

DOG PARK BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2008
AGENDA

Board Members present:

- Anne
- Jack
- Kelly
- Irene
- Rob
- Walt
- Barb Mulckhuyse (new Board member)
- Dan Blum (new Board member)
- Ruth Hall (new Board member)

Not present:

n/a

1. April Minutes
 - a. Voted – unanimous in favor to approve
2. New Officers
 - a. Vice President – unanimous vote in favor of Jack Cassidy
 - b. Treasurer – unanimous vote in favor of Dan Blum
 - c. Secretary - unanimous vote in favor of Kelly Diffily
 - i. Assistant Secretary (while Kelly on maternity) – Rob Parker and Irene Lambrou to take notes. Kelly will continue to maintain membership database.
3. Beef & Beef De-Brief
 - a. Anne noted she got some comments that some people thought it was boring – very few people danced b/c DJ wasn't so good; band wasn't get up and dance. Discussed - Ruth agreed; Irene, Kelly, Rob liked the mellower vibe.
 - i. Bands – they did play over the 30 min, probably for a bit too long. Kelly, Irene, Barb, Rob liked the more mellow music, b/c it was possible to talk. Jesse Schur band played perhaps at a time when people were ready to dance, even though they were good. Wes Anderson band played earlier – during dinner – at a time when a mellower band was appropriate.
 - ii. Discuss that bands didn't bring people (we didn't even know bands to put on flyer + Kelly's email) – Jack suggested maybe only a DJ next year. Irene

mentioned that we can experiment each year with different models, this might not be one size fits all.

- b. Timing – discussed starting a bit earlier – maybe 7pm?
 - c. Attendance – slightly lower than last year
 - i. We should make tickets more expensive at the door - \$25 at the door/\$20 pre-sale.
 - ii. According to our numbers, 40 bought tickets at the door (there may have been a couple more)
 - iii. Although its difficult, we should make it a goal to keep track more of how many tickets we sell ahead of time.
 - iv. Maybe buy a ticker to keep track as people come in. Although we did try to keep the list of at least tickets purchased, it got confusing at height of entries – even with 2 volunteers; maybe have 2 people checking in attendance, and someone else doing raffle tickets etc.
 - d. Profits/Expenses
 - i. This year – Intake: \$2587; Expenses – this year \$399.81 – so we raised about **\$2200**.
 - ii. Last year - \$2722 (don't know if that was before or after expenses).
 - e. Food
 - i. Way too much coffee (we only needed maybe a ¼)
 - ii. Beef – We got 40 lbs and that was a good amount. Some leftover, but not a lot.
 - iii. Chips on the table were nice
 - iv. Sodas were good for non-drinkers
 - v. Generally, everyone thought the food was great.
 - f. Other
 - i. Bring recycling bins
 - ii. Assign a full-time person to help Minna; Anne thought she was exhausted by the end.
 - iii. Raffle prize winners – we need to keep track of who wins what prizes. Make a list, and when they win, write down who wins (we didn't know for a few folks)
- 4. New FLYER/brochure
 - a. Irene sent a draft today. Please review and send changes to her.
 - 5. Mural? Anne thought someone suggested a mural on the back wall (where the architect's window is). No one remembered this.
 - 6. Part Entry Sign.

- a. We need a new entry sign. Jack will look into sign stores. There's one on Washington Ave. and one on JFK b/w 16th + 17th Streets.
 - b. Old Board member Julie Waring did one she gave to Anne, but its on wood and isn't weather proof. Jack will try to polyurethane.
7. Fencing
- a. Kelly has contact info for the fencer [Komplete Welding, 215-235-7662, Al Brown] who installed the fencing b/w us and 3rd Street; Kelly will make inquiries in about a month. 3rd street a priority, b/c its in such bad condition.
 - b. We might do special fundraising – maybe a 50/50 raffle; maybe get corporate dog food sponsor; get someone to donate an item of value (Vespa, bike from Trophy Bikes)
8. Small Dog Area
- a. We're moving ahead on creating; pricing fencing.
9. 3rd Street/Silica
- a. Vehicles are continuing to park on our sidewalks on 3rd Street and are damaging them. Rob has dozens of pictures.
 - b. Rob will draft a letter to Edgar Einhorn; Kelly will send along his contact info
 - c. Anne will contact Larry Friedman again.
10. Lawn @ front of park
- a. The person who was mowing doesn't want to continue b/c it damaged his mower; discussed options for mowers. Jack saw a used one – unanimous vote to allow him to purchase.
 - b. Maybe build/buy a shed to put where the tools are.
11. Aggressive Dogs
- a. Another issue has arisen with a Doberman (not the same Doberman as before); also, we've received an email from another member reporting issues. Proposed email contact first – strongly suggesting a trainer. Anne will send.
 - b. Yet another incident – 2 dogs, including his own, got in a fight and owner intervened and was seriously bitten; causing ER visit.
12. Trainers
- a. The training session scheduled for this past Sunday was cancelled due to lack of interest. They've suggested re-scheduling a couple short sessions.
13. Membership Tags
- a. Jack looked into prices for membership tags. Its \$3.95/per; more than one tag \$1.50 each.

- b. Dan's family has an engraving machine – he can look into it this month and report back.
14. Vaccines
- a. We had someone inquire as to whether bordatella is required. Anne inquired with her vet, whose opinion was that kennel cough is not life threatening.
 - b. We discussed previously extensively by email; and discussed again – decided we will keep it on the form, but if we get an inquiry, we will say bordatella is owner's choice. Rabies and distemper are not optional, and the form should say that.