



Provincial Board of Directors' Meeting
 March 5, 2013
 Extraordinary Meeting
 Conference Call

MINUTES

Elected Board	Present	Branch Reps	Present	Appointed Reps	Present
Andrea Carew (C)	Regrets	Lori Sutherland – Pictou	NN	Barry McCarthy (DNR)	Excused
Charl du Plooy (T)	X	Pat Baisley – Hants	X	Dr. Troye McPherson (NSVMA)	Regrets
Kylene Mellor (S)	X	Daphne More-McKnight – Kings	Regrets	Dr. Leighann Hartnett (DOA)	Excused
Pat Lee	X	Brian Kenefick – Lunenburg	X		
William Colson	X	Carmen Dunn – Cape Breton	X		
Cassandra Hanrahan	Regrets	Susan Chinard – Queens	X	Staff Reps *	Present
Sarah Oliver	X	Betty O'Neill – Antigonish	X	Kristin Williams (ED)	X
		Cathy Hole-Smith – Yarmouth	NN		
		Deb Germain – LaBaie	X		
		Leah McDonald – Colchester	X		

* Non-voting / NN – No Notice / C - Chair / T – Treasurer / S – Secretary / ED – Executive Director

Guests & Additional Branch Representatives (non-voting): Barb Tyron (Cape Breton)

Note: *Voting privileges for Branches until branch representation is established per the governance model will be a selected 7 in attendance/on the call for the meeting at the start of the meeting.*

Welcome and round table check-in (6:30)

- Charl offered Andrea's regrets
- Agenda confirmed

Matters Arising

- An update was provided on this week's meeting with Agriculture, in which Deputy Minister Penfound attended with Agriculture staff and in which the SPCA board executive attended with the ED.
 - At this meeting, DM Penfound provided the funding announced by Premier Dexter and the meeting was deemed to be very productive by all.
 - All parties expressed that they are looking forward to building a more collaborative partnership and great optimism was expressed on both sides.
 - It was remarked that government is and will remain integral partners in our legislated mandate and that there is a commitment by all to address the future needs of the Society and animals collaboratively.
 - Government appreciates our need to be transparent with all stakeholders and engage as required about our continued funding needs and program support and the vital role our donors and sponsors will continue to play.
 - It was noted that it is the Society's intention to balance messages around the continued support needed from donors and sponsors in light of the funding received from government.
 - Government indicated their understanding of the increased difficulty in raising donor dollars with funding received by government for the enforcement program.
 - Existing program gaps and future plans to enhance the responsiveness of the inspectorate where shared by the Society with government and it was agreed that these challenges will be met collaboratively to the extent possible.
 - Though a new budget line has not been added due the fiscal planning calendar of government, the SPCA is not required to make formal application next year and the Society will be sitting down with government in the fall to discuss the needs for 2014.
 - No further reporting beyond the Society's year-end report to government is required, which speaks to their appreciation of the SPCA's efforts in animal protection and the comprehensiveness by which the SPCA reports its activities.

- Government committed to working with the Society to clarify and more clearly define the roles, value and mandate of government representatives assigned by the province to sit on the SPCA's provincial board.
- **Motion:** In light of funding that has been provided by government the enforcement program will continue. Motion made by Charl and seconded by Sarah. None opposed.
- **Motion:** In light of efforts to clarify government representative roles, representatives will be reinstated to their full board duties and included in associated correspondence. Motion made by Brian and seconded by William. None opposed.
- It was confirmed that officers have been notified of the opportunity to continue employment and have accepted.
- It was noted that the remainder of the 2013 budget will be presented at the March 25th meeting for approval.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Motion to adjourn: Motion by Brian. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next regular meeting scheduled for March 23 at 1 pm and March 25 at 7 pm.