

Gillette Dog Owners Group
Public Meeting Minutes #1
Thursday, January 16, 2014, 7pm at CCPL-Pioneer Room 2

Present: Board Members-Jodi Bonefield, Marty Brown, Catherine Mahoney, Rebekah Taylor, Sarah Tyson, Beth Wolf
New Member-Michael Surface

Approval of Minutes of the Proceeding Meeting

Reports of Committees

Reports of Treasurer

- Lock boxes are now at Bank of the West, Knotty Salon, Perkins and 2 other boxes still need to be put somewhere.

Reports of Officers

Fundraisers/Events

- **Scentsy Candle Book Party**-Still waiting on the check.
- **Election**-Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 1pm at CCPL-Positions up for election on the board are President, Secretary, Fundraiser Chair Person, and 2 Members at Large. Members may vote by absentee ballot. Ballot must be dated, sealed, and 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.
- **Buffalo Berry Frozen Yogurt**-Catherine Mahoney spoke to the owners to see if one day a % of sales can go toward GDOG and the owners said yes, just need to set up a date with them. May during school lunch time might be a good time to hold this event.
- **Raffle**-Sarah Tyson spoke to a lady that is willing to donate her time to quilting a blanket for us to raffle off if we buy the supplies. Found out it will be between \$325-\$350 to make (\$250 for the kit & \$50 for the batting). It will take her 6-8 months once we buy the supplies. We can also have 2nd and 3rd prize winners for maybe Soggy Doggy rags and towels that are shammy material or baskets filled with dog treats & toys. Votes were taken for the quilt and the census was No, to not have the quilt made. In future if decide to do a quilt can look up online dog park by Makena Ryan .
- **Cam-Plex Barn Winter Play Day**-for the dogs for a donation to GDOG. Need to check to see if we need insurance for this event. Marty Brown spoke to Shelly and it's \$23/hr for Barn 3 on February 7th or February 21st 2014. Marty, Catherine, and Rebekah are going on January 21, 2014 to talk to the Cam-plex at 11am. We can also see if the Cam-Plex allows us to sell drinks/snacks at our event. After the meeting, they will be going to Gillette Vet Clinic to see if they want to set up an information booth for advertisement of their new clinic at our event & sponsor GDOG. They will also take a lock box with them to see if we can set one up at their clinic. Beth Wolf suggested inviting the Animal Shelter to the play day & having dogs up for adoption there. Catherine will check on the animal shelter & see if McGruff from PD can be at play day also. If we can hold the play day before Valentine's Day then we can have a Valentine's theme & call it "Puppy Love Play Date". We also need water buckets for the dogs to drink from. Need to call the radio station & News Paper for an ad. Can also advertise on Facebook and GDOG website and put flyers up at local businesses. Bekah is designing the flyer. We can possibly set up Marty's Lure Machine there for dogs to play. Need popcorn, lemonade, hot chocolate, waivers, & water buckets at the event. Michael Surface says the radio has a talk

show where there's a segment of airtime to just chat about the upcoming event and about the dog park group and answer any questions anyone may have about the progress of the park. Michael says it's free so he'll call on this to see if we can do it.

- **Lure Machine**-Marty Brown offered us to use his lure machine. The purpose of this is to exercise our dogs that don't have the space to run & play. We could collect donations for letting people use the lure machine for exercise. It's a 400-500 ft of space for a run course. He spoke to Megan with Swift Paws Company who is sending him flyers and release forms. We can do this early spring or perhaps do it during the winter play day if we use Cam-Plex Barn for the location of the play day.
- **Pet Safe's Bark for a Dog Park Contest**-Need to get flyers ready to put up and ones for Petco to hand out, get all our stuff reorganized and updated to be turned in by May 2014. Bekah is checking the website every couple days to see when it opens again.
- **Dog wash**-In summer 2014, we will discuss at a later date.

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)
- Have we made a Facebook ad show casing 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?
- Jodi Bonefield & Beth still need to look into prices on Vista Print for business cards & call Zip Printing also for pricing. Need to come up with a design and updated lock box design and contact info on them.
- Catherine needs to give Dee Munson a copy of the city survey results and copy of council packet so she has info she can use in a draft letter for businesses.
- Beth is still looking into a Square to use on smart phones to take credit card payments.
- Bekah still needs to email Marty the pics of Billings, Mt dog park.
- Catherine will get new fencing estimates for 2014, including labor costs and will call Wyo Secretary of State for update on 501(c)3 status.
- Dee is still checking into how many dogs are in Gillette, WY. She will be contacting the Chamber of Commerce for a list of possible places for grants.
- Sarah has mailed out a thank you card to Gayle Armer for her money donation to GDOG.
- 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 include 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.

Next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7pm at City Brew Coffee
Next Board Meeting will be held Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7pm at Bekah's house

Meeting Adjourned-8:20pm