

DOG PARK BOARD MEETING
Wed., January 20, 2010
Board Meeting Minutes

Present

- Anne
- Jack
- Kelly
- Walt
- Rob
- Dan
- Irene

Not Present

- Sayde
- Zoe

Meeting Begin: 6:37pm

1. Approve December minutes
 - a. Walt moved; 2nd (Jack); unanimous in favor (5-0)
2. Snow Removal Contract
 - a. Ratify online vote. We voted online to go ahead with snow removal contract Anne was setting up, given that snow storm came mid-month.
 - i. Dan moved; Rob 2nd; unanimous in favor (5-0)
 - b. Discussed that they didn't do 6' as contract specifies; Anne contacted and apparently they compensated by only charging for 1 hr of work. We'll see what happens during next snow and can reevaluate if we want to stick with them.
3. 2010 Application Process
 - a. Update on online application process (Kelly)
 - b. Update on first orientation (1/16/2010) (Kelly, Zoe and Irene)
 - i. Orientation Lateness policy (5 minutes) – because several people arrived 15-20 min. late for the first orientation, we realized we need a lateness policy. Kelly began informing participants by email of a 5 min. lateness policy – i.e. they will be turned away/asked to attend another orientation if more than 5 minutes late.
 - c. Committees – choose chairs for committees
 - i. Decided to wait until next month
 - d. City licensure/rabies (required by law): decide whether we require it as a rule (and if so, we need to amend rules to add)
 - i. Kelly reports that most people do not fill out license and rabies fields in the online application. Should they be mandatory, i.e. the Rules will require mandatory City licensure and rabies vaccination?
 - ii. Kelly moves to amend our rules to require rabies vaccination and City licensure. Irene seconds. Vote 4-0-1.
 - iii. Kelly also moves to conform online application form to these new Rules, *i.e.* to have the web form to require a “yes” answer to rabies and City license fields in order for the form to be completed; however, the online app form will not terminate for a “no”. Instead, users will be informed that their answer must conform to the park rules. Dan seconds. Vote 4-1-0.
 - e. Dog Walker applications: how to handle in cases where the dog's owner never goes to the park; only the dog walker.
 - i. Did not discuss: Decided to wait until next month.
4. Lighting
 - a. There is a need to change the angle of the light. Jack talked to lighting company; just needs account number, which Anne has.

5. Possible PTSSD Funding

- a. The Penn Treaty SSD ("PTSSD") - a nonprofit set up by two Fishtown area groups to accept funds from SugarHouse - is now accepting grant applications from groups working in Northern Liberties, Fishtown, and parts of Port Richmond. The Board briefly discussed. Kelly suggests we table action on the PTSSD application and gather more information before the next meeting. Kelly and Irene will take the lead in researching the application process.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00.