



**DOMESTIC AND FERAL CAT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES  
June 29, 2016**

- PRESENT:** Sonya Higgins, Healing Animal SCARS  
Dr. Barry MacEachern, Burnside Veterinary Hospital  
Dr. Hugh Chisholm, Independent Vet/Tuxedo Party  
Hope Swinimer, Homeward Bound City Pound  
David Currie, Nova Scotia Bird Society  
Heather Woodin, SPCA  
Pat Lee, Spay Day HRM Society  
Nancy Mansfield, Bide Awhile  
Dr. Ulrich vom Hagen, Department of Natural Resources  
Janet Hiltz-Resk, Citizen at Large  
Shannon Hebert, Citizen at Large
- STAFF:** Lori Scolaro
- REGRETS:** Dr. Melissa Burgoyne, Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association

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The meeting commenced at 13:10hrs.

## **2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes- May 4, 2016**

The agenda was approved by Dr. Barry MacEachern and seconded by Hugh Chisholm. The previous meeting minutes were circulated by email and in the meeting, moved by Sonya Higgins, seconded by Nancy Mansfield that the minutes of May 4, 2016 be approved as presented. The meeting is being chaired by David Currie.

## **3. Update on Catio**

An update was provided to members as to discussion that took place with a Compliance Officer concerning what to consider when building a Catio. Members were referred to the Development Office for further information on permits and setbacks.

## **4. Round table discussion on licensing and responsible cat ownership**

Members discussed the trapping of cats for the Trap-Neuter-Return program and the success of the program thus far. The SPCA member advised trappers were going door to door and flyers are being posted in area where trapping is occurring. Members agreed they felt licensing and microchipping the cat population was of great importance, however members discussed the hurdles and how to show value to pet owners in licensing and microchipping. Members discussed options such as the I Heart My Pet rewards program from the City of Calgary and as to whether that would be a possibility locally.

## **5. Rack Card Design**

Members passed around an example of a rack card design and asked for suggestions as to what should be included on the rack card. Members were given a deadline of July 15<sup>th</sup> to provide information for the design. Staff advised a design would be available the next meeting to be passed around.

The motion to adjourn was moved by Sonya Higgins and seconded by Hugh Chisholm. Next meeting is to be chaired by Sandra Flemming. Meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.

Next meeting: October 5th at 1:00pm.

Next Agenda Items: Rack Card and discussion on rewards program