

**DOG PARK BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2009**  
**Minutes**

Present

- Anne
- Jack
- Kelly
- Irene
- Walt
- Zoe
- Rob

Not Present

- Sayde
- Dan

Meeting Begin: 6:30pm

1. Approve November minutes
  - a. Irene moved; 2<sup>nd</sup> (Jack); unanimous in favor (7-0)
2. Ratify Oct. general meeting minutes
  - a. Irene moved; 2<sup>nd</sup> (Walt); unanimous in favor (7-0)
  - b. 8 yay vote online (by email)
3. Member Application
  - a. Orientation Session
    - i. Reviewed final application (as sent by Kelly to website contractor on 12/9/09)
    - ii. Discussed whether existing members should have to attend orientation sessions. We discussed this as the model at the GM, and most people were supportive of requiring everyone, even existing members, to attend.
  - b. We discussed extending grace/renewal period through the end of February to complete both steps of the renewal process. That is, 2009 tags would be valid until February 28, 2010, after which renewing members must have a 2010 tag to enter the Dog Park.
  - c. Kelly moved to approve new (2010) member application, including requiring existing members to attend orientation and extending renewal period until 2/28/2010; 2<sup>nd</sup>; unanimous in favor (7-0).
  - d. Kelly will send an email to the listserve explaining 2010 application procedures.
4. Member Orientation
  - a. Discussed length of session: we don't want to make it too long/arduous, so whole orientation about a ½ hour.
    - i. Rob had concerns about the length of the session; we want to keep it time limited.

- b. Zoe has written a draft of the curriculum; envisioned a Board member or two would lead, with possible assistance from a trainer. Zoe will circulate another draft this month by email.
  - i. Brief history of the Park
  - ii. Review Rules and Park etiquette (human and dog etiquette)
  - iii. Trainer Stuff
    - 1. Dog Behavior in General
    - 2. Preventing/intervening in dog fights
    - 3. (One issue is we are not sure if a trainer can be at every orientation; Zoe will try to develop this section in detail with a trainer)
  - iv. Health and Safety
    - 1. Vaccinations
  - v. Discussed whether dogs would be part of the orientation session. Because of the sheer numbers of renewing members and the need to hold the meetings indoors (NLNA office), we can't have dogs be part of the orientation sessions for now.
- c. Dates for Member Orientation
  - i. Start orientations weekend of January 16-17; 6 sessions (roughly weekly) during term of orientation.
    - 1. DRY RUN (just the Board): 1/7 (Thurs.) @ 7pm (tentatively)
    - 2. 1/16 (Sat) 11am (Zoe and Kelly)
    - 3. 1/26 (Tues) 11am (Anne and Rob)
    - 4. 2/3 (Wed) 6:30pm (Anne, Irene and Walt)
    - 5. 2/7 (Sun) 11am (Jack, Irene and Anne)
    - 6. 2/20 (Sat.) 11am (Kelly, Zoe)
    - 7. 2/24 (Wed) 6:30pm (Rob, Anne and Walt)

## 5. Christmas Tree Chipping

- a. We are again partnering with the NLNA for the tree recycling program; community members may drop off their Christmas tree at the Park; trees will be chipped, and wood chips will go to the Dog Park. The program is much bigger this year than last.
- b. Scheduled for 1/9/2010, 10am-4pm

## 6. 2009 Applications

- a. Kelly continues to get a few applications using the old 2009 form. If we get more 2009 applications, we will send a tag for 2009 free of charge and return any payments made with tag with a note explaining that they can renew in 2010.

## 7. Neutering

- a. Reviewed survey results: about 5% of survey takers (approx. 150) had unneutered dogs. 65% favor a ban on unneutered dogs, but 54% want to grandfather existing members.
- b. Anne made a motion, in the future, all new dogs over 8 mo. old (including existing members' new/added dogs) must be neutered, but

existing members with currently registered intact dogs are exempt/grandfathered; Jack 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- c. Vote: 6 in favor; 1 abstention (Kelly)
- d. Kelly will add new neutering Rule to application sent to website contractor and send an email to the listserve informing them of change.

#### 8. Snow Removal

- a. Anne met with snow removal contractor (neighborhood-based) yesterday who also met with Liberty Lands reps re: possibly establishing a snow removal contractor. They gave a proposal/estimate.
- b. Proposal/Estimate
  - i. Will do all of our perimeter (6 ft. path) + path between first and second gate.
  - ii. \$90/hour (no hourly minimum).
- c. Anne will check how portions of hours will be paid (per 15 min.?), and make sure that 6 ft path is from the fence (to prevent melting/icing as it goes downhill); she will also check if we can have contract on an "on call" basis, and if so, inquire as to how much lead time they need.

#### 9. Review of Survey Results

- a. Reviewed online survey results - approx. 150 people took.
- b. Lighting was a big complaint raised; Jack will review out contract to see if light can be re-aimed to better light the Park.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm