



DOMESTIC AND FERAL CAT COMMITTEE

**MINUTES
March 30, 2016**

- PRESENT:** Dr. Melissa Burgoyne, Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association
Sonya Higgins, Healing Animal SCARS
Nancy Mansfield, Bide Awhile
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
- STAFF:** Andrea MacDonald
Lori Scolaro
- REGRETS:** Dr. Ulrich vom Hagen, Department of Natural Resources
- ABSENT:** Open Positions – 2 Citizens at Large
Sandra Flemming, SPCA
Linda Felix, Spay Day HRM Society

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The meeting commenced at 12:34 PM.

1. Introductions

Members in attendance introduced themselves and welcomed Dr. Melissa Burgoyne. Members were advised of the regrets of Dr. Ulrich vom Hagen, Department of Natural Resources. Dr. Hugh Chisholm would be chairing this meeting.

2. Approval of Last Minutes- February 17, 2016

The previous meeting minutes were circulated by email and in the meeting, moved by David Currie, seconded by Hope Swinimer that the minutes of February 17, 2016 be approved as presented.

3. Discussion of Education

Handouts were provided from David Currie and Hope Swinimer and discussed by members. A general discussion was held surrounding free microchip event, HRM bylaws, and Catio's. Discussion took place on how to get a focus on responsible pet owner as part of school curriculum. Members shared their experiences on presenting in schools. Members discussed anti-roaming bylaw, cat licenses and reaching out to more of the population through community groups and at special events. Members were asked to make a list of five things that they felt were the priorities for DFCC and look at creating an action plan/standards of care for moving forward. Members discussed the differences among rescue groups for testing/euthanizing, vaccinating and tipping/notching. Potential future presentations from CAT Action Team and Nature Canada.

4. Audit and Finance Committee Report Update

An update was provided that the report will be going to the Audit and Finance Committee on April 13th. The Committee will then make a recommendation for Council who will ultimately make the decision.

5. Update on Volunteers for Citizens at Large

An update was provided that the advertisement for Citizens at Large is now posted on the website. The link was included in the agenda.

6. Animal Services and its role with cats

Clarification was provided as to Animal Services involvement with cats. Future questions are to be directed to 311 to resolve.

7. Funding from PetSmart

Staff advised that while conducting the Jurisdictional Scan it was discovered the amount of funding available through PetSmart Grants. It was suggested to include funding/grants as a future agenda topic.

Next meeting: May 4th at 12:30pm. The agenda item would be discussion around what each member felt were the priorities and direction for DFCC. Next meeting is to be chaired by Dr. Melissa Burgoyne. Meeting adjourned at 1:58PM.