



HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE BVI

FRIDAY, 20 September 2024, 1 PM – 2:30 PM

Online Zoom meeting

ATTENDANCE

Nancy Pascoe, Nigel MacPhail, Colin Riegels, Els Kraakman, Amanda McKenna, Sophie Feuerstein, Kirstie Palmer, Vijay Bissoondutt.

AGENDA

NEW SHELTER BUILDING

- Phase 1 and 2 of the new shelter building are now finished. We still have \$109,000 in our bank account that is dedicated to the new shelter build.

FUNDRAISE NEW SHELTER

- We need about another \$120,000 more funds to finish phase 3, which includes the septic and soak-away system, the new stainless-steel dog, cat and quarantine cages, the outdoor dog pens and fencing, the car park, A/C units and furniture is still needed before we can move into the new shelter
- Agreed is that we do not start phase 3 until we have all needed funds in.
- We will try to get all needed paint donated and volunteers to do the painting. We can move in without painting of walls is completed.
- Nancy was successful in getting a grant from Darwin Plus, (UK based organization) of GBP 26,887 to build a bird lookout platform at the new Shelter property. This includes the bird lookout platform, 2 signage of the birds at the look-out and in the office. The goal of this project is to teach pet owners how to be responsible pet owners, so they don't eat wildlife and to educate children about the birds in the salt pond. This also will benefit the shelter to attract tourists to our new shelter who can use the look-out and see flamingos for a fee. Nancy to coordinate the bird look-out project with GK Construction, which is 6 months starting in October (1).
- Els to order an extra banner (2), which we can add to the road sign in Josiah's Bay to update the public of our progress of the new shelter and that we still need funds. Banner will have a QR code to Gofundme page.
- Amanda and Kirstie to set up Gofundme page (3), where we ask the public for donations towards the \$120,000 still needed.
- Els to invite Norma and Michael Riegels to visit the new shelter (4).

GREAT CATSBY

- Great Catsby is a new fundraising event and will be a 1920' dress up party at the Government House with the theme based on the Great Gatsby movie. A save the day flyer has been posted on Facebook and already a lot of people have shown interest. Els and Amanda already had a meeting with Cheryl Fahie of the Governor's Office and likes the idea a lot.
- Amanda and Els to contact singer Nicole (5) and Capriccio's owner Mark Forte (6) for sponsorship of drinks
- Amanda and Els to order decorations for event (7) and to arrange ticket sale (8) (\$85 per ticket and about 150 tickets)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023

- BDO is currently auditing the 2023 bookkeeping. Bakertilly has finalized their proposed Financial Statement and given it to BDO for review. Els will give all requested documents for this audit (9).

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VP BANK

- Our VP Bank Account is now active. We will start investing saved money into the account as a monthly term deposit. Interest is about 3.5% annually. Sophie to follow-up with VP Bank to get online access (10). Els and Nigel to arrange check (11) from development/savings account to VP Bank. We need 2 signatures if a check is more than \$5,000

MOU AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

- Els and Vijay had a very good conversation with TJ of DoAF at the open house new shelter day in May and discussed the possibility of cooperation of our shelter with DoAF. We still get a lot of dogs from DoAF in our shelter and want to discuss how they can help us and make the relationship better.
- Els and Vijay to follow-up to make an appointment to discuss further with TJ (12).

ADOPTION

- Adoption rate is decreasing more than last year and the years before. Amanda and Vijay to improve pictures and videos on website and social media and discuss other solutions to increase adoption rate (13).
- Puppies cannot be transported to US anymore until they are 6 months old, which makes it hard to transport in a carry-on bag and is hard for the fosters.
- Vijay Amanda and Els will have a meeting (14) with Natasha of PAW BVI and Dr Molly of CCC to discuss adoptions, puppy and adult dog transport to USA and PTS protocols

IMMEDIATE AFTER STORM RELIEF

- Sophie was together with Kemo at the shelter the day after the storm Ernesto hit the BVI. Because the power was out the shelter did not have any water pressure to clean cages and give the dogs water. They had to do it by hand. Sophie will email all board members with proposal for a portable generator that we can buy or borrow. Amanda to check Nanny Cay companies if they can loan us a generator during hurricane season.

TASK LIST

1	Nancy	Coordinate with GK Construction bird look-out project
2	Els	Design and order extra banner for new shelter
3	Amanda/Kirstie	Set up Gofundme page for new shelter
4	Els	Invite Norma and Michael Riegels to new shelter
5	Amanda/Els	Contact singer Nicole for Great Catsby
6	Amanda/Els	Contact Marke Forte of Capriccio for Great Catsby sponsoring
7	Amanda/Els	Order decorations Great Catsby
8	Amanda/Els	Arrange Ticket sale Great Catsby
9	Els	Provide BDO with requested documentation for 2023 audit
10	Sophie	Arrange online access to VP bank account
11	Nigel/Els	Arrange check to VP Bank account
12	Vijay/Els	Arrange meeting with TJ of DoAF

13	Vijay/Amanda	Plan better marketing for adoption
14	Vijay/Amanda/Els	Meeting with PAW BVI and CCC
15	Sophie	Email board with ideas for portable generator
16	Amanda	Check with companies to borrow portable generator

NEXT BOARD MEETING

To be determined, November 29 as proposed day (last Friday every other month).

APPROVED