

**BOD ELECTION/FERRET FREEDOM DAY
MARCH 22, 2009**

Open Meeting- Mark and Jody's House

Meeting called to order 1:30PM
Attendee list on file.

BOD Election

Thanks for a great job

Donna Connors - Vice President

Bill Harkins – Treasurer

Introduce Nominee for Vice President – Donna Connors

Introduce Nominee for Treasurer – Bill Harkins

14 Ballots collected, 3 absentee ballots submitted, with unanimous* votes for Bill and Donna

*(except for two written in ferret nominees)

Congratulations to MaFF's new Vice President and Treasurer!

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors has amended the bylaws. Updates include officially recognizing the change from one year to two year terms for board of directors, which was implemented several years ago. Details on the amendments, and a copy of the bylaws, are available upon request. Board members officially signed and enacted the amendments today, 3/22/09. The Board will now focus on procedures to handle administration of the shelter and web site. Next BOD meeting is 4/7/09.

- Email/ web

The group email list is working well. A PayPal donation button or donation link is needed on emails and forums.

Wondering Weasels needs to be updated.

Adoption application should be moved to the top or side of the shelter page to make it more accessible.

- Fundraising/ donations

Consider a 'Ferret of the Month' feature on the web site or as part of group emails. This may be a special needs ferret. Decide on a name for the feature: Fuzz Club ? The first featured ferret would be Daredevil.

5/23-5/24 is MaFF's yard sale, to take place in Braintree at Donna Connors' parents' house. Set up a small ferret playground, weather-dependent. Schedule donations to come in Friday at the latest. Profits would be split between MaFF's general fund and the shelter.

Anna Casaubon-Rocheville works at the Butterfly Place in Westford, MA. A Pets in Need fundraiser is scheduled at the Butterfly Place on Mother's Day, May 10. Phyllis send Anna the MaFF brochures in advance so MaFF is included.

- Begin preparations for “Star Furs” event, 9/19/09

Cheryl may have access to a function hall in mind in Middleboro, MA. This would be an indoor event only, which should make decorating and preparation easier.

Assemble a scrolling text video clip similar to the beginning of the movies (i.e. A Long Time Ago....)

- Shelter/ Foster

We need more foster parents to take in ferrets. This need includes fostering the 'adoptable' ferrets, which is a more approachable commitment for potential foster parents.

With the closure of four Massachusetts animal shelters, we may see an increase in ferrets and need to help take in more animals.

- Other Business

Education Days need to be set up with Plymouth PETCO

Kristin to consider updates to the education material used at middle schools.

Pet Zone is a cable access show which will do a feature on MaFF. To film in June or July and air in September

2009 Ferret Appreciation Award

Recipient: Kristin Baker