

THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
ANGUILLA ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION
Wednesday January 19, 2005

The meeting was held at the Soroptimist Day Care Centre and was called to order by the President, Mrs. Jackie Cestero.

Members present were:

Mr. Jaxson Arnold	Mrs. Lynn Bartlett	Mrs. Christine Carty
Mrs. Jackie Cestero	Mrs. Suzie Donahue	Ms. Judie Gaess
Mrs. Kathy Haskins	Mrs. Helen Huckle	Ms. Clarissa Lloyd
Mrs. Michelle Owen-Vasilis	Ms. Jill Walker	Mr. Rakev Webster
Ms. Amy Williams		

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blankenship, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mulligan, Mrs. Barbara Owen & Mrs. Althea Turner.

The President Mrs. Jackie Cestero welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the group and request help with different committee activities. Each committee chairman was asked to make a short presentation about the committees planned activities.

Committee Reports:

Education:

Mrs. Michelle Owen-Vasilis explained the Education Committee projects and a discussion followed with many ideas being suggested to further enhance the programs she has in place. Projects such as the Melby Memorial Project at Road School which is being chaired by Teacher Sheleigh Richardson and a planned table at the library that will display books related to animals and their care were included in her report. The need for volunteers to make presentations to local church and community groups was also discussed. Other suggestions included story telling & an AARF Education week with radio spots targeting area youth groups. The importance of educating the islands young people is a high priority of the foundation.

Fund Raising:

A discussion of suggested fund raising projects was the next topic. Ms. Jill Walker agreed to assist Mr. Jimmy Carter with fund raising events including bingo & a rummage sale. She will be soliciting gifts from merchants as well as doing the advertising for the bingo event, which will probably take place sometime in March. Several other fundraising ideas were suggested by the group including a "Change for Pets" drive, in which everyone would donate their spare change for animals. Ms. Walker will work on making "Change for Pets" donation jars.

Communications:

Mrs. Jackie Cestero reported that the membership drive at the Post Office is scheduled for Friday February 4th from 10 – 3 PM.

Spay/Neuter:

Mrs. Suzie Donahue reported the total spay/neuters for 2004 were 269 dogs and cats and assured the group that their assistance would be needed in future clinics.

Other Points:

Mrs. Kathy Haskins suggested the collection of used newspapers from local businesses that read several papers per day, as that is a huge need at the clinic.

Mrs. Haskins also suggested a brochure or information sheet about AARF placed at the hotels might generate contributions.

Everyone was asked to sign up to help on different committees with the following results.

Membership Drive – February 4th

Lynn Bartlett
Suzie Donahue
Chris Carty
Jackie Cestero

ABC Booth – February 19th

Lynn Bartlett

Bingo – no date set (March?)

Kathy Haskins
Lynn Bartlett
Jill Walker

Garage Sale – April 16th

Kathy Haskins
Jaxson Arnold
Clarissa Lloyd
Rakev Webster

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded by Ms. Amy Williams and Mrs. Chris Carty.