

**MaFF GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 10, 2007**

Open Meeting- Alan and Jo Ouelette's House

Meeting called to order 1:55PM

Attendees: Chris Andrews, Lisa Andrews, Laurie Austin, Kristin Baker, Heather Bowser, Amy Hawes, Ian Herrick, Dawn Livingstone, Alan Ouellette, Joanne Ouellette, Jody Renouf, Mark Rosenstein, Phyllis Spy, Trudy Wallach, Diddy Wheeler, Jeff Wheeler

President's Report - P. Spy

On file.

MaFF Rescue and Shelter Report - T. Wallach

Numerous ferrets coming in. 50 ferrets are in the shelter. No wait list - taking emergencies and found ferrets only.

Boston web site imoondo.com is visiting Trudy to film the ferrets - nice exposure for MaFF.

Take advantage of free listings with Pets Gazette.

MaFF Hotline - D. Wheeler

Diddy gets calls from all over the northeast and all over the country, as does Trudy.

Membership Committee - D. Connors

Donna not present, but Phyllis reported that Donna's analysis of MaFF membership indicates slow growth. There are currently 62 members.

Webmaster's Report - M. Rosenstein

Nothing to report. Mark to add Totally Ferret cartoon / ad to web site.

North Shore Area Coordinator's Report - K. Mayne

Kenny not present. He is in contact with Ferrets of New England, a Massachusetts private breeder. They are a responsible breeder: kits aren't separated from their parents right away, and they are spayed or neutered at 14 weeks of age.

South Shore Area Coordinator's Report - K. Baker

New North Dartmouth PETCO opening 7/1. Kristin to attend grand opening event.

Western Mass. Area Coordinator's Report - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Recommend that a volunteer visit Leominster PETCO to educate staff on ferret care.

Merchandise Report - J. Ouellette

Jo and Bill Harkins to update inventory.

Publicize Trudy's offering of 8 in 1 Ultimate at a greatly reduced price (even accounting for shipping and possible MaFF mark up).

Audit Committee Report - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Hospitality Committee Report - R. DiComo

Ronnie not present. Ronnie continues to send sympathy cards. E-mail Ronnie whenever you hear of a ferret crossing the bridge.

New Business

Ferret Foster Caregivers Workshop - P. Spy

Handout from Diane Wall, "At Home Supportive Care and Future Small Shelter Licensing," outlines the steps needed to start and run a ferret shelter, from home. Diane

is offering to hold an orientation meeting for existing and future shelter operators if there's interest.

Food Recall Update - P. Spy

Be sure to let Mark know of food recalls so they can be posted on the web site. Most current addition is 8 in 1 ULTRA, 20 lb. bag.

Thesis Study on Hearing in Ferrets - R. Downes

Ferrets are needed for a study on ferret hearing. Ferrets should be able to hear, and range from three to four years old. The study is taking place in CT, and ferrets should be worn out when they arrive. The study itself involves small needles (similar to acupuncture).

Events

Ferrets of the Caribbean - 9/15/07

MaFF's big event of the year is scheduled for Saturday, 9/15/07 at AMVETS in Natick, MA. Committee members have their packets.

Next General Meeting - TBD

MaFF's third general meeting will likely be at Diane Wall's in August. Diddy will look into an alternate location if Diane's isn't available (Ames Nowell State Park).

Tufts Open House - 9/8/07

Miscellaneous

Jeanne Carley Ferret Calendars

Calendars are available for \$9.95 for shelters or non-profits. Publicize on web site so that calendars can be pre-ordered. Recommend selling the calendars at the 9/15/07 event. Jo to figure out how many to order so MaFF breaks even. Leftover calendars can be packaged at the giving tree party in December.

Other Merchandise

Phyllis has found a source for high quality, embroidered sweatshirts for \$16 ea. Umbrellas with ferrets on them are also available for merchandising. Phyllis to look into how goodsearch.com issues payment. Through the use of goodsearch.com, MaFF has made approx \$17.

Donation to Kat Parsons

Kat Parsons, well-known friend of ferrets (on the FML), is moving from Illinois to Utah. There is no Internet in Kat's new home, and it's costly and involved to install. MaFF will accept Donations (possible raffle) to help fund Kat's internet connection.