

Gillette Dog Owners Group
Public Meeting Minutes #3
Thursday, March 20, 2014, 7:00 pm at Hasting's Coffee Shop

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

- **Attendees**
 - **Board Members:** Catherine Mahoney, President; Beth Wolf, Treasurer; Grace Torres, Secretary; Marty Brown, PR/Media; Dee Munson; Board Member at Large
 - **Committee Members:** None
 - **New Members:** None
- **Approval of Minutes of the Proceeding Meeting**
- **Reports of Committees**
- **Reports of Treasurer**
 - Lockboxes are now located at Bank of the West, The Knotty Salon, Perkins, Buffalo Berry & Hastings Coffee Shop
 - Beth gave board members “The Square Reader” app info to use for taking payments at events. Each board member needs to make sure they have it in their smart phone for events
- **Reports of Officers**
- **President:**
 - **Board member training offered through the City of Gillette** – training is free and dinner will be served. Board members will gain knowledge about the responsibilities of being a member & the law, gain a better understanding of how to conduct effective meetings & discuss how to maximize their effectiveness to achieve their goals. A basic session will be offered on Mon, March 24th from 5:30-8:30 pm & an advanced session will be offered on Thurs, March 27th from 5:30-8:30 pm. Both sessions will be held at City Hall on the 2nd floor Community Room. Please register ahead of time by calling Jennifer at 686-5203 or Kendra at 682-7283
 - Catherine needs to file paperwork with Secretary of State before May 1st to renew good standing. There is a \$25 fee associated with this & file yearly taxes. Will talk to IRS to see where our 501c3 app is in the process & follow up with Attorney, RT Cox reference the 501c3.
 - Board members should join group on facebook, “ There’s no Place like home-no kill animal rescue” for posting GDOG related events, etc
 - Catherine, Beth, & Grace went to bank on 3/18/14 and got Grace added to account to be signer on checks and removed Sarah Tyson

- Catherine updated list at post office to only show Catherine & Jodi as people listed to be able to access P.O. Box & also updated list at Value Villa & Back to the Rack Consignment stores to only include Catherine & Beth.
- Catherine brought Beth & Jodi's biz card designs to Cheryl at Zip Printing and she is making them for us \$55 /1,000 cards - Zip Printing offered to give us 200 free temporary business cards to have for the event. After the event we will finalize an official business card for Zip Printing.
- **Fundraiser Chair Person:**
 - **Annual Pics for Pets Fundraiser**-Vote on "Photo Imaging Center Gillette" Facebook page for your favorite pet organization and they will donate to that organization. The organization mentioned most will get their donation!
- **Fundraisers/Events**
 - **Election**- Saturday, March 1st 2014 at Library – Positions elected for board are as follows: President- Catherine Mahoney, Secretary- Grace Torres, Fundraiser Chair Person- Rebekah Taylor, and two members at large- Jodi Bonefield & Dee Munson.
 - **Cam-Plex Barn Winter Play Day –"Lucky Puppy Play Date"** Sat, March 22nd at Cam-Plex in Barn 3. Setup will be from 11am-12pm, actual event will be from 12pm-2pm, and tear down from 2pm-3pm. Catherine & Marty filed papers with Cam-Plex & with BW Insurance. The Gillette animal shelter will be there with info on adoptable dogs. Fur Kids Foundation, the Knotty Salon, Thunder Basin Vet, & Gillette Pet Vet will also be there. Catherine talked to Kathy Brown at News Record and got article in the community section for Wed, 3/12/14. Marty contacted Daniel at News Record to see if they would take pics of events on Saturday & Catherine talked to Kathy Brown about same thing. Marty & Catherine talked on radio morning of 3/20/14. Radio ad that Marty & Dee put together is being run on the 4 FM stations (Fox Country 100.7FM, The Legend 93.3 FM, KAML 97.3FM, The Drive 101.5FM The Drive) Thurs & Fri sometime from 6am-10. Marty created FB event & put event on website. On 3/8 & 3/9 Beth & Catherine put flyers up at local businesses: Knotty Salon, Animal Shelter, Pet Castle, Gillette Pet Vet, Thunder Basin Vet, Joe's Pet Depot, Petco x2, Animal Medical Center x2, Library, CCMH PT, North Platte PT, Courthouse, Boomgaars, FCA Store, Starbucks, City Brew, Hastings x2, Coffee Friends, Brother's Coffee, Main Bagel, & DQ. Flyers will need to be taken down after event. The Cam-Plex fee is \$31/hr x 4 hrs= \$124 & insurance for the year \$300. Total being \$424 plus money for supplies/decorations/printing flyers/refreshments, so about \$500. Admission is free thank you to Red Hills Veterinary Clinic, Animal Medical Center, Gillette Pet Vet, & Thunder Basin Vet for sponsoring this event. Beth got refreshments for event & Catherine got the decorations. Gayle will be bringing 2 coffee makers. Bailey Thwreath will bring kettle corn & popcorn she is making for the event & help set up. Bekah is bringing a 5 gallon jug to hold lemonade & waivers for people to sign. Beth needs to give Bekah water gallons to bring to event & Bekah will need to pick up balloons morning of event from Celebration Station Store. Cindy Ohlson is bringing 2 tables and 5-6 chairs & dog water

