

# THERAPY DOGS Meeting of the Board of Directors July 23, 2018 Peak Veterinary Referral Center Williston, VT 05495

Board members in attendance: Craig Deslaurier, Janet Dooley, Lori Hayer, Emily McLean, Susan Parker, Valerie Smith

### Others in attendance:

President Emily McLean called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Janet moved to approve the February minutes as written, seconded by Emily; the motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Report

Janet provided the Treasurer's Report as of June 30.

## **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will be held on September 30 at the Williston School from 10 am to 4 pm. There was discussion about the main event, stressors of working dogs, and workshop ideas, including mentoring rules, animal crisis, first aid, and children with challenges.

A schedule for the day was planned and board members were asked to arrive at 9 am to have a quick board meeting and help with setup.

#### Other Items

Craig reviewed the certification team numbers. The certification team has discussed possible hubs changes, including moving the Manchester hub to Rutland, creating a hub in the Northeast Kingdom, and combining St. J and the upper valley to a location between St. J and White River Jct. There are also efforts at having more evaluators in various sites vs. testing locations.

- Upcoming Events:
  - Derby Line Community Days, August 11
  - Dog Days of Summer
  - VT Dog Festival, Enosburg Falls
  - Wag it Forward, Essex, October 14
  - Dog Wedding, Ethan Allen Residence, August 25 at 2 pm

Having no new business, Emily adjourned the meeting. The next board meeting is scheduled for November 12 at Peakes.

Submitted by: Lori Hayer, Secretary