

**Dog Park Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 17, 2010  
Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Anne  
Jack  
Kelly  
Irene  
Zoe  
Rob  
Walt  
Sayde

Not Present:

Dan

Guest: Kelly Gushue (member)

Meeting Start: 6:40pm

**1. Accept January and February minutes**

- a. Sayde moved to approve the minutes; Walt 2<sup>nd</sup>; only 4 people read them (Kelly sent them late in the day); we will vote online after folks read.
- b. Irene read Jan/Feb minutes and suggested the following corrections: she was present for the January meeting; notes re: Election committee should reflect that 3 members were assigned – herself and 2 others.

**2. Ratify any on-line polls**

- a. Don't have any this month.

**3. Fundraising Event**

- a. Brad Histan's proposal for a fundraising event June 4<sup>th</sup>. Anne will explain and ask for Board approval.
- b. Brad – a renewing member in 2010 - proposed a fundraising event for the Park; he's the event manager at Bistro La Minette. Anne met with him on Tuesday – he proposed Fri. June 4, 2010 from 5-9pm, at the Dog Park, possibly food in the corner lot; suggests an entrance fee. He will possibly get gift certificates to gift out to attendees. Irene asked whether there will be music, and if so we need to be mindful of how loud it is and at what time. This can be used an opportunity to raise money for new fencing.
- c. Anne will follow up with the Fundraising Committee members.

**4. Determine who serves on what committees and choose chairpersons**

- a. Anne tallied first choices for committees and it breaks down as follows:
  - i. Capital Improvement: 31
  - ii. Trash: 14
  - iii. Landscape: 76
  - iv. Membership: 27
  - v. Fundraising/Events: 35
  - vi. We discussed & think we can give all those people their first choice.
- b. Committee chairpersons:
  - i. We also discussed that not all the committees need to get a chair this month, because there will be turnover on the Board in April. Thus, we assigned chairs to the ones we think are most crucial to get rolling before the election and will wait until after the election to assign the others.
    1. Kelly will send out the email lists to all the committee chairs

- ii. Assigned Committees
  - 1. Trash: **Zoe**
  - 2. Landscaping: **Jack**
  - 3. Membership: **Kelly**
  - 4. Fundraising/Events: **Anne**

**5. PTSSD application update**

- a. Anne applied for a grant for fencing – we asked for \$13,640 for fencing from architects building to around on Poplar.

**6. Will we allow dog walkers who use the park (and the owners don't ever) to register dogs?**

- a. We discussed dog walkers' use of the Park.
- b. Two issues: (1) whether/if we would allow dog walkers to register dogs where the owner never comes to the Park; and (2) whether we need to require all dog walkers – assuming they are taking registered dogs – to register, and go through orientation/committee process.
  - i. On issue 1, we agreed that our existing Rules require all dog owners to register even if a dog walker, not the owner, is who takes the dog to the Park.
  - ii. On issue 2, we agreed that our existing Rules require all human users to register for the Park, even if they don't have their own dog. Kelly and Zoe will compile a list of dog walkers who use the Park and we will write a letter and reach out to them.

**7. Lighting installation/electric bill update – Jack**

- a. Electric bill: We now have an electric bill account and account number. Last bill was \$24 for a 2-week period. There is no indication that we will get a back-dated electric bill.
- b. Now with the account number, Jack can provide to the light installation people, and they can move/re-angle the light. Jack said they will come and move the light this week.

**8. Updating posted material in locked glass bulletin board**

- a. Jack has the key: Kelly will print up materials re: registration online to put on the bulletin board.

**9. Update from Sayde on *nunc pro tunc***

- a. Sayde called but has no new information; our filing (1/4/2010) was accepted. They are supposed to review it, and schedule a hearing if possible. Kelly discussed that application was only for 2001 and 2002, not 2000, the year we acquired. Sayde will amend our application to include for 2000.

**10. Election**

- a. Discussed inquiry to Irene as Election Committee Chair from a member who is interested in running but cannot complete the 2010 application process before the election deadline of Mar. 24, as she is out of town until June.
- b. Time of Election: Election will take place 11am-2pm.
- c. Election Committee: Irene (Chair), Paula Gansky, Nelly Shifman

**11. Dog Training Proposal.** Kelly Gushue came to discuss a proposal for some kind of question/answer forum by email, where members could ask a trainer about various issues.

- a. Kelly G. is an animal trainer and was impressed with the orientation. She is being trained/getting basic dog trainer certification. She was interested following up on the orientation to have a place for people ask questions of a trainer. Kelly D. suggested Kelly G. write up some content on dog behavior/posturing for our

website, perhaps with an "ask a trainer" link for basic questions. There was some concern that it is difficult for a trainer to assess/problem-solve more in depth issues over email, so better to limit to basic inquires. Irene asked Kelly G. to submit a proposal of what she would like to do.

**12. 2010 Application Update**

- a. Kelly explained where we are at with web consultants (LISI): outstanding tasks are (1) to create username/password, which would allow members to login and edit their own info, and for 2011 application, they will not have to re-fill in their information, and (2) to set up email mailing list.