

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 20, 2012, 7pm at Lakeway Learning Center-Aspen Room

Present:

Board Members: Gayle Armer, Catherine Mahoney (President/Treasurer), Samantha Montey (appeared by phone), Sarah Tyson (Secretary), Karen Waters

Committee Members: Tina Carson, Bryan Geer, Kim Harris, Mark Harris, Timarie Javier, Linda Moll, Mickey Shoulders

Discussed:

Past Events:

- **Pet-A-Palooza**, Saturday, September 15, 2012- Matt & Jeanette Grams, Catherine Mahoney, Darryl Maunder, Rebekah Taylor, and Kristy Fairfield helped with the booth. \$155 was made in bandanna sales!
- **Board Members Meeting #2**, Monday, September 10, 2012- Board members wrote GDOG'S mission statement, "Gillette Dog Owners Group's objective is to create and maintain fenced-in, off leash dog park(s) where well behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe, and friendly environment without endangering or annoying people, property, or wildlife. To promote a social bond amongst dog owners & raise awareness toward the proper and humane treatment of dogs. Board members read some state laws that pertain to our group that Samantha Montey looked up and printed off. Board Members read examples of other group's bylaws. It was also announced that Crystal Fichter resigned from her position as board member and Treasurer. Catherine Mahoney will be Treasurer/President until a new Treasurer is elected. Board Members only next meeting will be at Catherine Mahoney's house on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 6:30pm and board members will be reading more Wyoming state laws that pertain to our group (Samantha Montey has volunteered to look these up and print them off for us) and will also be writing GDOG's bylaws.

Treasurer Report to date:

To date GDOG has \$1,510.94. We still have 30 Shirts left to sell and 59 bandannas left to sell.

Upcoming Events:

- **Cam-Plex Garage Sale**-Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 9am-3pm. Set up time will be at 7am the morning of event & no sooner at Cam-plex in the Wyoming Center. Samantha Montey is helping from 9am-3pm, Gayle Armer & Sarah Tyson from 9am-12pm, Nancy Turner from 10am-2pm, and Rebekah Taylor from 1pm-3pm. We are allowed to sell bandannas and T-shirts and collect donations. Nancy Turner submitted our application along with \$45 dollar fee so that we have 2 booth spaces. Catherine Mahoney has made flyers to put at businesses and Nancy Turner has brought them to the following locations: All God's Creatures, Joes Pet Depot, Animal Medical Center, Camelot, Library, Photo Imaging Center (aka Classic Portrait Studio), Bevs

Brew, Main Bagel, Starbucks, Hastings & Hasting's Coffee Shop, Thunder Basin Vet, Petco, Gillette College, Ice Cream Land, and Dairy Queen. Kristy Fairfield will put an ad on Basin Radio Network and Rebekah Taylor will post it on the Facebook Group for Gillette Garage Sales. Nancy Turner's husband can haul stuff to the Cam-plex for us. Gayle Armer, Samantha Montey, Nancy Turner will be at the Cam-plex at 7am to set up everything.

