



Friends of the Dog Parks Lincoln, NE

Board Meeting – Minutes

2, December 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Gere Library (Meeting room had been canceled, moved meeting to Don & Millie's)

The meeting was **called to order** by Vice President Annette Campbell at 6:55 p.m.

In Attendance: (9)

Brambila, K
Brash, J
Campbell, A
Hansen, K
Hansen, L
Wenzl, M
Wood, D

Absent (2)

Andre, J
Neeman, P

Guests: **N/A**

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the board meeting 10/28/2014 was emailed and handed out at meeting. A motion was set forth to waive the reading of the meeting minutes. The minutes were formally approved from the previous board meeting.

***If anyone finds 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 Board Member

Mike motioned to add Kris Brambila to the board as well as the Social Media Director

Treasurer's Report (Wood)

Nothing new to report

Vice President's Report (Campbell)

Old Business:

1. Handed out list of brainstorming ideas for fundraisers; broke down into categories from the public meeting on 11/25/2014.
2. Annette stated she called John Henry to see if they had junk or leftover PVC laying around to work on poop bag dispensers. Have not heard back.

3. Annette stated she would call Clay to find out exact cost of how much to 1 dispenser.

Social Media Director (Brambila)

Kris Brambila was appointed as the new Social Media Manager.

Annette stated she will underwrite the website.

Fundraising:

1. Donation boxes was a hot topic, look into starting with a donation pickle jar to see outcome.
2. Create website to accept donations
3. Deb is concerned that we need to have a goal or project in mind before we can decide on a fundraiser.
4. Need to get a receipt book to keep track of donations and ability to give receipts.

Preliminary Budget 2014/2015:

1. Expanding to general financial processes and transparency.
2. What we need compared to what we have on hand.
3. Financing: Accounts Receivable
 - a. How are we currently keeping track of this at this time?
 - i. No program currently use.
 - ii. Struggle to get info from P&R foundation.
 - iii. Is there a QuickBooks for non-profit organizations?
4. Bank Account: Only Deb & Peggy can pull money out.

Committees:

Some agreed upon committees that need to be created:

Events Committee, Fundraising Committee, Projects Committee:

At this time we have no other volunteers of the FOTDP group besides the board so Annette mentioned we need to call or email the people who originally signed up for groups back in May.

Long Term Comprehensive Planning Committee:

Strategic planning needs to start with the FODTP group to help guide P&R in what is needed.

Kelly & Lyle researched several currently owned parks in Lincoln a pro's & con's sheet of potential off-leash parks in Lincoln, NE.

Kelly presented examples of information from the Great Plains Trails Network:

1. Their mission statement and goals
2. Links that they use on their website.
3. Examples of their board meeting minutes, newsletters and Draft Agenda's that the Great Plains Trails Network utilize.

Statistical information Lyle found regarding Lincoln, NE and dogs.

1. Per Animal control there is approximately 41,000+ licensed dogs.
2. Per city-data.com
 - a. **Population is 265,000+ 17% growth since 2000**
 - b. **Historical Housing = 110,000+ with 1200 home sales in 3rd quarter of 2014**

- c. City of Lincoln is 74.6 square miles
- d. Population Density – 3356 people per square mile
- e. Mean Travel Time to work 17.2 miles

Annette brought up a website that shows “What Makes a Good Dog Park”

<https://apdt.com/docs/resources/dog-park/good-dog-park.pdf>

Action Items:

Kris – Research website ideas and mail out information to the group. I am attaching the information she sent (in case anyone missed it via email).

Jordan – Will utilize his QuickBooks to come up with an estimated financial picture. I am attaching the information he sent.

Kelly – Send out meeting minutes

Mike – Create some donation jars for local businesses to help start raising funds.

Lyle – Will continue to research other off-leash parks through the USA.

Deb – Possibly approach P&R for writing a grant for additional poop bags.

Annette – She has several....that’s all I got not sure what her action item was. Any help?

Open floor Questions or Comments:

Questions was asked to the treasurer?

What do you need for operating capital?

Answer: At least \$100.00????

Is there a time frame to work on and fix kiosks?

1. Comment was that this could be a good project for volunteers
 - a. Clean up the boards.
 - i. Sand metal, repair hardware, move Oak lake kiosk.
 - b. Paint the boards.
 - i. Prime, paint and create sections on the kiosk.

Questions that were asked @ previous board meeting or action items that still need answers:

What insurance is needed to have an event?

Deb stated she will look into this...

Deb did you have a chance to look into this since the last meeting?

Emailing JJ or Shorney let them know who is interested in attending the LT Comp Planning?

Peggy stated that she would do this....

Peggy have you had a chance to do this?

Did anyone look up ADA requirements and laws?

Did we get an itemized receipt for the sidewalk that was installed at Rickman's?

Next FOTDP Board meeting TBD

Adjournment at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Hansen, Secretary

Board Member