Discussion followed about what by obedience/ and agility training and age limits might be required of participants..

Anne Crotser reported that a proposal has been made to the Finance Committee of the County Commission to balance the budget by shutting down MSUE and the Senior Services Dept. on December 31, 2008. She distributed maps of the Commission districts and urged 4-Hers to contact their commissioners to express their concerns by phone, e-mail, or letters. The Finance Committee meets next on 12-10-08. The Full Board meets on 12-11-08.

New Business

We discussed ideas (speakers, grooming, demonstrations, first aid) for the winter Companion Animal (K-9) Carnival. Anne Crotser brought up the idea of making it interesting for everyone (dogs, cats, and pocket pets). Liz Brockert said she has a Dog Jeopardy game we could use. We discussed possible Saturday dates in late February and and early March.

Nancy Duemling discussed the need for State patches. It was decided to wait until the new year to order more.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Heather Kitchen at 7:14. It was seconded by Nancy Duemling and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Kitchen