

DogPAC Board of Directors Meeting

May 14, 2009

MINUTES

1169 S. Plymouth Lynda's
Present: SD, DM, LY, BP, BS, DF
Absent: W\

DG called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Agenda Review

- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Recruitment/Fund Raising
- Data Base
- Adverstisement
- Park Business
- Party
- Website Update
- June Agenda

Minutes

- Approval of March minutes, April Minutes approval deferred to next meeting

Treasurer's Report

- Reimbursement forms were provided and BS reimbursed for website, voice mail expenses. LY to send BP invoice for business cards for reimbursement.
- Debit cards were distributed to BP, DF and BS. Any use of cards to be emailed to BP quickly so she can keep track of purchases and account balance. BP will inquire about establishing PINS for Debit Cards. BP also will set up internet account and distribute access information to DF and BS
- Did we approve transferring an amount to checking to cover new expenses? If so, how much? Can't remember.
- Proposal to add debit card usage rules and spending limits to the Bylaws (on agenda for June)
- DM will obtain mailbox key from GM to be another person to check mail.
- 2009 Budget tabled to Item #1 at June meeting

Recruitment/Fund Raising

- BP reported that memberships for 2008 were 19, so far this year we only have 3. LY had sent out renewal letters but 14 returned with wrong address. LY will note these for her records.
- DF emphasized that memberships are really key to maintaining DogPAC as a viable organization. All agreed and membership will be a primary focus this Spring and Summer,
- DM noted the Fetch mailing list might be a good source of new memberships, perhaps devoting an issue just to that.
- Since Tour de Dog received no support from SLN, decision to postpone event until fall, though start planning in July and shorten route. Dog washes for July and August, no dates set.

Data Base

- After discussion of longstanding complications of having 2 databases, DF recommended consolidating the databases into one MySQL database that all board member would have access to. DF and BS will explore this and how it could be implemented.

Advertisement

- With LY move and SG second, Board approved placement of ¼ page ad in Chicago Journal's Summer Fun Guide. (5-1)

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Park Business

- Poo Bags: DF will call Fioretti's office to inquire about status of bags and dispensers he promised to install
- When available, bags can be obtained at 26th and King Drive
- LY discussed labels for dispensers and method to attach them. She will wait for new SLDogPAC email to be set up before having them printed.
- To check with WI on status of Poo pickup signs.
- Clean up at GBP: DM picking up on weekends and sweeping gravel as needed, at least until next winter ☺
- BP received latches for lockbox at GBP. Gave to DF who will install one and LY will store the extra 4.
- Brick order status in limbo. LY will call representative and follow up on installation date.
- Coliseum Park: Needs banner, and weather-proof information board to post Dog PAC info. SD suggested and will explore installing a low mesh fence along park fence to minimize trash blowing into the park and to help keep it clean and block less desirable view. SD and DF to make up tentative wish list for Coliseum improvements to submit to board for review.

Party

- SD organizing food for May 29 party. SD and WI will coordinate selection of snack food and where to purchase. No hot food since there is no place to heat it up.
- As of 5/14 approximately 25 attendees. DM will send out second reminder invite for party. Impossible to get count since so many don't RSVP and decide at the last minute.
- Motion and approval of bone plaque to honor Gail, with slight revisions to the text. Cost limit \$ ____? DM to take pics of board to help determine placement. Motion and approval to donate \$50 to Greyhound Rescue to honor Mary's longstanding support.

Website/Email update

- DF and BS working to finalize website to go online. Plan to use RSS (?) so board members will have full access to post and edit information on web pages. Suggested additions to include a calendar widget and access to a resource directory application.
- Also discussed transferring our email account from Yahoo to our website. BS to explore.
- Some design implementations (signs and labels) will not be finished until email and website addresses finalized.

June Meeting Agenda: June 4th, location TBD

1. 2009 Budget
2. Coliseum Park planning
3. Website migration
4. Brick Order Update
5. Membership database implementation

Respectfully Submitted by

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