

**DOG PARK BOARD MEETING**  
**Wed., February 18, 2009**  
**Minutes**

Present

- Anne
- Kelly
- Ruth
- Rob
- Irene
- Walt
- Dan

Not Present

- Jack

**1. Approve December & January minutes**

- a. Irene moved to approve; Unanimous in favor.

**2. PAWS Event evaluation –Ruth**

- a. About 70 people prepaid; some additional folks came. Reasonably well attended, but not crazy crowded.
- b. This is the first time people could bring their dogs – dogs had fun.
- c. We had a table – some people inquired re: tags. Not too many dog park people, but it was good that we had presence.

**3. Membership update – Kelly; current bank balance (\$6,343.94)**

- a. We have distributed 185 tags to about 150 members. The tag system has been very successful; almost everyone has joined or renewed with a paid membership.

**4. Entry Signs**

- a. The temporary “stop members only” sign has been taken down; Irene will hang another.
- b. Rob promises to work on the more permanent sign!

**5. Discuss procedures for mid-term election**

- a. Barb resigned from the Board this month.
- b. Discussion of possible new Board members – Zoe Wells ran in the 2008 election and got the most votes of those not elected; we know she had been interested in the position based on running.
- c. Motion to invite Zoe Wells as a replacement by Irene; second; unanimous in favor.
- d. *(update – Zoe Wells accepted offer and joined the Board)*

**6. Making dog park more challenging/interesting for dogs – obstacle course, etc.**

- a. Rob mentioned that he doesn't stay long b/c Wembley gets bored. Anne did minimal research for obstacle course stuff. Rob suggested natural cover – scrubs for dogs to hide under. Maybe pipes or tires bolted together.

**7. Scheduling spring workday, chords to be done - Jack**

- a. Will discuss next time b/c Jack isn't here.

## **8. Beef n Beer**

- a. May 9, 2009 is the available date.
- b. Anne proposes that we form a Beef & Beer committee.
- c. Discussed entertainment – DJ only or another band? Irene will discuss with NLDB whether they want to volunteer.
- d. Beer – Philadelphia again or back to Yards?

## **9. Old Business/new business**

- a. Mural – Sharon is meeting with group of artists so next month we'll have something to consider.
- b. Fencing – we would love to consider after B&B if we have enough \$. Jack did get estimate; we'll ask him what it was.
  - i. Irene moves to table until after B&B when we know our financial situation.
- c. Web payment – Kelly would really like to build an online payment system; ideally would like to link out database so that payments would upload directly to our membership database. Kelly will reach out to membership in next dog park news.
  - i. Rob knows someone who builds these things for non-profits, and will reach out to him.
- d. Corner Lot. Irene wants to know the status. The inner garden gate is locked. The outer gate is tied with a plastic bag (done when it was windy & the gate doesn't close correctly) and there is a sign that says no dogs allowed. Irene proposed that there is no reason to make it appear that the lot is off limits/private space.
  - i. Kelly will notify no dogs in next DPN.
  - ii. Rob will investigate a better.
- e. Irene will untie the plastic bag.