

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE ANGUILLA ANIMAL RESUCE FOUNDATION
HELD AT THE TEACHER' RESOURCE CENTER, JULY 7, 2004**

The President opened the meeting at 5.45pm

There were 23 members in attendance, and 9 visitors for a total of 32.

Joseph Norris Payne	Jaxson Arnold	Alex Ballin
Marguerite Bryan	Jamien Carter	Christine Carty
Ralph Cestero	Jackie Cestero	Christine Cutler
Mimi Gratton	DeLacroix Gumbs	Kathy Haskins
John Hill	Clarissa Lloyd	Jackie Pascher
Barbara Owen	Michelle Owen-Vasilis	Muriel Richardson
Shelagh Richardson	Althea Turner	Rakev Webster
Amy Williams	Suzie Donahue	

Apologies were received from Charles and Lynn Blankenship.

Visitors present were Sherri and John Morrall, Kim Lynch, Linda Seavy, Dr. Dean Wallace & Emily Hahn all from our visiting veterinary team that worked at the spay and neuter clinic.

Other visitors were Bonnie Richardson Lake – who became a member after the meeting, as well as Rado Gumbs and Davida Smith

The President opened the third annual general meeting by offering the opening prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of the second Annual General Meeting of October 22rd. 2003. There were no amendments and the minutes were approved by Amy Williams and seconded by Alex Ballin.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

The President's Report:

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked Mrs. Cestero (Communications Chair), for helping him with the preparation of his report. A copy of this report is included in the minute book for the official record.

Mr. Payne presented a detailed account of the year's events, providing statistics on increase in memberships and AARF's accomplishments in finding homes for homeless dogs and cats. He thanked the numerous people and organizations that had helped to make the year so successful. He mentioned the continuing alliances with Puppy Angels and the Pegasus Foundation. Both of these foundations have assisted with the funding of the successful Spay and Neuter Clinics held in July & December of 2003 and our recently completed clinic in July of 2004. It was reported that the recent clinic had performed 132 surgeries. The surgical team from the States, which included Dr. Dean Wallace and Dr. Winnie Krogman along with veterinary technicians Linda Seavy, Kim Lynch and Sherry Morrall, were thanked for all of their assistance. Reference was also made of the work Puppy Angels is doing

to find loving homes for some of Anguilla's rescued animals, specially mentioned were people and businesses who had helped to transport these animals to the United States. Mr. John Morrall responded that Puppy Angels hoped to continue the teamwork and cooperation that has developed within the two organizations.

Concluding, the President hoped that the organization would strive to continue to improve the quality of life for all of the animals in Anguilla.

The Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Payne handed over the floor to the Treasurer; Mrs. Jackie Cestero Mrs. Cestero presented a detailed Treasurer's report as of December 31st, 2003. This report had been prepared and reviewed by the accounting firm of KPMG. The report showed assets of EC\$24,045.70, represented by EC\$10,282.01 in cash and EC\$13,763.69 in inventory and equipment.

Special Award:

The President described the volunteer of the year as someone who has given many hours of time and love by fostering 6 dogs in her home that had health problems or required socialization. Mr. Payne told the group that foster parenting is crucial to giving animals a second chance at a new home either here or in the USA. The AARF Volunteer of the Year for 2004 is Ms. Ellen Lee, who was off island at the time. The group gave her a round of applause and many thanks for her work with the homeless animals of Anguilla.

New Officers:

Mr. Payne handed over the floor to Dr. Ralph Cestero, who with the help of Mrs. Kathy Haskins, conducted the ballot to confirm the new Officers for the year 2004 -05.

The results were as follows:

Mrs. Jacqueline Cestero	President
Mrs. Christine Carty	Vice President
Mr. Jamien Carter	Treasurer
Mrs. Suzan Donahue	Secretary
Ms. Jacqueline Pascher	Elected Ordinary Member
Ms. Althea Turner	Elected Ordinary Member

Also balloted for and approved was for the Accounting firm of KPMG to be the official Auditor for the organization.

Mr. Payne said that it had been a pleasure to work with the out-going Executive Committee; he welcomed the new members and hoped they would be dedicated and strive to accomplish the goals of the Foundation. Mrs. Cestero responded to Mr. Payne and thanked him for his leadership and support these past two years.

There being no other business the President called for the meeting to be adjourned. Dr. Cestero seconded this motion. The meeting closed at 6 45pm.

The members gathered in the lobby for light refreshments.