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AC&C Board Meeting
June 19, 2014
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, NY

Board members and officers present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
Chief Scot Loos, Director
Yonaton Aronoff, Director
Elaine Keane, Director
Dr. Howard Hollander, Director
Louise Cohen, Director
Dan Kass, Director
Nancy Barthold, Alternate Director
Risa Weinstock, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30AM.
Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Nancy Barthold, who was representing Alternate Director Mike Dockett from NYC Parks Department.

Approval of Minutes

Louise Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Elaine Keane. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Approval of FY 15 Budget

Dan Kass made a motion to approve the budget for fiscal 2015, seconded by Louise Cohen. The budget for FY 15 was approved.

Executive Report

Prior to presenting the report, Risa Weinstock thanked everyone including volunteers, donors, fosters and new hope partners for supporting AC&C and recognized the AC&C staff in attendance.

The report covered the period January through May 2014. A significant increase in live intakes was noted. This rise was as a result of more owner surrenders and extended opening hours at the Care Centers. An admissions department will be created to manage this process.

Euthanasia is stable despite the increase in intakes.

Placements have increased as a result of additional New Hope partners, fosters and more public adoptions. AC&C held 10 foster orientations between January and May. The majority of animals fostered have been adopted.

AC&C is working to build better awareness and brand recognition, and is increasing its use of social media to enhance community outreach.

Operations continue to focus on initiatives to reduce disease in order to improve health and live outcomes.

Adoptions to the public continue to increase in response to numerous promotions, media attention and specials during each month.

Medical Report

Dr. Lisa Levin reported on the status and direction of the medical department, including weekly visits to each care center to help solve problems and recommend solutions; weekly meetings with veterinarians; revision of new protocols; and identification of any obvious medically-relevant issues. Emphasis is placed on optimizing the health and comfort of animals while in the care centers and on prompt initial evaluation.

Dr. Levin has been conducting several lecture series to non-medical staff to help them understand the shelter animal health challenges. The Medical Department will continue to recruit full time veterinarians and Licensed Veterinary Technicians. Dr. Levin noted that this will have a great impact on animal health. She reiterated the need for public support in areas of adoption, donating and volunteering.

Chairman Patrick Nolan thanked Risa and Dr. Levin and noted that he was very impressed by the leadership and staff. He acknowledged the public request for holding the board meeting in the evenings and promised to look into alternatives.

Public Comments

Public comments were heard from 11:30 am until 11:44am.

There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46am.