

**DOG PARK BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
AGENDA**

Board Members present:

- Anne
- Walt
- Frank
- Jack
- Kelly
- Irene
- Rob

Not present:

- George

**1. Approve February minutes**

All approved (unanimous)

**2. Final decision on dog trainers proposals & dates**

Proposed price: \$25 per class. Rob thought this was more of a public service to get them to help with some of the problem dogs than a "charged" class. Irene thought its more of a "rent" the corner lot to them, as its not going to be the irresponsible owners that show anyway. If they want to do their own thing, we can give them a venue. We could allow them to do 3 seminars in the corner lot and see how it goes. It makes sense for us to promote responsible dog ownership.

1<sup>st</sup> seminar: co-teach a free introductory session, then  
3-4 additional sessions

**3. Report on tax return filing – Anne**

We have to file a 990 form as a 501(c)(3). We're going to file the 990N, which is an opt out form with a few questions only as long as assets are less than \$25K assets and \$250K in property. In 2003, we were informed by IRS that we didn't need to file b/c limited access (Frank had letter from IRS).

**4. Work Day – plans, food, projects (small dog area)**

Repair the water lines – Jack will buy PCV to repair. Rob has done that kind of work. Jack will be foreman.

Kelly will get Donuts/Bagels and Coffee from Dunkin Donuts.

Rob will make and print a sign – Jack may be able to enlarge.

### **1. Small Dog Area**

Anne proposed creating a small dog area in the inner foyer – the right hand side of the foyer (where the water line runs). Kelly wants more detail – what kind of fencing? Measure sides. Needs a sub-committee – Rob and Jack will come up with a proposal and present next meeting.

### **2. Beef n Beer date? – update from Walt**

Date set: May 10, 2008 (Sat.) from 8-12 @ the Ukranian Club. Rental for the space is \$75. We have to use their beer (probably can't bring our own)

Irene will talk to No. Liberties dance band – maybe pay a nominal amount. DJ will be \$125.

We charged \$20 last year.

### **3. Membership – keep free option or no**

Because we're a non-profit, we can't deny use of the park b/c no payment. But Anne would like remove "free" from the membership form. Free is in our bylaws. In some of our original with original titling info (from RDA to us) subject to certain conditions: open to the public. Irene did research a few years ago, and found (at that time) that we couldn't deny free membership.

Rob proposed restricting access to paying members during high use hours, especially during the summer. It might hit a critical mass on its own.

Rob proposed (as Jack had some months ago) colored tags to identify voting member dogs.

We decided we need a sub-committee to review wording changes. Irene will take the lead, and Kelly and Frank will comment.

### **4. Aggressive dogs and guidelines for dealing with them**

We've had a few reports of dogs that are aggressive, and we feel we need a consistent approach. Anne and Rob spoke with Deuce's owners after an incident, and he's supposed to go after hours and wear a harness (Rob said he saw them w/out a harness). Marilyn Esner's dog

Jake bit her, and some felt Jake shouldn't be able to come to the Park at all.

Kelly suggested that we draft an aggressive dog policy – e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> incident we'll talk to you and if its not very serious, you'll get a warning (if serious, no warning). 2<sup>nd</sup> time, you'll be asked not to use the park. Then we have a formal policy to back it up. We should prominently display it.

### **1. Silica Construction**

Silica has been leaving bricks, dumpster, and heavy equipment, and now there is damage to the sidewalks. Rob will try to assess whether the damage is new since we repaired our sidewalks (some of the sections on 3<sup>rd</sup> street were repaired).

We are within our rights to demand that they remove stuff and cars off our sidewalks.

After Rob reports back, Kelly may follow up with Edgar and Anne may follow up with Larry Freedman.