

## **Minutes from South Loop Dog Park Action Cooperative meeting 12/28/04**

Attendees: Beth Schipke, Mike Schipke, Mary Gawenda, Wendy Cobrin, Stephanie Daugherty, Wayne Fron, Teri Fron, Kristine Lyons and Gail Merritt

### **Emancipation**

Communication Plan - We drafted a letter announcing our status as an independent nonprofit organization. This will be given to SLN board and used for newspaper advertisements in the Gazette & Journal. The next edition of Fetch will also announce our exciting news!

This will sever all ties with SLN. The decision was made not to include them in any of our activities (such as membership drive).

New address: 47 W. Polk, 100-522. We are also looking into getting a voicemail box.

In all communication we need to refer (at least once) to our full name, South Loop Dog Park Action Cooperative. We can then abbreviate with Dog P.A.C.

### **Bylaws**

We reviewed and discussed the questions and proposed changes regarding the bylaws. Congratulations are in order for our new Vice President – Beth Schipke!!

### **Fundraising**

Before planning any events we should check Crain's 05 Blue Dates book which lists events in 2005. We should also check for any scheduled sporting events.

Bricks – Gail has not heard back from the CPD's lawyers regarding the verbiage on the bricks we have sold. We need to create a letter documenting the new CPD law to be sent to anyone who may need to re-word their brick.

Membership – We want to be able to start our renewal membership drive soon.

#### To do's:

- ✓ Beth will redesign our logo (remove HPRN reference)
- ✓ Draft letter summarizing our successes of 2004 and plans for 2005 & membership renewal form
- ✓ Include brick form - state it must be returned by 3/1/05 to be included in the park – the form will also have acceptable examples for language on bricks
- ✓ Include information about D.O.G.S. (Doggie on-line garage sale)
- ✓ Maybe include magnet which contains all our vital info

### D.O.G.S. – Doggie On-line Garage Sale - ebay

- ✓ Garage sale will collect items until 4/1/05.
- ✓ Beth will create inventory forms to be used for tracking/information on each item and instructions forms to be placed on collection boxes. We will also need to have rubber bands and tape available.
- ✓ We will establish drop off points with local merchants. The following members will contact the business to see if they can partner with us in this fundraising effort. Dogone Fun – Stephanie D., Dr. B – Mary, Dr. Drach – Teri, Chicago Community Bank (Roy) - Gail
- ✓ Each business contact will be responsible for checking in with the business owner at least once a week to see if items need to be picked up.
- ✓ Teri – inventory management (initial form needs to go to Teri – it can be left with doorman or at cleaners
- ✓ Beth – ebay management
- ✓ Wendy C. – photographer – call Wendy to schedule a time to take picture
- ✓ Wendy I. may be able to store some items in her garage
- ✓ Stephanie SB is available to pick up items.
- ✓ Please try and get an article placed in your condo association newsletter and/or on condo bulletin boards. (Kristine will take care of 910 building)
- ✓ Where else can this be promoted? Chicago Land Tails, local TV channels, radio, pet related websites????
- ✓ Most likely will use 5 day auction

***Have a safe and happy New Year!***

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 1/13/05, at Kristine's house – 910 S. Michigan Ave #1313. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm.**