

ADOG MINUTES

Wednesday August 19, 2015

The Agawam Dog Owners Group held their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at the Agawam library at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Debbi Sanchez, Scott Milliken, Cheryl Barnhart, Brad Jameson, and Maryellen Kennedy. There was a quorum. Also in attendance were Sue Drumm, Harold Kane and Bill Beard, Jean Carter and Chris Sparks. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Debbi Sanchez, President.

Motion to accept the Minutes as amended from the June 17, 2015 meeting was made by Sue Drumm, second by Maryellen Kennedy. The vote was unanimous.

Secretary Report read by Cheryl Barnhart

Treasurer Report: Read by Brad Jameson:

Expenses: Bolduc's Apparel \$297.00; Mohegan Sun Bus Driver Tip \$30.00

Interest: \$2.38

Current Balance: \$27,063.08

Old Business:

Information kiosk: Table discussion for future meeting.

2016 Photo Calendar Contest: Discussion was made to keep Millennium Press for printing calendars. Information sent to Arlington Dog Park about dog photo contest. Sponsorship forms and letters sent out for calendar. Possible 11 to 12 \$100. Sponsors.

Grand Opening: Expected to attend: Mayor Cohen, Chris Sparks, Chet Wojcik, Nick Boldyga, Don Humason and Pioneer Valley Relators Association. Vendors: Only dog related vendors asked and only 5 replies, along with Massachusetts Vest-A-Dog and Kane's Crusade. Decision to have a raffle and to combine all items for one raffle prize.

New Business:

Rotary Harvest Festival: Saturday, October 17, 10am-3pm. Decision to attend. Will have a raffle basket.

BonTon Community Days decision to pass on event.

Agawam Congregational Church Bazaar: Saturday, November 21, 9am-2pm. Decision to attend.

WNEU Law School Alumni Days: Saturday, October 24. Time unknown. Have a table set up at the dog park.

Kanetoberfest: Saturday, October 10, 11am-5pm. Polish American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA. We are the host city and they would like to have our group donate time.

Other Matters:

Chris Sparks discussed with our group: Bench dedication done for Cindy Ayre at ribbon cutting. Picking up tennis balls left in park, throw away torn up balls, if you bring a toy to the park take it with you when you leave. Placing some bags and liners into Park & Rec storage area.

Motion made by Scott Milliken to order and install 3 complete poop bags dispenser/trash receptacles into the parks. Decision was unanimous. Discussed a possible hand sanitizer station at the main entrance of both parks. Discussed Lysol wiping the water stations.

Discussed Officer Strong's recommendations to our group: offering to teach a class at the park to volunteers of games to play with dogs; have a volunteer prevent mobbing at the entrance gates; have people spread out and not corral at first bench.

Discussed walking a dog around the outside perimeter of the park so dogs inside the park become familiar to prevent mobbing. Calling police if you see quads and recreational vehicles riding in Shea Field.

Volunteer jackets ordered through Bolduc's Apparel revealed, 4 sizes to be left in storage area. People may order their own for \$50. Monitor badges hung on storage area cage.

Discussed picking up rocks and sticks within the park; decision not to allow electronic cigarettes in the park; decision to close park for the winter season once too much snow has accumulated, and to reopen once the ground has hardened post spring wet weather; Chris to measure loops within parks to post for walkers; the use of Stanton funds for additional benches and possible metal shelter for the future; No food or treats allowed within parks do to possible food aggressive dogs reiterated.

Brad was asked to have 10 more sets of keys made for volunteers.

It was announced that the next meeting would be Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7pm at the Agawam Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.