

Friends of the Dog Parks Lincoln, NE



Public Meeting – Minutes

9<sup>th</sup>, Feb 2016 at 6:35 p.m.

Bess Dodson Walt Branch Library

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

**In Attendance: (5)**

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

**Absent (2)**

Brambila, K  
Hansen, L

**Approval of the Minutes**

*\*\*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. \*\**

**Annual Election to vote to add new Board Member:**

None at this time

**President's Report (Brasch)**

Advised who was on the board and Officers and how long with the group:

- Jordan joined in 2014 and is the President
- Lyle joined in 2014 and is the Vice President
- Mike joined in 2014 and is the Treasurer
- Kelly joined in 2013 and is the Secretary
- Kris joined in 2014 and is the Social Media Director
- Clay Joined in 2015

There will be a park advisory meeting at the Parks & Rec on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm. Master Plan Survey done by the P&R was the most online participated survey in Lincoln.

Jordan also discussed the group's members, mission and progress in the last year.

- Explained the responsibilities of and helping keep the backbone of the group going.
- 2015 we created an open working relationship P&R.
- Helped give input and collaborated with P&R on the Master Plan last year.

**Explanation and purpose of bylaws:**

- FOTDP had to update the bylaws piece by piece.
- Jordan read off bylaws regarding who was eligible to be a member.
  - Per the bylaws no current members eligible to nominate to be on board
  - Board vacancies cannot be filled during the Annual Election; but will looking to fill in the next couple of months
- Mission statement of the group changed; we were not involved with maintenance of parks but more with promoting and helping with creation of the parks. Which spurred the new mission statement.
- Big thing with bylaws was helping increase influence with the city.
- Creating a general open membership: requirements, responsibilities and opportunities.

### **Vice President's Report (Hansen, L)**

Nothing to report at this time

### **Treasurer's Report (Wensel)**

Mike had sent an EOY report via email today, will attach to the meeting minutes when they are email out. Mike had created a design for vinyl stickers for inside car windows and on the outside window too. Clay motioned to have vinyl stickers prepared and Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

- Michelle K stated she would be interested in taking the stickers and selling them at the Dog Runs

### **Secretary's Report (Hansen)**

Nothing to report at this time

### **Reports from Ambassadors:**

**Clay (Oak Creek)** – Clay moved forward a created a sign for Oak Creek Dog Run for the section of fence that FOTDP built with money received from donations and fundraising. Kelly motioned to approve 2 signs and Jordan 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion. Version 1 example attached to email with meeting minutes. When Oak Creek Dog Run is relocated they will roll up the fence and move it along with the signs.

Clay advised of the “I Love My Dog Expo” progress:

- Filming videos (GoPro's on Dogs)
- Kelly will be preparing videos along with some slides about group
- HHS Dog Etiquette pamphlet will be printed and ready for handing out
- Postcards have been created with all of the FOTDP social media/contact info
- Frisbees designed with logo available for freebies
- Tennis Balls purchased from Woods park; stamped with logo available as freebie
- Handmade treats will be made for dogs
- Expected that 3000 people will come to the event
- Looking to gain an additional 50 memberships if not more

### **Lyle (Rickman's) –**

None at this time

### **Social Media Director (Brambila)**

None at this time

### **Open floor Questions or Comments:**

#### **Where can we meet in the future?**

- Michelle mentioned the Ortner Center at Union Bank, Nursing homes

#### **Leon mentioned the other expos he has visited in the last year**

- Hershey PACC Expo. He stated giving out stickers or buttons stating “I Joined” or that they are a member of the group.

#### **Question: How will the new parks work, when the existing parks need work done?**

- Advised that there is plans to move Oak Creek Run to a better site and that there is work planned for Rickman's Run in February to help with pathways.

**Several members and the public requested that a detail agenda be sent out before the meeting.**

- Helps members of the group and public get questions prepared before meeting
- The ability to follow the detailed agenda the board members are following
- Helps the public know what is next on the agenda in case they need to leave early.

**Looking at committees we will create once we get more members:**

1. Membership committee
2. Fundraising committee
3. Capital Improvements

**Future Calendar Projects:**

1. **Feb 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** I love my DogExpo
2. **March 8<sup>th</sup>** Officer Elections
3. **April** Cleanup Days need to be decided for both parks
4. **May 26<sup>th</sup>** Give to Lincoln Day
5. **August** Garage Sale

**Action Items**

**Kelly** – Kelly will work on creating stickers that say “I Joined” for the expo.

**Clay** – Will get signs ordered and hung up out at Oak Creek.

**Mike** – Will send email with KZUM information. Will get vinyl stickers ordered.

**Ashton** – Will continue to work on the weekly dog pic of the week and end of month dog pic. Weekly is easier than going to just monthly.

**Next FOTDP Board meeting** TBD

**Adjournment** at 8:00 p.m.

**Next Public Meeting:**

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

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** (This will involve Officer Seat elections) at 630pm at Easley Library Branch

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Hansen, Secretary  
Board Member*