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APOLOGIES TO MEMBERS

As we all know, in the past several months there have been some major disagreements among the members of WMFA that has resulted in group business to be put on hold for awhile. However, now that things hopefully have been resolved, I assure that WMFA is now a functioning non-profit, incorporated organization again and we will continue to protect Michigan animals.

I apologize to newer members who have not received a newsletter in awhile, or have not received one at all. This will not happen again. We in WMFA appreciate your patience.

Shelly Haner, Editor

NAA ANIMAL RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM: ATTENDED BY WMFA MEMBERS

Two activists, Robin Cleaves and Shelly Haner, (MEI) attended the National Alliance for Animals' annual symposium in Washington D.C. on June 23-25. Despite flight delays causing us to miss the first three and 1/2 hours of the event, which included an anti-vivisection demo hosted by PETA, this was the experience of a lifetime!

There were more than 700 activists in attendance and over 200 were turned away! That in itself eliminated the sense of being alone in this movement. The atmosphere of the crowd was one of feeling totally united, complete with tears and animal rights victories!

Peter Gerard, the President of NAA, was the host and M.C. of the symposium events and speakers, which included Peter Singer, Alex Pacheco, Carol Adams, Heidi Prescott, Cleveland Amory, Don Barnes, and Priscilla Feral. Ingrid Newkirk delivered a spirited speech at the very end which moved me to tears. I mostly enjoyed meeting grassroots activists from all over the nation and from abroad, and I had the best conversation with Don Barnes of NAVS. I learned a lot from him about anti-vivisection activism.

There were plenty of individual workshops to attend and it was entirely different meeting these Animal rights "celebrities" in person. We read their stories and hear of their endeavors for animals, but listening to them talk about them brings the life into animal rights! I implore anyone to save your funds and go next year! The symposium will be held in conjunction with the 1996 March for Animals. Contact the NAA for more information. I guarantee I will be going!

GRAND RAPIDS HEALTH FOOD STORES

Grand Rapids has several health food store locations for those interested in becoming vegetarians or vegetarians looking for the alternative to the preservative loaded, artificial atmosphere of the average supermarket. These stores have a wide variety of cruelty free products to choose from as well.

Apple Valley
28th St S.E.
Grand Rapids Central Plaza by Vinal Solution

Harvest Health*
1944 Eastern BLVD, the corner of Eastern and Burton, north of Burton.

Nutrition Plus
2 locations
Eastbrook Mall and
3560 Alpine N.W. next to Michigan Auto

*Harvest Health also has an herbal tea room and has a wide variety of herbal medicines for herbal healing advocates (like me). Harvest Health also

MINUTES OF JULY 29TH MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.
WEST MICHIGAN FOR ANIMALS
JOHN BALL PARK PAVILLION

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:20 P.M. BY HERB SEAMONS, ONLY PAST OFFICER PRESENT.

VICKI HERBERT-EXCUSED
MELISSA BILSKI-ABSENT
DICK MERCER-ABSENT
PENNY MERCER-ABSENT
TRINA BEKOMPAS-ABSENT
BOB ELVEY-PRESENT
PATTI ZEILBECK-ABSENT
WENDY WAMSER-PRESENT
COLE DORSEY-PRESENT
MARILYN BOOTH-EXCUSED
HERB SEAMONS-PRESENT
ROBIN CLEAVES-PRESENT
SHELLY HANER-PRESENT
JULIA HOUTS-PRESENT
JANET MEANA-PRESENT
STEVE HOROWITZ-ABSENT
CINDY KOTT-ABSENT
BRENT PLAISIER-ABSENT

MOTION TO ELECT TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON MADE AND SECONDED. SEVERAL MEMBERS ASKED JULIA HOUTS, SHE ACCEPTED. JULIA WAS ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY. JULIA APPOINTED ROBIN CLEAVES TO TAKE MINUTES. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE A PROPOSED AGENDA WITH FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS BY HERB.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS

