

La Plata County Humane Society Annual Meeting

May 18, 2019 Minutes

Present: Directors: Susan Riches, Al Winzerling, Cindy Christopher, Susan Pelis, Wendy Ludgewart, Michael Wanger, Andie Schlenk, Aimee Herbert
Staff: Chris Nelson, Guthrie Hardesty, Travis Woehrel, Crystal Coffey, Emily Phillips
Members: see list

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Bret Koster moved, Al Winzerling seconded, to approve the agenda as written. The motion carried.

Bret Koster moved, Susan Pelis seconded, to approve the minutes of May 5, 2018 as written. The motion carried.

President's Opening Remarks: Susan Riches

The Board members introduced themselves and gave brief statements about why they are on the Board.

The year has been good (volunteers and staff) and bad (maintenance is needed).

Volunteers are always needed. Please let people in the community know that we need help with increasing volunteers, donations, fundraising and word of mouth promotion.

Financial Report: Susan Pelis (see financial report)

Reasons for the shortfall includes the opening of the Goodwill store, the wild fires, the Re-tail Boutique startup, etc. which resulted in lower income in sales.

Directors' Reports

Animal Protection: Travis Woehrel

Thanks to the APO, Shelter and Thrift Store staffs for their cooperation.

APO had 4,800 calls in 2018 of which 895 were for "dog at large".

Fire assistance included taking animals out of houses by request and notification to people to evacuate.

Thrift Store: Guthrie Hardesty

Guthrie has been with LPCHS for two years.

The Thrift Store has reported gross sales income (not net) of over \$1,000,000 for each of the last three years.

The Re-Tail Boutique has relocated to the Thrift Store which is in the process of reducing the number of staff.

Animal Services: Chris Nelson

There was teamwork among directors and all staff.

The Shelter took in 2433 animals. There were 1,758 adoptions, 600 returns to owner and 61 euthanasias. In addition, more than 100 cats were trapped, neutered and returned.

New Business:

Appointed Board member to be confirmed, Aimee Herbert, spoke. Votes were cast and counted. Aimee was confirmed.

Board of Directors nominees Bret Koster, Cindy Christopher, Kelly Schultz, Michael Wanger and Susan Pelis, spoke. Votes were cast and then counted by Wendy Ludgwait, Cathy Roberts and Jacque Patterson. Susan Pelis, Bret Koster and Kelly Schultz were elected.

Jacque Patterson volunteered to be on the 2020 Nominating Committee.

Closing Remarks:

Susan Pelis thanked the staff for facing the public and all they do.

Susan Riches thanked the members for attending and for volunteering.

Adjournment:

Al Winzerling moved, Wendy Ludgwait seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Christopher, BoD Secretary, on July 25, 2020.