

Kitty Revolution Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Kitty Revolution, a Minnesota corporation and 501(c)(3) non-profit, was held from 6pm via Zoom virtual meeting space.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

[Robin Holland](#), Executive Director; Penny Gronbeck, Secretary; Terri Hecimovich, Treasurer; Selma Saba; Jon Bidinger; [Julie Doherty](#), Member at Large; Ravyn Gibbs.

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT: Elizabeth Thompson.

ALSO PRESENT: Cristine Groetken; Erin Lerwick joined a few minutes late, at 6:13.

CALL TO ORDER Robin called the meeting to order at 6PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Julie moved to approve the April minutes with Selma's corrections; Jon seconded. All approved, with no further changes.

FINANCIAL UPDATE Terri gave an update on the financial report. We anticipate significant vet bills coming up, especially with the care Dandelion has needed. Discussion of grant funds we received and how best to document our spending. Robin notes that we already track some of this information as part of our regular practice. Terri noted that Donna Bolte had done a large amount of work on the grant application for Summerlee - she proposed that we send a thank you to Donna. Terri noted also that the IRS will only accept online returns for the sort of filing we are doing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Robin gave the update, which is heavily about Dandelion. He had a freak accident and shattered his shoulder blade and ended up having to have his left arm amputated. He was recently diagnosed with brittle bone disease, and this is why he had such a bad outcome from his fall. He fell because the condition also causes seizures: he seized, and fell, and then had the bone break. He is our most expensive cat to date. The medication has to be compounded and very few pharmacies will do this. His life expectancy should be within average range, provided that he remains inside and well cared for. Currently Dr. Amber states that his calcium is at the low level of normal - which is where we want it. He will have to have blood shots every three months for the rest of his life. Erin noted what tests he had had pre-operatively and stated that his electrolytes were not checked.

Robin announced that Nessie, who had been with us for over three years, has been adopted!

Intake for April: 13, last April was 16

Intake for 2022 through April is 73, for 2021 it was 54.

We had 19 kittens born in foster this year, last year it was only 5.

Adoption through the end of April 14, last year at the same time was 7.

2022 total is 66, last year was 48. There were 22 kittens this year, 18 last year - so more older cats are getting adopted.

In foster we have 135 cats as of the end of April, last year we had 132.

Cat spotlight: Dandelion, discussed above.

Mater had a dental with extractions. Spike is a new cat who was attacked by something. Lionel had some suspicious lesions and he may need a cardio workup. Berry was overnight at SV with a mysterious illness. Duke had extractions. Ferdinand has a leg injury that will need 2-3 months of rest and he is at risk for amputation if this is not successful.

The start date for Cafe Meow keeps getting pushed back due to construction issues. We have 10 cats slated to go to Cafe Meow when it opens. We are currently partnering with Turtle Mountain, which is out by a reservation in ND and there are some complications there, transportation is an issue. We are also partnering with Red Lake Rosie's/Leech Lake Legacy, Marshmallow Foundation, Lake Traverse, and Companion Animal Rescue. Amanda Weigel is partnering with us, she owns pet food stores in Albert Lea and suggested working with Freeborn County Humane Society. Marina has put in a lot of work on this. Cafe Meow does stagger adoptions, so even if a bunch of people all decide to adopt on the same day, the cats will not all go out on the same day. We're concerned about having enough cats and enough caregivers for the cats there.

We had had cats at Woody's in St. Paul, but the woman who runs Woody's broke her wrist and had to take a break, so we are slated to start placing cats there again in July.

Newsletter and fundraiser: the idea was to have a shirt with Dandelion's picture on it, Robin is working on the design.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

- Marketing update from Selma. We had three good fundraisers since our last meeting. Heller Street with Christine's friend Stephanie, where we raised \$265; Shram Brewery, where we raised \$91; and coming up is a May festival in Bayport.
- We are looking at a June fundraiser at Mabel's ice cream shop in Bayport.
- We will be having a garage sale in June, definitely the 4th and 5th, possibly the third. This will be the week of the Crystal citywide garage sale. This will be at Chris Fonda's house.
- We are looking into Columbia Heights' 6/23 event
- Minnehaha Falls Art Fair has accepted us for this year
- Cat Video Festival on Thursday August 4.
- We were offered to be the charity for Twin Cities Cat Fanciers Cat Show, which is at the Mall of America this year, September 24-25.
- October we're looking to do an anniversary party or picnic.
- November 5 the Craft Corgis 6th Annual Makers Market in Cottage Grove.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS NOT COVERED ABOVE

No items to discuss.

ADJOURN

Julie moved to adjourn at 6:51, Jon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16th, currently via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Gronbeck, Secretary