**September 2015 Chapter Minutes**

*September, 1, 2015*

**Most Worthy Master and Alpha Master of Candidates Mallory Sczygelski:**

* Showed the OTS Introduction Video
* Pet Visit Update: went well last week, are possibly changing it up next time
* Ppportunity to talk to the pre-vet students on Sept 9th @ 7:30pm on campus
	+ Cat, Kylee, Sherrie, Joe, Brooke
* Suturing Wet Lab on Labor Day

**Worthy Master Joe Cacioppo:**

* Discussed OTS committees, 8 different committees this year
	+ Alumni Relations, Road Race/Boy Scout Day, Social, Pet Visits, Clothing/Fundraising, Internal Relations (putting gifts in mailboxes, birthday gifts, etc), Pet Washes, Educational, Grand Council
* Grand Council is Oct 16-18 in Stillwater, OK this year - finish Finals at 12pm, drive there, and drive back Sunday
	+ We are going to host grand council in 2016 so we need to start planning it!!!

**Master of Records and Seals Brittany Willeford:**

* At Exotics Conference - no update

**Beta Master of Pledges Brooke Murphy:**

* Thursday right before Thanksgiving break (Nov 19th), will have a Friendsgiving, and then initiate the new members
* Must take an open book Pledge exam prior

**Alpha Master of Finance Kara Falvey:**

* Dues $75 for year, $40 for semester; must pay by September 22nd at 5pm

**Master of History Brittany Farron:**

**Kick-Butt:** Katie Duda for doing such a great job planning the OTS Pet Wash this past summer

**Committee Chairs**

* **Alumni:** Newsletter and reach out
* **Clothing/Fundraising:** At open house booth, need help setting up/breaking down, selling clothes, will have a signup sheet for shifts; working on a Fall clothing order; also do shirts for new pledges so please give ideas for designs
* **Pet Wash:** Had many obstacles this summer with CLSC being out of commission
* **Pet Visits:** Will let everyone know when the next visit will be, all pets are welcome if they are up to date on rabies; most are scheduled for every Tuesday after exams
* **Internal relations:** Will be sending out another birthday survey, working on a new gift design
* **Road Race/Boy Scout Day:** Both are required events for everyone; need people on the committee to help, having a meeting Sept 10th at 7pm in the vet med cafe; Road Race is Oct 25th
* **Social:** Went apple picking this past weekend, 26th after midterms will be a tailgate with Vet Med and Law; around the world party intended for all new pledges, different houses host, surprise theme, new members get picked up and don’t have to worry about driving, it’s Dec 4th, will have an 8 sided beer pong table
* **Website:** Updated over the summer, new and improved look to it, trying to get more on there from veterinarians
* **Educational:** Anatomy/Histology Review on Tuesday September 15th, would like lots of help to set up and put back the animals
* **Grand Council:** Going to send out a document soon to see who wants to go, it’s Oct 17-18th in OK, would like to rent a 15 passenger van (or more)

**Other business**

* September
	+ T-fest
	+ Suture Wet Lab
	+ Pre-vet meeting
	+ Fall conference- great networking opportunity on Sept 17th, a lot of local vets come for CE credits, Dr. Biehl hosts a bbq at his house
* Point System this year
	+ Philanthropy 3 pts
	+ Mandatory 2pts
	+ Chapter 1pt
		- kicked out after 2 unexcused absences with no money returned
		- once a month, potluck dinner
	+ Social 1pt
	+ Educational 0 pts, being provided to everyone
	+ Committee 1pt
	+ Grand Council 2 pts
	+ Need 6 points per semester, 15 points to rejoin next year
	+ 4th years are excused from the point system
	+ This point system exists because of the scholarships you can get for 4th year to help with rotation expenses and because we want everyone to participate; people with the most points will have a greater opportunity to participate in possible spay day events