

DOG PARK BOARD MEETING
Wed. February 17, 2010
Board Meeting Minutes

Present

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

Not Present

- Sayde

1. Accept January minutes

- a. Kelly didn't send out; will do so soon.

2. 2009 Financial Report

- a. Dan will give an update next month.

3. Secretary/Membership Update (Kelly)

- a. As of today (2/17/2010), the 2010 Application Totals are as follows:

2010 Application Totals (as of 2/17/2010)		
1.	TOTAL: 152 TOTAL online applications	
	a.	83 are complete, including orientation, tags distributed
	b.	\$1810 in dues/donations
2.	Renew v. New	
	a.	142 renewing
	b.	10 new
3.	Voting v. Non-Voting	
	a.	27 non-voting (16 free; others made donations between \$20-\$40)
	b.	125 voting
4.	Dogs	
	a.	176 registered DOGS
	b.	32 NOT licensed with City (despite law/rule)
	c.	9 NOT neutered
	d.	ALL vaccinated for rabies
2009 Renewal Rate		
136	36%	filled out 2010 application
213	56%	NO 2010 application yet
30	8%	ended membership (moved, don't like new process)
379		TOTAL 2009 members
Pre-2009 (Expired Members) Renewal Rate		
6	2%	filled out 2010 application
282	73%	NO 2010 application yet
		expired in 2009: 60
		expired in 2008: 92
		expired in 2007: 56
		expired <i>before</i> 2007: 79
97	25%	ended/withdrew membership
385		TOTAL Pre-2009 members

4. Orientations

a. Pick March & April orientation dates

- i. The Board decided to set the following orientation dates, through the end of May, pending Anne's checking that the NLNA space is available, and Anne and Zoe to confirm trainer availability.
 1. Thurs. Mar. 11 @ 1pm (Anne, Zoe and/or Rob)
 2. Tues. Mar. 16 @ 6:30 (Jack, Walt)
 3. Sun. Mar. 21 @ 11am (Kelly, Irene and Zoe)
 4. Sat. Apr. 10 @ 10am (Anne, Irene)
 5. Thurs. Apr. 15 @ 6:30 (Jack, Kelly)
 6. Thurs. May 20 @ 6:30 (Zoe, Anne, Jack)
 7. Sun. May 23 @ 4pm (Kelly, Irene)
- ii. NOTE, after the meeting, the FINAL April-May orientation dates were confirmed as follows:

Day	Date/Time	Board Members	Trainer
Thurs.	Mar. 11 @ 1pm	Anne, Zoe and/or Rob	Marisa Scully (267) 253-9273 marisa@phillydogtraining.com
Thurs.	Mar. 18 @ 6:30pm	Anne, Rob	Matt Schimsky matt.schimsky@gmail.com
Sun.	Mar. 21 @ 11am	Kelly, Irene and Zoe	Marisa
Sat.	Apr. 10 @ 10am	Anne, Irene	Michaela Greif info@opbarks.com
Thurs.	Apr. 15 @ 6:30	Jack, Kelly	Matt
Thurs.	May 20 @ 6:30	Zoe, Anne, Jack	Matt
Sun.	May 23 @ 4pm	Kelly, Irene	Michaela

- b. **Projector:** Rob talked with Larry Friedman preliminarily about splitting the cost of a projector (\$600-\$700) with the NLNA. Rob has been borrowing one. For this Sat 2/20 orientation, Rob will set up Fri. night and Anne will be there Saturday.

5. Elections (April 24, 2010)

- a. The bi-annual Board of Directors Election is on April 24, 2010.
- b. Anne informally polled who plans to run again. Note: Anne can't be President because of term limit.
- c. Election chair (need to choose chairperson). Irene will not run again, so will chair the election committee – 2 people who chose the election committee as their first committee choice will be assigned.
 - i. Kelly will email materials from past elections to Irene.

6. Possible PTSSD Funding

- a. The Penn Treaty SSD ("PTSSD") is accepting applications for grants to non-profit community organizations in Northern Liberties, Fishtown, and parts of Port Richmond – i.e., neighborhoods affected by SugarHouse. Have to be a 501(c)(3). There are not a lot of organizations around to take it.
- b. We could apply for funds for the fencing in the Orianna Street side (and Poplar) – Jack previously got an estimate. We discussed getting an additional estimate for internal fencing.
- c. Irene moves to seek \$ from the PTSSD for the; Jack 2nd; unanimous in favor (8-0)

7. Broken Outer Fence

- a. The outer gate broke during the snow storm. Jack rigged it with a tie for now. Jack has a new bracket and just needs to install – will try to do it this week.

8. Business Privilege tax update/form filed; Wage tax update/form filed – Anne

9. Lighting installation/electric bill update – Jack, Anne

- a. Jack contacted the light installation company to try to get them to re-angle the light. They need the PECO bill/account # but Anne has talked with people at PECO and they don't seem to have a record of our account. We might get a back dated bill for 3 years.

10. Update from Sayde on *nunc pro tunc* application for tax exemption for years 2001-02.

- a. Sayde was not at meeting and therefore did not give an update; however, she forwarded a copy of the *nunc pro tunc* application for tax exemption for tax years 2001-02, which she filed with the Board of Revision of Taxes on behalf of FOOHP on January 4, 2010.
- b. Background: on December 1, 2009, we for the first time received a bill for \$20,426.32 back taxes owed for the years 2000-2002. Previous to this, Kelly only discovered in late 2009 on the BRT's website that according to the BRT, we owe \$20K+ in back real estate tax for 2000-02. (Research revealed that FOOHP submitted an application for tax exemption and it was timely received 12/16/01 for the 2002 tax year – thus, we should have been exempt for 2002 and thereafter. We requested that the BRT remove the taxes indicated for the year 2002; the BRT has now submitted to do so, but it apparently will take a few weeks for it to show on the BRT and Revenue systems. Notably, however, no application was ever made for the back taxes owed since acquisition of the property in 2000; hence the need for the *nunc pro tunc* application).

11.2010 Application Process

- a. City Licensure/Rabies/Vaccination questions on online application
 - i. Last month, the Board voted to require mandatory City licensure and rabies vaccination, and to conform the online application form to these new Rules. Kelly has since obtained an estimate from LISI, the web consultants for \$975 to make all requested changes.
 - ii. Board felt this was too expensive and brainstormed possible alternatives to meet our needs and be less costly/require less web programming.
 - iii. Kelly moves to authorize expenditure up to \$325 to have LISI change City licensure question answers to: (1) Yes, (2) no, but I will to comply with the law and register my dog; and (3) no/exempt because I'm a non-City resident." Anne seconds; Unanimous in favor (8-0).
- b. Import of old data.
 - i. LISI is about to import the old database data into the current online database. We discussed how far back we should import for those people who have not completed the 2010 application (i.e. expired members who have not yet renewed).
 - ii. We decided to import 2009 members and 2008 and more recently; eliminate those that expired in 2007 and earlier, with Kelly preserving/archiving in some way if we ever need to access (maybe access an excel sheet).
 - iii. excel sheet).