



# OREGON ANIMAL CONTROL COUNCIL

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## Oregon Animal Control Council- Board Meeting

Minutes from Meeting- June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The meeting was held at the Albany Police Department, 2600 Pacific Blvd, Albany, OR

In Attendance:

Dave Martin, President

Carleen Danka- Treasurer

Lee Bartholomew- VP of Legislation

Sara Wynveen- VP of Membership

Brian Austin- VP of Training

Absent:

Wendy Martinez- Secretary

### New Business:

#### **Legislative/Legal Requests-**

HR 1016- Creates a taskforce under DOJ for larger, federal animal related crimes that are often being unprosecuted. Had been requested that OACC support the bill vocally as it would be a tool for us to use in the future for large scale investigations.

Discussed this Bill and decided that it is in early stages, and we should make sure that we take it to the membership to discuss further before fully supporting. Will be tabled for conference business meeting.

Oregon Department of Agriculture- ARE Program

Discussed this legislature and the fact that it has been underway for a while now. Talked about the use going forward and how we should be working with and alongside ODA in this. Agencies that already had an ARE program in place can still use and enforce it if there are different rules/regulations.

TheDermReview-

Requests via email from web advocates to add a link to OACC.net for their cruelty free cosmetics referral site. Board agreed that due to being a private entity with specific interests, we would not take on the potential liability of lawsuit/claim by promoting a site that is not necessarily addressing illegal behavior, just non-preferential.

#### **Website/Technical/Communication-**

Dave brought up the ongoing issues of having good contact with members, board specific, etc. due to technical issues with email lists that are created and not able to be updated. Brian brought up the ability to add an email server to our

Wordpress site at a cost of around \$50/month. That was deemed not necessary by the board members, as we all have our government emails that can be used. Dave will be working with his IT department to create an email list that can be edited easily for use going forward.

Also discussed that under certain circumstances, text should be used for discussions amongst board members in case people are off-duty or on vacation and there is something that needs to be replied to in an expedited fashion. Especially financial requests, as the conference comes up and requires board approval.

Discussed current dues and if they should be raised or not. Decided that based on current financial issues statewide and the hope that we will be growing the association, we decided to leave them at the current \$35/\$65.

### **Training Conference-**

Discussed the timeframe, location and details of the training conference. Agreed to stay in the Eugene/Springfield location and shoot for late September if possible. Brian will start contacting venue possibilities, getting trainers and presenters on board. Will reach out to board upon needing approval. Hoping to keep schedule and majority of content the same as 2020 plan.

Brian will also start reaching out to sponsors again in hopes of getting some financial assistance. Still have \$500 donation from HSUS, \$500 from Coastal, multiple raffle items from local businesses, will continue looking for more.

### **Affiliation/National Programs-**

Code 3 ACO Coalition- Recently brought up with the drama within NACA and they are attempting to ensure ACOs have the ability to continue networking when needed. Also will be branching out into other areas such as Disaster Response, Equine, etc. Code 3 currently does NACHO trainings, are not trying to subvert NACA, but seems to have seen the writing on the wall for potential change in philosophy.

Agreed to also take this to the membership for any positive or negative response before making a concrete decision.

Code 3 Disaster Response Coalition- Along with the standard coalition, Code 3 is also creating a wide-scale disaster response group after the devastating year to attempt to provide assistance with planning/strategy, equipment, manpower, etc.

Board also discussed Oregon's year of disasters and brainstormed on potential trainings beyond the conference for the next year to ensure that all areas are more prepared. Discussed need for disaster planning, equine-specific, body scoring for all species, and several other topics that are regularly brought up by members. Brian will be looking into a full year training calendar going forward and will try coordinate once the content for the conference is planned. Lee brought up a training he is doing in Douglas County for disaster volunteers, etc. in February.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Austin