

**2009 Annual General Meeting
Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
September 26, 2009**

MINUTES

President Sandra Neumann called the meeting to order. Quorum was confirmed.

Sandra Neumann welcomed those attending.

Motion that the agenda be adopted as printed.

Jan Kay/Doug Hewitt Carried

1. President's Report

Motion that the President's report be adopted as presented.

Sandra Neumann/Arlene Eberhardt Carried

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jack MacKay presented the audited financial statements. He noted that the deficit in the Investigative Services program would be covered by a transfer from other funds.

Motion that the financial statements be adopted as presented.

Peg Northcote/Doug Hewitt Carried

3. Executive Director's Report

Frances noted that it has been a hectic year with many challenges and opportunities. She was pleased to advise that the SSPCA is on its way to long term stability. Frances is excited about the possibility of a new building and a permanent home for the Society.

The past year saw a complete review of the Investigative Services program. We are in the process of implementing the recommendations brought forward from the review, which will mean that the animals of our province will be better served.

Motion that the Executive Director's report be adopted as presented.

Frances Wach/Ken Krause Carried

4. Education Committee Report

Sandra Neumann advised that this committee is currently updating the Society's position statements. Other goals include improved continuity for the newsletter and current content posted to the website.

Motion that the Education committee report be adopted as presented.

Sandra Neumann/Vivian Fraser Carried

5. Investigative Services Report

Frances advised that the SSPCA received 678 complaints in the last year – 428 farm complaints and 250 regarding companion animals. 201 of those complaints were resolved through education. The combination of bad economic conditions and a bad winter produced more livestock in poor condition and an increase in complaints.

Motion that the Investigative Services Committee report be adopted as presented.

Frances Wach/Doug Hewitt Carried

6. Fundraising Committee Report

Arlene Eberhardt advised that the Society's two lotteries continue to be the major fundraisers – sincere thanks to everyone for their ongoing support. Arlene noted that it is extremely gratifying to see that our public support has grown so much over the last 20 years. Frances Wach recalled the dark times when the Society's membership numbered less than 100 people and each board meeting discussed how many months we would be able to operate on the funds remaining. It is wonderful to be part of a vital, growing organization that is focused on its goal of improving life for the animals in our province.

Motion that the Fundraising Committee report be adopted as presented.

Arlene Eberhardt/Don Fraser Carried

7. Nominating Committee Report

Board Members elected at the 2008 AGM, with one more year in their term: Don Fraser, Saskatoon

Ken Krause, Meadow Lake

Dr. Margaret Northcote, Arlee

Arlene Eberhardt, Regina

Retiring Board Members:

Dr. Sandra Neumann, Saskatoon

Doug Hewitt, Prince Albert

Jan Kay, Kindersley

Board members eligible for re-election, and willing to let their names stand for re-election to the Board:

Doug Hewitt, Prince Albert

Jan Kay, Kindersley

Dr. Sandra Neumann, Saskatoon

Other SSPCA members who are willing to let their names stand for election to the Board:

Jack MacKay, Yorkton

Nominations from the floor: Peg Northcote nominated Jack MacKay, seconded by Jan Kay. There were no further nominations.

Board Members were elected by acclamation.

8. Appointment of Auditor

Motion that we appoint Parker Quine auditors for the 2009 – 2010 year.

Jack MacKay/Doug Hewitt

Carried

9. Other Business – None.

10. AGM

Motion that the AGM for 2009-2010 be held in Saskatoon during the Animal Welfare conference.

Frances Wach/Tiffany Koback

Carried

Motion by Vivian Fraser that the meeting adjourn.

Sandra Neumann, President

Arlene Eberhardt, Secretary