

MaFF
2nd General Meeting
5/16/2010 2:00pm

Called to order 2:09pm by Jody Renouf.

Attendee list on file.

Big thanks to Jo & Al for hosting, and everyone who brought food.

Phyllis has decided to delegate meeting chairperson and volunteer coordination duties.

Jody is chair for this meeting, and Bill H will handle the next general meeting 8/8/10.

Showed poster for September event - The Good, The Bad, & The Fuzzy (TGTB&TF)

Download it at <http://www.maferrets.org/events/poster.pdf>

Looking for ideas of where to publicize TGTB&TF and email them to Kristin B
publicity@maferrets.org .

President's Report from Phyllis: welcome, thanks. Please help out various event coordinators. Diddy is doing well. Al & Jo are running shelter. Have attended events & PETCO adoption days. Heritage Day at North Attleboro Middle School went well.

Visit http://www.thesunchronicle.com/articles/2010/05/12/north_attleboro/7362770.txt for more information on Heritage Day.

Craig's List--please check for ferrets on the list and let the shelter directors know. CL has become a dumping ground for ferrets. Need to watch and monitor, especially for repeat listers.

- Attleboro Animal Shelter - 7th Annual Paws for Cause, 5/22 Sat (Diane & Michelle will be there) - MaFF will not go.

Volunteer lists were circulated for the following events which MaFF will attend:

- PETCO Adoption Day in Plymouth 5/23 (Sun)
- South Shore Pet Expo 6/6 (Sun) brand new event at Marshfield - learn more at <http://www.southshorepetexpo.com>
- PETCO Adoption Day in Hanover 6/12 (Sat)
- Paws-itively Purr-fect Day, Taunton 6/13 (Sun) free space at Boyden Wildlife Refuge - need volunteers. More info at <http://tauntonweb.com/pawspurrdays/index.htm>
- Smart Summit (State of Massachusetts Animal Rescue Team) 6/27 (Sun) Marlboro. Training, etc. Don't know fee. More info at <http://www.smart-mass.org>

If you want to attend one of the events above, please email phyllis@maferrets.org to be added to the volunteer lists.

MaFF Bracelets for \$1 donation. Anna Marie bought and donated 600 MaFF bracelets. She has sold 52 of them already where she works, and the bracelets will also be available at upcoming events. They are bright green rubber with www.maferrets.org engraved.

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Membership Report from Donna: (handout) we've lost members in recent years. 22 members are overdue on annual dues. Forgiveness plan: pay now and you get the next year, even if you are past due. Donna will put it on the forum. Sending letters to overdue members. Will push at adoption days. Put on home page also with a ferret photo.

Ferret Safety Presentation: Shell Oil's Life Saving Rules for contractors and employees is serious safety business. To remember and illustrate the Rules, Jody enlisted (with Mark's help) the ferrets to give examples of working safely. Check it out at <http://www.actwin.com/jod/ferretsafety.pdf>

Volunteer Survey - Kristin B will be volunteer coordinator. Survey results have been compiled into a spreadsheet. Today we will try to identify leaders for each topic area (Shelter, Regulatory, Literature, Education, Petfinder) or Kristin will reach out after she reviews the names on the list. Want to get everyone involved, and have a report out on each topic at our next meeting 8/8/10. Teams are expected to work on their own, with support and facilitation as needed from Kristin or the Board of Directors.

The Fall Frolic - The Good, The Bad, and The Fuzzy. 9/25/10 (Sat). Jody is event coordinator. Kristin B is publicity coordinator. Mention poster in forum. Can put poster in Post Offices; be sure to point out that it is a fundraiser for a nonprofit organization. Add "no unattended children" on event web page. Donna will do food. Mark is doing graphics. Al is doing playground & games. Looking for help contacting vendors. Raffle basket donations. Melissa has saddles for decoration. Heather handled decorations in prior years. Cheryl & Mel will do decorations if Heather cannot. We will have April and Travis from Performance Foods (Totally Ferret) for MC. April wants her picture with Tayla. Looking for event suggestions, games, fundraisers - send by email to Jody, clerk@maferrets.org. Kristin would also welcome any suggestions for publicity. Email her at publicity@maferrets.org.

Powderhouse Productions is doing a production "Small Pets 101" for Animal Planet. Looking for ferrets to shoot video, particularly with a young child. They are shooting at Mark & Jody's 5/17/10. Examples of Pets 101 features can be found at <http://animal.discovery.com/petsource/>.

Diddy is looking for volunteers in the next 2 weeks to help clean the shelter cages at her house before re-opening that shelter. 5/22 (Sat) at noon.

3:12pm adjourned. Break into groups for volunteer areas.