

## **ADOG MINUTES**

### **Wednesday May 20, 2015**

The Agawam Dog Owners Group held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the Agawam library at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Cheryl Barnhart, Brad Jameson, Mary Ellen Kennedy, Anna Beard. There was a quorum. Also attending were Bill Beard, and Jean Carter.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Cheryl Barnhart, secretary.

Motion to accept the Minutes as amended from the April 15, 2015 meeting was made by Brad Jameson, second by Anna Beard. The vote was unanimous.

There was no Secretary Report.

Treasurer Report: Read by Brad Jameson.

Income since last meeting: \$5,124.02 including \$5,000 donation from Chet Wojocik; \$140 from Mohegan Sun Trip.

Expenses: \$16.99

Current Balance: \$28,216.50

#### **Old Business:**

Memorial Day Parade: Discussion was made on waiting until there are more ADOG members for a better showing for any parades.

Safety Awareness Day: ADOG did not participate in the event on May 24, 2015 at The Range and Training Academy in Agawam.

Grand Opening Event date of September 12<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Having a Grand Opening Event instead of a Field Day. No vendors and No food for the event was discussed as no food is allowed in the dog park. Give away ADOG bandanas. Limiting the opening to a 2 hour event. Having a pet photographer. Tabled till next meeting.

Bark For Life: The ADOG Bark For Life Team raised over \$1,400 and Cheryl would like to have a team next year. The Paint Sip Fun fund event raised \$280 for Bark For Life, 28 people painted.

#### **New Business:**

ADPCC: Agawam Dog Park Coordinating Committee: Proposed rules were discussed, and adding no harnesses in the park should be added. Debbie is waiting for calls back from the dog behaviorists for giving an informative meeting. Having a behaviorist meeting at the library in the bigger room and having it be publicized was discussed.

ADOG Kiosk plans are tabled till next meeting.

## Other Matters:

Merchandise inventory was discussed and Cheryl will get a count for next meeting.

Discussion was made to change all newly ordered merchandise to reflect the Agawam Dog Park and not the Agawam Dog Owners Group. New designs were discussed; Mary Ellen suggested a T-shirt design with a map of the park on the back of the shirt with paw prints on the front of the shirt going over the shoulder to the back and saying follow me to the Agawam Dog Park.

Jean Carter had contacted Chris Sparks about using a lever type faucets for the water, she was told it was too late they have already been purchased and that the water would not be on all the time. Jean would like to know what is needed in the park to help the disabled so that we can apply for a grant from the disability commission.

It was announced that the next meeting would be Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7pm at the Agawam Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.