



## 2019 MACA Newsletter

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **ACO Training –New Format**

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, State of Maine Animal Welfare Department has changed the training format for Animal Control Officers. There will now be Phase I (Formally called Basic ACO training) and Phase II training. Phase 1 Online Training began at the end of October.

Phase I training will consist of the core competencies that all ACOs will need to be aware of in order to perform their duties efficiently. This phase must be completed within six months of appointment. Phase II training will consist of practical instruction and exercises to test the core competencies of the trainee and give real experience for ACOs. The Registration Form is accessible from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry website. The cost is \$50 and all trainees will be required to register with an email address to receive the instruction for the online training. Please direct any inquiries or comments to State of Maine Animal Welfare Department.

### **MACA Trainings:**

#### **April 2019 Training**

The April 2019 Training at Sunday River was a huge success and we thank all of you for coming! There was a wide variety of subjects offered this year. The training format was also adjusted to allow for attendees to make a few subject choices to best suit their particular needs. The venue was changed this past year due to the overwhelming majority of members stating offering different locations would allow for maximum opportunity to attend

#### **April 2020 Training**

The April 2020 MACA Training will be held in Augusta. Three bids were put out again this year and Senator Inn was the final decision. The meeting room is located within the hotel allowing for maximum ease of attendance for those which choose to stay. Senator Inn is conveniently located off Interstate 95 allowing for ease of travel.

We are in the process of obtaining speakers and making decisions on training subjects. If you have any thoughts or ideas of what would be most useful for you, please feel free to contact any board member.

## **Regional Directors:**

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Please make contact with your Regional Director regarding any specific training needed in your particular area. If you are a MACA member and interested in being a Regional Director, please contact a Board Member.

## **Treasurer Report**

MACA – Balance Sheet

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$11,556.60

## **Old Business:**

### **MACA Webpage/Facebook**

MACA has a Code of Ethics and a Social Media Policy. Both of which are available for viewing on the MACA webpage. Unfortunately, the past MACA Facebook was not being used in accordance with contents and topics acceptable. The site was unfortunately used to undermine Towns of Employment, State of Maine Animal Welfare employees, MACA Board members and spreading of false information, etc. The proper screening for posts was purposely bypassed by adding derogatory comments to already approved posts. Therefore, the Facebook page which was formed to help all members was shut down due to unprofessionalism

of a few. We continue to utilize the MACA Website page maintained by Maine Municipal Association as it has security features in place.

## Farmington Maine Propane Explosion

Larry Lord was injured while working in the LEAP building which was destroyed in Farmington, Maine after a propane explosion. As many already know, Larry was the maintenance worker which evacuated employees prior to the explosion. Larry is also the animal control officer for Livermore Falls. MACA held a pet walk fundraiser on 10/19/2019 on Gooch's Beach in Kennebunk for those affected. The event was a huge success and \$1,050 was given for Larry and \$100 dollars raised for Farmington Firemen's Benevolent Association.



A voting ballot is included with this newsletter. The current board has suggested a donation of \$500 from MACA in addition to the amount of \$1,050 already raised for Larry.

The Board is reaching out to see if the membership would like to approve the amount recommended for donation. Please return your vote by **November 30<sup>th</sup>** with the amount you would like MACA to give to Larry.

Attached to this MACA newsletter is also a donation receipt to MACA for the previous pet walk event. It is not too late for you to donate as an individual ACO. Simply fill out the receipt and mail the donation to MACA at 60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330. We would like to make a large lump donation from MACA and include any funds from ACOs with the fundraiser total. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.



## VOTING BALLET

- I approve of a \$500 donation on behalf of MACA to ACO Larry Lord.
- I do not approve of any funds being donated to ACO Larry Lord.
- I approve of a \$250 donation on behalf of MACA to ACO Larry Lord.
- I approve of a \$750 donation on behalf of MACA to ACO Larry Lord.
- I approve of \_\_\_\_\_ donation on behalf of MACA to ACO Larry Lord.

**\*\*\*Please e-mail reply by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019\*\*\***

**Must be a current MACA member to vote.**