CT Municipal Animal Control Officers’ Association

Meeting minutes March 15, 2022

**Call to Order:** President Elease McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm

**Officers in attendance:** President Elease McConnell, Vice President Ryan Selig, Secretary Brenda Pflugbeil

**Members in attendance:** Ray Zagurski, Helen Lee, Tina Binheimer, Jen Abalan, Gary Wilson, Steve Rupsis, Lee Sohl, Nicole Ciampa, Jerry Casida

**Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Motion made by Ray Zagurski second by Ryan Selig

**Officers’ report:** President- testimony was given to the legislative body on the First Responders Bill (51-76 & 53-51). We don’t know if it will go any further. The legislative package is on CT ACO site.

Vice President- none

Treasurer-none, stayed the same

Secretary- none

**Old business:** The improved write up on Terry Foss and Paul DeNault are still a work in progress.

**New business:** Ray Zagurski agreed to help with Ct ACO social media. He also said he will be able to help with Facebook page.

Elease McConnell would like a committee created to work on clarifying criteria for awards however there was no one willing to work on that. She would also like to have a committee for the conference door prizes. No one was willing to assist on that.

The next meeting date to be announced. We need to focus on the conference. We will use the CT ACO page to announce date, time, location.

Gail obtained quotes for vendors and food. She noted the quotes do not include our speakers or admin fees. The idea for food trucks turned out to have to high of a fee. If we went with food trucks, we would not be able to eat in the vendors cafeteria. Gail’s thought for the food is leaning toward sandwich wraps because they have a vegan & vegetarian option. Gail also said we need sponsors and venmo or paypal.

The conference is always the third Thursday in September (September 15, 2022). CMACOA will advise Jerry/ACO Academy of conference date so there will not be class scheduled that day.

Steve Rupsis will continue to work toward a new venue for our Sept 2023 Conference. He is looking into hotels in the area as well for those who may wish to stay over.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm Motion moved by Helen Lee and second by Ryan Selig **Motion carried**

Respectfully submitted by: Brenda Pflugbeil CMACOA Secretary