- **1st Annual Santa Paws** sponsored by GDOG and Susan Grooming Animal Medical Center of Wyoming-Saturday, November 10th 1-6pm (actual picture taking is from 2-5pm, 1pm will be setup and 5pm will be for tear down.) We need 5 members (check in table, cashier, photo helper, check-out, photographer). Catherine has contacted photographer, Timarie Javier, who has volunteered to take the pictures for us. Tina Carson has a Santa suit to loan us and Mark Harris has volunteered to play Santa. We need 2-4 wooden boxes, coolers, or benches (the photographer may have some things for customers to sit on too, bigger the better!) We need 2 long tables (1 for registration, 1 for camera/photo equipment.) We need any Christmas decorations,i.e. Christmas themed quilt/material to hang as background and/or cover benches and coolers; decorations for tree, fake christmas tree (Rebekah Taylor has a 4' fake tree), christmas items the dogs/kids can wear for the picture,i.e. Reindeer ears, santa hats, holly leaves, etc. Crystal Fichter advised she has coolers that we can use. Nancy Turner has metal benches and can look for backdrop and decorations. Gayle Armer has poinsettias and other Christmas decorations to lend. Everyone advised they could bring various Christmas decorations from home. Flyers advertising the event will be made by Rebekah Taylor and put up at various businesses in the beginning of October and passed out at our Cam-plex garage sale on September 29, 2012. Catherine showed us the flyer that has been created by Rebekah Taylor. Catherine Mahoney talked to an employee at Photo Imaging and has examples of different photo package ideas. We still need to make a decision on package ideas and pricing. Timarie Javier had an idea that Christmas pictures can be put on CD's that can be available for purchase for 1 image it's \$10 and 2 images it's \$15. We could make a profit of this option. CD's can be purchased at Walmart 100/\$22 and the sleeves for them 100/\$5. Since Photo Imaging does specialty items, we can have items on site as examples and we can tell the public they can take their CD's there to have those items made at extra cost to them. Catherine will check with Photo Imaging to see if buyers can pick up their CD's from their store that way they can then order those specialty items from them at that time if they are interested in those extra items.

Other:

- Please check out GDOGs website that Samantha Montey has done a great job on redesigning it. She is still working on some things including setting up pictures of items we will be selling on the website.
- Samantha Montey spoke to various businesses in town to see which ones will allow us to set up a lock box. The ones that said YES were: Photo Imaging, Camelot Pet Castle, Bev's Brew, All God's Creatures, and Main Bagel. The ones that said NO were: Campbell County Public Library, and The Cheese House. The ones that said MAYBE: Animal Medical Center, Starbucks, Joe's Pet Depot. Samantha will still check with Farmer's Co-op, Hastings, IceCream Land, and De La Cruz Produce. Samantha spoke to Petco about the lock box, he said no but if Catherine calls the owner about a grant it's a very good possibility because he's all about dog parks!
- Catherine Mahoney followed up with discussion that her and Bryan Geer had with Dan Barks (manager at Cam-plex). Talked to Michael Surface and Stacey Beecher at City of Gillette's

planning office. They advised that we should look into making power point presentation in front of the parks board meeting. Recommended Catherine contact Mark Christianson (public land board developer aka future county commissioner) about what his advice to us would be and what he expects as a presentation. Also advised it might be beneficial if we brought in a guest speaker from another city who has succeeded in creating a fenced-in dog park to give the presentation on a Thursday night park board meeting then possibly on the following Saturday have this guest speaker give a 1 hour presentation at the library for the public to make the public aware of what we are doing and gain their interests. Advised us to contact Sue Kniessel at the library to save a room and to also invite the The News Record when we do this. Michael Surface advised that the new subdivision off of Boxelder road is putting money aside for a walking path which means we most likely won't be able to get donation from them toward the dog park. Advised closest water line is at Martingdale and Axels. Catherine talked to Megan Nelms at the county planning office who advised she wouldn't be able to tell us what kind of parking lot we would need built yet until we are actually ready to move forward with the building of the dog park and the land board is serious about giving us the land. Once we are ready we would need to get a conditional use permit (application fee is \$200) and we would talk to her and the engineer about what the height of fence needs to be, type of parking lot, etc. We would need to give them a general description of the project and a sight plan.

- Catherine Mahoney has a friend who is an attorney and can help GDOG file it's 501(C)3 papers; Bryan Geer spoke to RT Cox about advise and he says it takes a lot of time to get one and it's more difficult to get these days and could take up to a year to obtain one.
- Karen thought we should contact K2 Television to see if they would run our GDOG video on their channel.
- Board members will discuss our next videos and picture package prices for the Santa Paws event.
- The next Dog Park Meeting will be Thursday, October 18th, 2012 at 7pm at Lakeway Learning Center.