

Friends of the Dog Parks Lincoln, NE



Board Meeting – Minutes
9th, June 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Eisley Branch Library

The meeting was **called to order** by President Jordan Brasch at 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance: (7)

Brambila, K
Brasch, J
Hansen, K
Hansen, L
Wensel, M
Witte, C
Witte, L

Absent (0)

Guests:

N/A

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the board meeting 05/11/2015 were emailed and handed out.

***If any corrections/addendums to the previous minutes; it was agreed to email Kelly & CC the rest of the board to have the minutes updated for the record. ***

Vote to add new Board Member:

None at this time

President's Report (Brasch)

Nothing to report at this time

Vice President's Report (Hansen, L)

Nothing to report at this time

Treasurer's Report (Wensel)

Mike provided a Balance Sheet

1. Jordan requested that in addition to a Balance Sheet he would like to also see a monthly Profit and Loss Statement.
2. Mike moved money from money market to general funds to cover cost of porta potty at Oak Creek
3. Razoo will be sending out funds via the mail of the online donations (\$635)
4. LCF will be providing matching fund donations and offline donations to us on June 25th.
5. Mike ordered and received a debit card for the FOTDP bank account to make online purchases smoother.

Secretary's Report (Hansen)

Nothing to report at this time

Reports from Ambassadors:

Clay (Oak Creek) –

1. Several trees have been planted inside Oak Creek dog park and 15 more are slotted to be planted on the East side of the park. (Not sure of time frame of when they will be planted).
 - a. Jordan is concerned on what sort of protection and maintenance is being provided for these trees to ensure their survival.
2. Lately trash has been observed to be overflowing and mowing seems to be occurring with less frequency than the every two weeks. This could be due to the excessive rains.
 - a. Jordan advised that it is good that people are contacting P&R directly to get the trash and park mowed, as we are not responsible for maintenance.
3. Porta Potty has been a success and seems like Eagle services it on the weekends. Eagle Services is doing a nice job keeping it clean.
 - a. Jordan commented that he is happy this has been a success.
4. Comments have been coming in regards to when the fencing may be put in, especially due to rise in water. Looking at doing another cleanup day with wheelbarrows and shovels.

Lyle (Rickman's) –

1. FOTDP bag supply is running low. Lyle is filling bags every weekend and emptying black trashcans every 2-3 weeks.
2. Lyle suggested creating a SBAR (Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation) on getting trees planted along 70th street to block out noise, keep dogs calmer, and prevent smaller dogs from slipping through fence onto 70th street and beautification. Jordan suggested that Parks Dept. be aware that any path improvements should allow space between it and fence.
3. Creek has hazardous material floating in it that is somewhat buried in the sand and gravel. Dogs are getting tangled up in the plastic barrier (Large Dogs).
4. Footing along main bridge is worn out again after this last flooding. Last year when the park was flooded they put in new cement post on each end of the bridge but did not add in any new gravel.

Fundraiser Director (Witte, L)

Jordan nominated Linda to be the fundraiser director. Jordan, Lyle and Mike advised they would like to be on the fundraising committee.

Social Media Director (Brambila)

Kris advised that she is in transition with employment will try to work on website and attending meetings as time allows and her schedule allows. Policy created to allow blogs regarding dog health, care, and training in addition to dog park news. All blogs must not be overly promote for profit entities.

Open floor Questions or Comments:

Lyle - Suggestion of having a shed at each dog park to store tools and supplies. Lyle also asked the question of who bid on the putting the trees in the park at Oak Creek and who is responsible for maintaining them?

Jordan – Also brought up if we can somehow make the collection of bags more convenient for people to donate. Possibly install a locked barrel that people can deposit them into and we can store them in.

Jordan – Sought and received permission from board to move forward on a capital project to get drinking water for Rickman's

Jordan – Brought up the question or idea of emailing the FOTDP distribution invite to everyone for board meetings. I advised that we had not been inviting the entire distribution list, just too a few select people.

Kelly – Asked who will all be going to the Lincoln Community Fund matching donation day on June 25th 830-930? Kelly sent out email regarding this right after board meeting tonight. Jordan stated he will try to be there, Mike and Clay said maybe, Kelly will be there.

Website/Email/Facebook – Create a standard email reply to people's concerns/comments. Send a standard reply within 24hrs unless it is an emergency. Then the board as a whole will agree on what the response will say keep providing blogs to be updated on website.

Action Items

Get into contact with Roger at GPTN in regards to their bylaws and balance sheets/P&L.

Jordan -

1. Will email JJ in regards to previous email regarding gravel trail plan along with the parking plan, fencing plan at Oak Creek, and possibly plastic barrier hazard at Rickman's.

Kris –

1. Will proof read any blogs before they are uploaded to the FOTDP website.
2. Talk to a vet possibly Dr. Ehlers in regards to a blog regarding Dog Influenza that is spreading. Clay will also talk to a vet about writing an article.
3. Create a standard email reply to use for people asking questions on Facebook, Weebly, Twitter, Website and the email account.
4. Update website with a post about making a minimum donation of \$25 and get a free t-shirt. Donations to be used for capital improvements. This is a limited time offer to gauge response and success.
5. Will add the Amazon "Smile" link added to the website

Clay –

1. Going to talk to vet regarding standard care for a dog, possibly getting vet to write up the blog.
2. Going to research how to maintain trees at Oak Creek since he has a background in Horticulture.
3. Will see about getting more plastic bags for both dog parks.

Kelly –

1. Provide sign on information to FOTDP email account to Linda.
2. Change Facebook and email distribution list about donation for t-shirts versus selling them.
3. Get Linda in the loop with Parks & Rec Foundation Board.

Mike-

1. Will get additional information on the cost of the water fountain for humans/dogs at the park behind Bryan West Hospital.
2. Mike will order more t-shirts.

***Clay & Kris volunteered to monitor biweekly mowing of Oak Creek and Rickman's. If mowing is not occurring every 2 weeks they will contact Jordan so he can advise JJ. ** Jordan point it out that he finds it helpful to have objective data when he meets with the city.*

Next FOTDP Board meeting July 14th at Gere Library

Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Next Public Meeting No June meeting!

Next Board Meetings:

****Scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month****

July 14th at Gere Library

Aug 11th at 630pm Eisley

Sept 8th at 630pm Gere

*Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hansen, Secretary
Board Member*