DISSOLUTION OF GROUP-HERB
CHANGING BY-LAWS TO BAR MINORS-COLE
REQUIRE MINORS TO HAVE WRITTEN CONSENT-COLE
FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST-HERB
BLACK BEAR HUNTING & DOVE HUNTING-JANET
KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR AND LIVESTOCK AUCTION-ROBIN

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO HAVE OUR ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 1995 AT 6:00 P.M. AT JOHN BALL PARK PAVILLION AND SECONDED. MEMBERS OFFERED OPINIONS ON HAVING ANNUAL MEETING. POINT MADE THAT BY-LAWS REQUIRE FEBRUARY MEETING. AFTER MEMBERS OFFERED OPINION ON ISSUE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO CHANGE BY-LAWS TO DROP FEBRUARY REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING. AFTER DEBATE MOTION PASSED 7-0 WITH ONE ABSTENTION. ORIGINAL MOTION OF ANNUAL MEETING THEN PASSED 7-1.

CIRCLE R RODEO

DAVE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT & RICH HAMMING BUICK/OLDS BOTH PULLED OUT. QUESTION WHETHER GROUP WANTED TO CONTINUE OPPOSING RODEOS. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO OPPOSE RODEOS. AFTER DISCUSSION, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION TO RODER LITERATURE UP TO \$20.00 SECONDED AND PASSED 8-0. COLE VOLUNTEERED TO ORDER. OTHER DETAILS REFERRED TO RODEO COMMITTEE.

CHAIR DECIDED THAT THE ISSUE OF DISSOLUTION NEEDED TO BE HANDELED NEXT. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED NOT TO DISSOLVE GROUP. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. VOTE PASSED 7-0 WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

BOB ELVEY EXCUSED HIMSELF FROM THE MEETING AT THIS TIME, 6:35 P.M.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO SPONSOR STATEWIDE RALLY AGAINST SPARTA RODEO. DISCUSSED. PASSED 7-0. DETAILS REFERRED TO RODEO COMMITTEE.

MOTION TO NOT CHANGE BY-LAWS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF MINORS. SECONDED. DISCUSSED, PASSED 7-0.

MOTION THAT MINORS MUST HAVE GUARDIAN SIGN WAVIER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP ACTIVITIES. SECONDED. PASSED 7-0

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED THAT WMFA OPPOSES FRENCH GOVERNMENTS RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. DISCUSSED. PASSED 7-0.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO SUPPORT DIFFERENT METHODS TO STOP HUNTING OF BLACK BEAR. DISCUSSED. PASSED 7-0.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO OPPOSE DOVE HUNTING. ISSUE TO BE IN MICHIGAN HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER. DISCUSSED. PASSED 7-0.

MOTION TO PROTEST YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION. DISCUSSED AND GROUP NOT CLEAR OF WHAT WOULD BE ENTAILED. DECIDED BY GROUP TO INVESTIGATE ONLY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT PASSED TO CHANGE MOTION. 7-0.

GROUP VOTED TO ESTABLISH FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:
HUNTING-JANET, FUR-COLE, ANTI-VIVISECTION-SHELLY, RODER/ENTERTAINMENT-HERB, FARM ANIMALS-ROBIN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS (EDUCATION) KIM VOLUNTEERED.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT KIM AND ELECT HER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PASSED 7-0.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO HAVE COMMITTEES REPORT TO GROUP AT EVERY MEETING. PASSED 7-0.

**NEXT MEETING DECIDED FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH 6:00 P.M. JOHN BALL PARK PAVILLION.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON, JULIA HOUTS
SUNDAY, JULY 30TH, 1995.

NEW COMMITTEES CREATED IN WMFA

Several new committees have been created within the group, each focusing on a particular form of animal exploitation and methods on how to combat it. This was a unanimous vote called at the July 29 meeting. It was motioned that each committee chair report to the group at each meeting. The chair will discuss what he/she has accomplished, what materials are needed and what assistance they may need.

