

**ACOAM BOARD MEETING**

**9-19-19**

**Meeting called to order 10:17**

**Members Present:**

Joe Chague-President

Hilary Cohen-South East VP

Aimee Contois-Central VP

Rachel Hoffman- North East VP

Kelly Flynn-Secretary

Brenda Hamelin-Members Secretary/Treasurer

Sue Webb-Zoonotic Committee

Jules Sanborn-Director-at-large

Melinda MacKendrick-Director-at-large

Paul Murphy-Merchandise

Motion to accept the minutes from the March 6 meeting. Hilary seconded.  
Motion approved.

**Presidents Report:**

36 attendees in this year's academy

They are allowed to take a test over if they get a score under 65%

May 17 is the Large Animal class in western Mass.

The last day of the academy is June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**North East VP:**

Working on setting up a meeting for ACO's in the area.

**South East VP:**

Newsletter – will include some congrats for several of our retirees; Sue Thibedeaux, Barbara Prada and Laura Pease.

**Commission on mandated reporting of animal abuse:**

ACOAM consensus is yes for mandated reporting of suspected animal abuse for DCF, Disabled and Elder care personnel.

**Merchandise:**

Paul showed us a jacket and a key chain and asked if we were interested in ordering some of these. Board agreed that we should.

**Treasurers Report:**

We are caught up with our taxes and reinstated as a 501C. We are up to date with everything with the state so we will be able to get insurance.

**Benjamin Harvey Scholarship:**

\$18,000 + went into the State unclaimed funds account. It takes about a year to get the funds back.

Scholarship of \$500.00 should be awarded in the spring to a child/grandchild of an ACO.

May also be awarded to a volunteer or someone that is going into an animal related field.

**Old Business:**

Discussion about Group 4.

Requirements to qualify:

Full time. At least ten years on the job. First Responder.

Will utilize Survey Monkey to poll our members.

**New Business:**

NACA- Paul – We need to promote ACOAM for the Association of the year award.

Also want to promote Manny Maciel for the ACO of the year.

Paul made a motion to donate \$200.00 towards Manny's Chernobyl trip. Rachel seconded. Motion approved.

11:57 – Sue Webb made a motion to adjourn. Hilary seconded. Meeting adjourned.