bowels. Marty is bringing lure chasing machine for dogs to run, plastic fencing, sign of rules, sign thanking sponsors, raffle tickets for \$50 Certificate that Gillette Pet Vet is donating us & 6ft table. Catherine is bringing ST Patty's Décor & tape, GDOG banner, GDOG shirts & bandannas, petition, donation jar, pens, money box & change, lemonade, paper towels, cups, creamer, sugar, stir sticks, Folger's coffee mix, hot chocolate, marshmallows, table cloths, poop bags, literature to hand out for Red Hills Veterinary Clinic & Animal Medical Center who can't attend the event, Biz Cards, Dog treat & info flyer bags, & Inventory Sheet. Group decided on suggested donations of \$5 per run on the lure machine & refreshments also by donation. So far Catherine, Rebekah, & Marty can be there for sure for entire event. Grace will write thank you cards to all the sponsors and the vendors who showed up. Marty has also decided to match dollar to dollar up to \$500 of any amount someone donates. Marty gave receipt to Beth for Radio ad. Cost of radio ad was \$100. Catherine and Grace looked into PA system for event. Catherine requested a Mic system from Cam-Plex free of cost.

- **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.
- **Scoop the Poop-** May 17th at 10 am with Fur Kids Foundation at Fishing Lake. Catherine will email Fur Kids the date /time. Beth, Bekah, Catherine, & Marty can be there, Dee –maybe. Felicia with Fur Kids & Catherine went to meeting on March 5th at the city with other local animal groups/businesses to discuss doing a Scoop the Poop Program like Casper does. The first year we will hand out Scoop the Poop bags for advertisement and city is working on changing signs at local parks at bag stations. We are using same logo as Casper. Will hand out the bags w/logo at events. To find out more info on how Casper's program works go to www.casperstormwater.com and click on "Scoop the Poop!". This is essentially what the city of Gillette and other local animal groups want to work together towards. Catherine & possibly Marty will be going to a 2nd meeting for this on April 2nd at 8:30 am at City Hall.
- **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-** Board gathered info & discussed it at last board meeting on 3/10. Need to bring to Michael Surface to put info all together and brainstorm for grant writing. Michael can meet with board to do this on Sat, April 12th or Sun, April 13th. Board said that they could meet on April 13th between 12-3. Catherine will email Michael to see if it works for him.
- Catherine mentioned while at Zip printing the owner, Cheryl, advised that we should setup an information table at Relay for Life, which will be held at Cam-Plex park in June. Cheryl said to call Rita Piper at Cyclone for details. Bekah will check on this.

- **Old & Unfinished Business**

- Catherine- talked to Western Fencing and they are getting a current estimate for us for 2 different park sizes, one with 1.8 acres and the other with 5 acres, both with 6 ft chain link fence. They are also getting labor costs.
- Website- Bekah emailing Marty pics of Billings, MT
- Catherine & Marty will work on brochure for GDOG , Cheryl at Zip Printing said she could put it together
- Catherine will write Carter Napier a letter to ask for 5 acres at Field of Dreams instead of 1.8 acres since Boys N Girls Club & BMX Group isn't building there anymore.
- Bekah- Check into KickStarter website to get money from fundraisers

Next board meeting will be held on Mon, 5/12/14 at Grace's house at 7pm.

Next public meetings will be held on Wed, 4/23/14 & on Tues, 5/20/14 both at 7:00 pm at Buffalo Berry