Each committee chair welcomes any assistance from all group members and welcomes any suggestions. Committee chairs are as follows: Hunting--Janet Meana, Fur--Cole Dorsey, Anti-vivisection--Shelly Haner, Rodeo/Entertainment--Herb Seamons, Farm Animal Welfare/Meat--Robin Cleaves, Public Affairs/Education--Kim Vanderlaun.

WMFA also welcomes Kim Vanderlaun to the group. Kim operates a wildlife rehabilitation center out of her own home. It was a unanimous vote to include Kim as a member on July 29. Kim also participated in our Cascade Furs protest on that same day.

CASCADE FURS KNOWS NO COMPASSION IN FASHION

July 29, 1995

From 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Members of WMFA and Kalamazoo Animal Liberation League (KALL) Demonstrated against Cascade Furs, a fur boutique in Grand Rapids. Now, during our entire time there we only saw 2 customers enter the store, none carried any parcels out, yet they claim business is booming. Most business activity was for an adjoining dry cleaner. If we have it our way we will shut that hell for animals down along with Three Rivers Furs in Kalamazoo.

Gary Vella of KALL and several KALL members drove up to Grand Rapids to demonstrate with us, and Gary provided most of the demo signs and props. We thank him for that.

CHANGE IN CORONADO SENTENCING DATE

Rodney Coronado is scheduled to be sentenced in Kalamazoo on August 10, 1995. Coronado is affiliated with the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) break in committed at a Michigan State University mink research laboratory. We should gather as many animal advocates as possible and show up in pro-animal T-shirts and pins and show our support. For those interested in a car pool please contact Shelly Haner at 792-6768. For further information on this, contact KALL at 332-4979.

MAY
THEIR CRIES
BE HEARD

The Animals Voice

6433 Topanga Cyn Blvd #405
Canoga Park, CA 91303
(800) 82-VOICE



*Vicki cancelled
Dog washes - Board
needs to send letter
to reinstate*

NEW ANIMAL PROTECTION GROUPS FORM IN MICHIGAN

Two new animal welfare groups have formed in West Michigan. They are the Friends for Animal Welfare (FFAW) of Ionia County and the Montcalm County Citizens for Animal Welfare (MCCAW). Both groups are located in rural areas and both are working to rid their county shelters of the CO2 barrel used for euthanizing animals, replace it with an intravenous injection of sodium pentobarbital. The CO2 barrel is a 55 gallon drum into which one or more cats and dogs (usually more) are forced and then suffocated with carbon dioxide gas. It is an archaic and inhumane method of euthanasia!

Both groups are also trying to get their county shelters to stop releasing animals to a Class B dealer who then sells them to research facilities. Both groups welcome suggestions and support.

FFAW
Box 54
Muir, MI 48860

MCCAW
P.O. Box 158
Gowen, MI 49326

CUB STILL LOOKING FOR HELP

Don't forget about CUB's petition drive to get the issues of bear baiting and tracking bears with dogs wearing radio collars on the ballot! (See Spring 1995 FED NEWS). John Greany, who heads this effort for Citizens United for Bears (CUB), can certainly use both volunteers and coordinators to collect petition signatures. If you are willing to help in either capacity, contact John Greany at (517) 337-3040 or write CUB, 4990 Northwind Drive Suite 215, E Lansing, MI 48823.

The Michigan Federation of Humane Societies and Animal Advocates is hosting another two-day seminar held at the Shanty Creek Resort. This will be a week end of learning and sharing with fellow animal advocates at the grass-roots level and nationally respected leaders as well.

Speakers will include Dr. Tom Regan, Kim Stallwood, Ginny Mikita, and Micheal Budkie. There will be afternoon workshops and a vegan lunch will be served each day. Registration fee is \$35 and \$50 for both days. Register by Sept. 1 and pay only \$45 for both days. Send check or money order to MFHSAA, P.O. Box 16118, Lansing MI 48901. Contact MFHSAA for more information.

