

**Animal Control Advisory Council**  
**Wednesday April 17, 2024**  
**Saginaw County Animal Care & Control Resource Center – Training Room**  
**5615 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48604**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Council Chair - Tracey Slodowski, Laureen Lutenski, Tom McIntyre, Kelli Scorsone, Cynthia Winiecke, Tammy Brown, Michele Fleming, Dr. Mielke, Randy Howard, Jonna Scharf  
Absent: Emilie Lyday  
Others: Jaime Ceja, Diane Niederstadt

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Slodowski called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2024:** Member McIntyre made a motion to approve meeting minutes from March 20, 2024. Member Winiecke supported. Motion passed (10-0).
- III. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director Horton was not available at this meeting; however she did submit a report. Chair Slodowski read the director's report and invited any questions. Member Lutenski asked why we were looking for a new Kennel Manager, she thought we had one. Chair Slodowski advised that she was no longer with us.
- IV. **REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES:**
  1. **Fundraising – Tammy Brown:** Chair Slodowski advised that member Brown must step down as chair of this sub-Committee and asked if there were any volunteers who would be willing to chair the subcommittee. Member Fleming volunteered and was welcomed as the new chair of the fundraising committee. Member Winiecke asked if there was anything written that would advise what is and is not allowed as a governmental agency. Chair Slodowski stated that we have yet to determine what can be done. She further advised that she has called Culver's and asked about the donation of proceeds from 1 day's sales, she also thought about doing a 5K. Member Fleming advised in her experience you need to be a 501c3 to do those type of fundraisers. Michele will organize a sub-Committee meeting.
  2. **Training – Laureen Lutenski:** Member Lutenski reported that she received email from Jaime stating that there is currently no county department that rents out space so there is no template contract we can use. Chair Slodowski advised that County Civil Counsel can write a contract, they would just need the basic information to do so. Member Lutenski stated that we should have different rates for County/Non-County entities and that they would be meeting immediately after this meeting. Chair Slodowski advised that the members are: Lutenski, Winiecke, Slodowski, Scorsone, Director Horton.
- V. **OPEN ISSUES:**
  1. **Surgical Center** – Jaime advised that Rachel had gone to Flint to shadow All About Animals to see best practices, ask questions about the process and take notes so she can create a business model for SCACCRC.
  2. **Animal Control Truck Door** – Member Scorsone advised that she used the door for the picture of the ACO's who received the Liberty Bell award.

**VI. NEW ISSUES:**

**VII. OTHER ISSUES/CONCERNS:**

1. **TV5 Interview** – Member Winiecke stated she saw an interview on TV5 and it focused on how there were not enough kennels, and SCACCRC being over capacity. Member Fleming stated that there are animals in portable kennels in the temp testing rooms, PD drop off area, and meet and greet rooms. Member Scorsone asked if the state came in would we get ticketed. Jaime stated that while MDARD does not approve of portable kennels they do offer time to correct the situation and they also understand the issues. Chair Slodowski allowed gallery member Diane to speak about cleaning, she stated that the cleaning gets done by whoever can do it. Many times, that is ACO's.
2. **Law Day Award** – Kelli stated that she and Emilie were honored to present the Law Day award to ACO's and to have an animal cruelty case as the days mock trial.
3. **Council Members** – Member Scorsone asked if there was an opening on the Council. Jaime stated no.
4. **June Meeting** – Chair Slodowski stated that she will be on vacation in June and Kelli will chair the meeting.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Diane stated that the council covers a lot of the issues and she's happy to be attending meetings.
2. Jaime reminded Council members that if they want to volunteer there is a google docs signup sheet that Rachel sent out. If you do not have access, please let Jaime know and she will sign you up.

**IX. NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 4:30PM

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Member Fleming made a motion to adjourn. Member Brown supported. Meeting adjourned at 4:52PM.