## Gillette Dog Owners Group Public Meeting Agenda #2 Thursday, February 20, 2014, 7:00 pm at City Brew

## **Contact Info**

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Facebook Group: Say Yes to Gillette- Campbell County Dog Park

- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes of the Proceeding Meeting
- Reports of Committees
- Reports of Treasurer
- Reports of Officers
- President:
  - Sarah Tyson resigned from her board position as Secretary.
  - o Board member training offered through the City of Gillette
  - Pass out updated contact list to board members
- Fundraisers/Events
  - Scentsy Candle Book Party-GDOG raised \$200
  - Election- Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm at Library Positions up for election on the board are President, Secretary, Fundraiser Chair Person, and two members at large. Members may vote by absentee ballot. Ballot must be dated, sealed, & signed with signature over the seal. Ballots must be received by a board member at least 24 hours prior to the vote. Letters of interest may be emailed to GDOG's email address at gillette.dog.park@gmail.com
  - o Cam-Plex Barn Winter Play Day —Sat, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cam-Plex in Barn 3. Setup will be from 11am-12pm and event will be from 12pm-2pm and tear down from 2pm-3pm. Marty will bring lure machine for dogs to run. Catherine & Marty will file insurance with BW insurance & with Cam-Plex. The Gillette animal shelter will be there with pictures of adoptable dogs. McGruff from the Police Dept is not able to be there. Need article in newspaper & announcement on radio & advertise on FB and website & put flyers up at local biz. For now Marty said he could sponsor us unless we can find a vet clinic who will like to sponsor us and set up. Bekah will finalize flyer to be put up at biz. We will need to come up with a theme for this. Gayle said she has coffee machines we could use. Beth has popcorn and lemonade. Bekah has 5 gallon jug to hold lemonade. Need hot chocolate, waivers, & water buckets.
  - PetSafe's Bark For A Dog Park Contest- need to get flyers ready to put up and ones for Petco to hand out, get stuff reorganized and updated to be turned in by May. Bekah is checking website often to see when it opens again.
  - Buffalo Berry Frozen Yogurt-Catherine spoke to the owners to see if one day a % of sales can go toward GDOG & the owners said yes, just need to set up a date

- with them. During May during school lunch time might be a good time to hold this event.
- Dog Wash- in summer we will discuss at a later date
- Grants- Michael Surface spoke to the group about getting proposals written & ready to go by the time our 501(c)3 is issued so we can apply right away for grants. Purina, the Coal Mines, Pet Stores, Vet Clinics, and private foundations are places to go to. Need to start developing a proposal that includes stats. Stats are very important in a proposal and also can relate dog's health with the owner's health and show community support in the proposal. Make alliance with the school district for kids to come out an hour on how to deal with a dog & make it an educational trip. Partner up with Pioneer Manor to get those residents up and out in the community. Brain storm as a group for this proposal to make this a multi-use park. Partner up with Community Institutions and get education started and the park can become a community place. We need to get all the stats first then set aside 3-4 hours for a board retreat and put everything out on the table for a winning proposal. Need a lot of focus and energy. During this brain storming event everyone has a connection to bring to the table for the proposal. Need a business approach and competitive approach, Michael Surface will be included in the brainstorming session.

## • Old & Unfinished Business

- Add on website a place to put what we have done so far to help us in our goal of obtaining a fenced-in dog park.(maybe just include in our flyer also)
- o Have we made FB ad showcasing all the different bandannas we have?
- Update possible locations for a dog park on GDOG website to reflect where we are planning on building one or just create a flyer that we can also upload on our website with all this kind of info?
- Catherine needs to bring biz card design to Cheryl at Zip Printing
- Catherine needs to give Dee copy of city survey results and copy of council packet so she has info she can use in a draft letter for businesses
- o Beth- have we gotten a square to use on smart phone to take payments?
- o Bekah- Have we emailed Marty the pics of Billings, MT Dog Park yet?
- Catherine- get new fencing estimates for 2014, include labor costs, call
   WY Secretary of State for update on 501c3 status
- Dee- checked into how many dogs are in Gillette? Has Chamber of Commerce been contacted for list of possible places for grants

Next board meeting will be held Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Bekah's house.

Choose next Public Meeting