Attorneys For Animals has published the "Michigan Animal Law Handbook" for those interested in Animal Law. 13 chapters provide humane societies, animal control agencies, individuals and attorneys who represent them with the statutes that currently address either animals or the human entities with which animals are intimately bound. It is available as a 3 ring binder, 8 1/2 x 11 with a pocket in front. It is the first compilation of laws related to all Michigan animals. It is available at a special price for humane societies and animal control agencies. Send check or money order to Attorneys For Animals, 320 Mulberry, Marshall MI 49068. Humane Societies/ Animal control agencies pay \$30.00, Members of Attorneys for Animals pay \$45.00, general subscribers pay \$55.00.



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Dear Corporate Officers :

We wish to advise that the corporate existence of the above named corporation was renewed in accordance with the provisions of Section 925, P.A. 162 of 1982, as amended on July 31, 1995.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 925, the rights of the corporation are the same as though a dissolution had not taken place, and all contracts entered into and other rights acquired during the interval are valid and enforceable.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Annual Report Section 517 334-6300, or P.O. Box 30057, Lansing, MI 48909.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Panessidi

Jean Panessidi, Director
Annual Reports and Business Services
Corporation Division

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LOCAL RODEO COVERS UP CRUELTY

On Saturday, July first, Seven WMFA members met with representatives of the Circle R Rodeo, a local rodeo operation in Grattan Mich. The discussion approached obvious cruelties committed against animals used. Of course the abuses were denied by rodeo reps and the owner of the land despite the fact that thorough photodocumentation was obtained by the same members during an investigation while the rodeo was in progress.

The abuses that were cited ranged from filthy water, the lack of water, no shade provided for the animals despite the 100 degree humid weather, flank straps that posed a tripping hazard, flank straps compressed the genitalia and abdominal area, a bull was kicked in the nose by a rodeo worker. It bled profusely and caused disorientation. Rodeo workers were seen inserting prods into the anal regions of bulls to irritate and anger them and they were prodding the animals while in the chutes. However, this was all denied.

The funny part of it all was that one rep stated that "The animals' water was so clean that someone washed their coffee cups in it!"

The representatives said that they will attempt to provide the animals with shade and cleaner water in the future, but the flank straps were of regulation length. We will see. I have a feeling this won't be the last time we deal with the Circle R Rodeo!

MICHIGAN ANIMAL DEALERS CHARGED BY USDA

Fred and Janice Hodgins, owners of Hodgins Kennels have been charged with several violations of the Animal Welfare Act. The USDA complaint was issued on March 22, 1995.

Hodgins Kennels were charged with not maintaining disease control and prevention, euthanasia and adequate veterinary care, keeping dog enclosures clean, lack of employees, protection from the elements, food storage unsanitary and spoiled food given to animals, lack of ventilation and many, many other charges. Needless to say, Hodgins Kennels' cats and dogs lived in filth and squalor and no one cared enough in that facility to prevent this.

The Hodgins were given the opportunity to answer the complaint and it is understood that they have requested a Hearing on the above charges. Michigan has three operating Class B dealers and anyone reporting missing dogs or cats should be encouraged to contact these facilities for information:

Hodgins Kennels
6300 Lange Road
Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-4712

R & R Research Breeders
19256 W. Kendaville RD
Howard City, MI 49329
(616) 937-5680

Cher-Hill Kennels
Route 2, Polk Road
Stanwood, MI 49346
(616) 823 2392



FUR IS
DEAD

We as activists need to reach out to other animal protection groups in Michigan to host a state wide boycott of Jacobsons Department Stores. Jacobsons, as we all know, sell animal carcasses, however, the fur boutiques are sub-contracted from independent companies. Collectively we could come up with creative ways to demonstrate against Jacobsons and even other department stores such as Hudsons and other fur stealing stores.

It would appear that this could be a winnable target so lets tell Jacobsons exactly what we think of their fur department!