

**Minutes of TLC Humane Society Meeting
July 18, 2019**

Call to order: A general meeting of TLC Humane Society (aka Dahlonga Lumpkin County Humane Society) was held at the United Community Bank in Dahlonga, GA, on July 18, 2019, convening at 6 pm, President Desirae Carroll presiding and Secretary Esther Morgan-Ellis taking minutes.

Board Members in Attendance: Desirae Carroll, Susan Russell, Gayle Gannaway, Esther Morgan-Ellis, Courtney Chandler, MaryTess Syfan

Board Members Not in Attendance: Shelby Clark

General Members in Attendance: Michelle MacKenzie, Marti Carver, SusAn Beaulieu, Mary Monks, Russell Monks, Michele Padington, Christine Shepherd, Sue Furstenberg, Ethan Hunt, Catherine Nicholson, Ted Nicholson, Bill Burgess, Kelly Bennet

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Marti Carver to approve agenda as written, seconded by Susan Russell. Friendly amendment made by Sara Henley. Motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May meeting were distributed and read silently. Motion was made by Marti Carver to approve as written, seconded by Gayle Gannaway. Motion was carried.

Officer Reports:

Executive Report (Desirae Carrol)

- We recently hired a new caregiver
- There is another caregiver position open
- In August we will get our UNG workers back; those are work-study positions funded through the college
- We need to increase our staffing to deal with the increase in traffic, and we will be examining the costs and possibilities. It would be best to have two people working at all times.
- We need chest freezers for storing bagged food. They do not need to work.

Animal Services Report (Michelle MacKenzie)

- We have had a very busy year
- Intakes for April/May/June: 26 dogs, 44 puppies, 12 cats, 16 kittens
- Adoptions for April/May/June: 32 dogs (2 returns—not recent adoptions), 28 puppies, 4 cats, 3 kittens
- We have a new foster-to-adopt program that helps us to manage a larger number of puppies and kittens. A large number of puppies and kittens are currently in foster homes. All Department of Agriculture paperwork is in place to ensure that this program complies with guidelines.
- 158 adoptions so far this year
- We had a litter of puppies come in with parvo. Three puppies from that litter died, but it did not transmit to any other litter.

- One kitten died after being abandoned in poor condition at Red Barn
- A sickly litter came in with a cat from Lumpkin County, and there was a death
- Ellie Mae is a dog who was hit by a car and brought to Red Barn. Both sides of her pelvis were damaged. We found donors to fund her surgery, which took place in early June. She is doing very well. She recovered in a foster home but is now at the shelter. She still has about four weeks of recovery left before she can be spayed and adopted.

Financial Report (Susan Russell)

- We have \$55,000 in the bank
- The mortgage is down to \$31,000
- Adoption income is ahead of schedule
- We have received \$2,000 in donations for buildings and grounds and \$13,000 in donations for special medical needs
- We are in the black \$8,600 YTD
- We are ahead of our goal for fundraising
- The company that is going to refinish the runs in the Ruff House is coming on July 29. Someone will need to take down the fencing. We also might install a metal awning.
- The riding lawnmower is being repaired
- Knepper Heating and Air is repairing the air conditioner. We plan to start using better filters. We will also look into purchasing a service plan.
- We provide water to the house across the street. If the property is sold, this could become an issue.
- Susan is working on a grant to fund noise baffles in the dog building
- We might look in to expanding the parking lot. It is becoming a problem as traffic increases.
- We will consider the possibility of making changes to the phone service to save money.

Fundraising (Susan Russell)

- There are a couple Spirit Nights coming up at Bratzeit (August 29) and Moe's (September 1)
- Dress Up Boutique wants to do a fundraiser for us, possible in late September
- Downtown Drafts has invited us back for another fundraiser
- Penny Sharp, who owns the ghost tour business, is thinking about sponsoring a monthly "Pooches on the Porch" fundraiser with food and wine
- We are working with Amy Ray to put on a concert at the Crimson Moon, perhaps in late October or November
- The Strut Your Mutt campaign is currently underway. It is an online fundraiser sponsored by Best Friends. Anyone can join the TLC team and solicit donations. You can also share the TLC page directly.
- Bark in the Park is on October 5. We need sponsors. The goal for sponsorships is \$7,000. We need to raise another \$3,300 in sponsorships. We also need vendors. We also need donations of raffle items. Finally, we will need volunteers on the day of the event.
- We will stand at the end of 400 and collect money during Gold Rush

New Business

- None

Old Business

- None

Announcements

- The next meeting will be on September 19 at 6 pm at United Community Bank.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Approval

- *Not yet approved*