

**Omaha Dog Park Advocates  
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 2007  
6:00 PM

Type of Meeting: Monthly Public Meeting  
Meeting Facilitator: Bridget Jansen  
Invitees: General Public

**In attendance:**

Executive Committee

1. Bridget Jansen
2. Angela Green
3. Jamie Krussel
4. Amy Riehle
5. Cecy Losee
6. Lara Rochelle

General Public/Volunteers

1. Mickey
2. Sue Wilson, general public
3. Sue Volkmer
4. Lynne Newlin
5. Ayn Dahlke, general public
6. Steve Mcilree, general public
7. Jan and John Sloma, general public

Board Members

1. Charlotte leisman
2. Annell Naccarato

**Call to order**

- Approved minutes from last meeting. Angi will send out via email to executive committee with in 48 hours. EC has 48 hours to respond. Respond back with your vote, angi to send to Jamie to post to website.

**Roll call, Sign in sheet**

**Approval of minutes from last meeting**

**Open issues | Committee and Officer Updates**

- Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair- President reported since Treasurer absent
  - June 2007 - \$806 in withdrawals, no deposits.
  - July 10, 2007 – balance of \$14,432 on checking account.
- Vice President & Grant Writing Chair - Lara Update
  - Douglas County Tourism Grant?
  - Non-profit Forum @ HD Zoo – every other month non profit events – look at attending event?
  - Other grants applied for

- Has petsmart and petco grant information, but need information from the treasurer
- Status of the others applied for
  - Durham – no interest
  - Peter Kiewit – must show up in person, mailing grant information
  - Conagra – angi to call.
  - Best buy – no grants available – can call for next event for donations
  - Wild oats – bag recycling program – they do general donations
  - Whole foods – coupons or wooden nickels
  - Many more updates provided on possible grants we will review for submission.
- Public Information Officer - Jamie Krussel
  - Website changes - distributed print shots of new improvements to the site. Well organized and looks great – more changes to come
  - Yahoo Message Boards - Discussing adding a new button to the front page for distribution lists so everyone can easily see “how to help”
- Park Improvements/Community Service/City Of Omaha
  - Bridget Jansen, President and Chair
    - Bag dispensers - use the water bottle dispensers. Zip tied them to the fence as a trial. What do park goers think? Do a poll from the yahoo groups? Get feedback. How do they hold up in the weather?
    - Message Board – people who responded about doing it, have not heard back from them. We are pursuing the message board, but are on hold until we hear back.
    - Waste Signs – we have them, we just need to post them with zip ties. Maybe we should look into the metal clamps to post them?
    - Boy Scout Update – working on getting eagle scout for message board. Ayn to help find an eagle scout.
  - Annell Naccarato, Past President, BOD
    - Water fountain status update – Eyman Plumbing, working on water fountains, his mother wants to donate something to the park. Been out with ray at the city, copper piping is super expensive. City landscaper is going to draw something out to Island Plumbing (tom). Working with BMX. Line must come from concession stand, water pumps you see are not workable. Only water memorial to Labor Day because it is a city park. City pays for water bill?
    - City Planned Pathway, Date? – because of rain earlier this year, was planned for july 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, didn't work for the city. Still in their scope, they will let us know. Small dog will be all dog, all dog closed for 3 weeks.
  - Cecy Losee Member At Large
- Secretary & Fundraising Chair- Angi Green
  - Pancake Man (Bridget will say 30 seconds) – raised about \$100, largest from \$50 donation from attendee. No cost, good neighbor will with BMX.
  - NKC July 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Saturday, 1:30pm – 5:00pm – Annell and Ann to volunteer at booth
    - Jocelyn to get Angi the cash prior to – need by Thursday night.
    - Sue will bring it to Lerner company ( will need to contact Amy )
  - Walk for the Animals
    - Sign up as a dog pack for our group
    - Annell has a canopy for us to use at the event.

- Sunday, September 30
- Registration later in the summer
- Free for the dog park non profits
- Amy Riehle - Member at Large
  - Wag & Wine - Corkscrew Event
    - Several nice gifts for silent auction
    - Chris Saub will be advertising our event and dj'ing it. Great job Amy!
    - Only selling 200 tickets for the event
    - Dogless event

#### **New business**

- New meeting location? Offering up ConAgra Foods Inc. on 90<sup>th</sup> & fort to accommodate growth of group.
- Advertising: make little ¼ sheet advertisements to each committee member – everyone put on cars when you go.
- 1 year that we have opened up the dog park – anniversary mid – august. Telling our patrons thank you. Treats in a bag, with a sticker. Post signage announcing. Balloons and all officers present to say thank you. Bridget to check into date of anniversary.
- Aggressive dogs in the park – ayn
- No choke, training collars - signs
- No food of any kind - signs
- Helpful signs of dog play vs. aggressive (maybe add to newsletter)

**Bylaw update –Review-Sign.(Executive Committee only Required)**

**Adjournment**