

Dog Park Meeting

Tuesday, November 27, 2012, 7pm at Lakeway Learning Center
"Aspen Room"

Present:

Board Members: Gayle Armer, Catherine Mahoney, Samantha Montey, Nancy Turner, Sarah Tyson

Members: Jeanette Grams, Matt Grams, Andrew McNeil, Rebekah Taylor

New Members: Beth Halder, Jody McGee

Discussed:

Events:

Santa Paws-Photos with Santa at Animal Medical Center-Susan's Grooming-Thank you everyone who participated with this event. We made \$476 including the pictures taken, donations, and T-shirts sold. With this money we still have to pay Photo Imaging once we know what we owe them and purchase CDs for those who ordered photos on CDs. Special thank you to Timarie Javier for volunteering her time to be our photographer and to Mark and Kim Harris who played Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Thanks to Photo Imaging for letting us use their business to make our orders. Thank you to Arrowhead Printing and Sir Speedy Printing for printing our flyers and registration forms. Thank you to Tina Carson for helping the photographer to keep dogs focused on the photographer. Thank you Gayle Armer, Darryl Maunder, Samantha Montey, Rebekah Taylor, and Nancy and Doug Turner for helping out with the event and taking care of supplies. God job Sarah Tyson at getting out thank you cards to everyone so quickly. Flyers were put up at FCA Country Store, Hastings, Main Bagel, Bev's Brew, DQ, Ice Cream Land, Animal Medical Center, Dollar Tree, Eastside Laundromat, The Doghouse, Cheesehouse,

Joe's Pet Depot, Camelot, Photo Imaging Center, Thars, Animal Shelter, and North Platte Physical Therapy. Nancy Turner said she will make sure all the flyers are down.

Treasurer Report to Date:

To date GDOG has \$2,842.67. We still have 23 shirts and 55 bandannas left to sell which will bring us in another \$576.

GDOG Board Positions Opened:

We are currently looking to fill two board positions. We are looking for someone interested in being Fundraiser Chair Person and someone to be Treasurer. Please let Catherine Mahoney know you are interested by emailing her at Gillette.dog.park@gmail.com with something showing why you are interested in the position and why you think you would be good at it. Please have your contact information on it.

Other:

- Catherine Mahoney ordered 5 lockboxes and has since received and given them to Gayle Armer for Gayle and Samantha Montey to put up at the following locations: Photo Imaging Center, Bev's Brew, Main Bagel, and Camelot. All God's Creatures has gone out of business so we can no longer use their place of business for one of our boxes.
- GDOG board members have discussed what needs to be in the GDOG bylaws and Catherine Mahoney is in the process of typing up the rough draft. Once the final draft is complete, we will be filing our non-profit paperwork.
- Catherine Mahoney and Sarah Tyson have gotten a business credit card for GDOG to be used when needed to make online purchases for shirts, bandannas, etc.
- Check out our website to see some of the awesome changes

Samantha Mahoney has done to it!

- Santa pics should be available soon. Timarie Javier said she needed til after December 1st, 2012 to get the editing done and ready.
- Nancy Turner did have a conversation with Mayor Murphy about using an existing park for the dog park and he's still trying to push the Field of Dreams spot for the dog park. Existing parks don't have the water supply needed, are too small, and are usually located in neighborhoods.
- Catherine Mahoney spoke with her attorney friend that was going to help with the 501(c)3 status but will be talking to someone else instead that might work better for our purpose.
- Andrew McNeil had a list of fundraiser ideas that he shared with us: Pet Remembrance Tree-for remembrance of a lost loved pet to sell at \$5.00 per picture to put on the tree. Dog Shows is another idea, Golf Tournaments, Rent a puppy-set something up with the dog pound to rent a puppy for the day. Painting Paws-talk with the Shelter about painting pics with their own paws. Have competitions at the local schools to see who can collect the loosest change and have a reward for the winning school. Birthday pledge-ask friends and family members for donations to GDOG as their birthday gift. Pump it up-at gas stations pump gas for cars and wash windows for donations. Sale homemade dog treats.
- Jody McGee suggested doggie cakes for dog birthdays or special occasions. A Valentine 's Day fundraiser could also be a great way to sell those cakes. Gayle Armer has a heart shaped baking pan. Jody mentioned that the Winter Western event out at the Cam-Plex is usually held in February around Valentine's Day. We can get a table setup to sell GDOG shirts and bandannas. Gayle will look into what it takes to make those cakes and boxes and if we need a permit to sell them. Gayle

will update Catherine Mahoney with the info she finds out.

- Catherine Mahoney mentioned we should try to hold another photo shoot. Bekah Taylor suggested Christmas in July.
- Samantha Montey mentioned having doggie boxes at different locations for donations for animals to help out the Animal Shelter to help get our name out there.
- Jody McGee also mentioned that we should contact Gillette Public Access channel to put our meetings on there. Samantha Montey will take care of this.
- We all agreed meetings shall be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. So far this date works for January, February, March 2013.
- Our next Dog Park Meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7pm. Catherine Mahoney will get in touch with Kristy Fairfield to see if we can use the Lakeway Learning Center room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm