

**DOG PARK BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JULY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008**  
**Minutes**

Board Members present:

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

Not present:

- Barb
- Ruth

1. Approve June minutes
  - a. Irene will circulate them and we'll approve at next meeting.
2. Discuss use of tags
  - a. Discussed starting memberships to be Jan-Dec.
  - b. Use the tag system not so much to exclude but to identify membership for that year; however, we might use to exclude.
  - c. Dan researched and can get them for about \$0.50/each.
  - d. Specific proposal to go to the annual membership system, with tags, starting now. Anyone who renews/joins from Jan-June = \$30, July-Dec = \$15 (thus the rest of 2008 memberships are \$15). We will prorate memberships paid in 2008 that take folks through 2009. We will "invoice" members in Jan, 2009.
    - i. Kelly will send email to membership announcing change.
3. New membership brochure
  - a. Irene + Anne have created a revised brochure with new text, which was circulated to the Board this month. We discussed final text edits and the new brochure will be distributed this month.
4. On-going discussion of aggressive dog policies
5. Discuss how to "invest" FOOHP funds – Dan has info.
  - a. Dan looked into it putting \$ into ING acct; pays higher interest rate (3.15%); we can write checks against it if we want. We discussed putting about 2/3 of the balance of our funds. Downside: taking \$ out of a local business (3<sup>rd</sup> Federal).
  - b. Motion to put \$10K in ING account – seconded – unanimous in favor.
6. Dog Trainer Q&A – three so far – what do we think
  - a. Leigh used material at hand – dogs in the park
  - b. There has been moderate show-up, not a ton, but a few at each session.
  - c. We'll see if they are interested in continuing to return; it's a benefit to us if they come.

7. Poop stations – sponsoring one
  - a. Members of the N.L. Clean & Green Committee/Lara Kelly would like to see poop bag stations placed throughout the neighborhood and has asked FOOHP to sponsor one of them.
  - b. Motion to sponsor 2 – seconded – passed unanimously
  - c. Jack wanted to know who will pick up; Lara Kelly, trash coordinator for NLNA will arrange for pickup.
  - d. We should be listed as sponsoring
  - e. About \$250/each.
8. Kids in the Park
  - a. Kelly thinks it should be a parents’ decision whether to bring kids into the park. Anne thinks that some dogs are unpredictable and its unfortunate that they have to leave the park.
  - b. The language approved for the new brochure says that kids under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
9. We discussed possibility of retaining attorney re: certain issues surrounding dog park.
  - a. Dan will look into.
10. Dan suggested that the Board sit out for a few weeks at busy times and checking memberships. And if they aren’t members, they need to become members to use the park. Irene will take on drafting a schedule.
11. Plans for upcoming workday: this Sat, July 26, 2008
  - a. Kelly will send a reminder before Wed; Anne will send a final reminder Fri (b/c Kelly out of town).
12. New Signs
  - a. Discussed need for new signs – Rob said he’d look into it.
  - b. Maybe Barb can make signs? Anne will check with her.
13. New Business