

**South Loop Dog PAC Board Meeting
February 17, 2005
41 E. 8th St. #2107**

Present: Gail Merritt (GM), Beth Schipke (BS), Mike Schipke (MS), Wendy Ito (WI), Wayne Fron (WF)
Key: initials in italics indicate who acted or motioned/seconded

1. **Call to order** 6:50 pm *GM*
2. **Approval of January 27, 2005 board meeting minutes** *BS/WF*
3. **Treasurer's Report** – *WF*: Total 2005 Income: \$2278.50, Total 2005 Expense: \$1111.46, Net Income: \$1167.04
4. **President's Report** – *GM*
 - A. **Spin off Status:** The South Loop Neighbor's board said they will have someone to consult with in regards to their concerns within 10 days from 02/13/05.
Our 501(C)3 status is delayed because the lawyers have been too busy to file (dragging his feet). Gail has been in contact. She will push for a date of completion. If the lawyer can't give us a date, we will pursue new counsel.
Petco Foundation – the proposal hasn't been submitted yet because we can't do it without the federal status.
 - B. **Insurance:** Wayne raised questions about policy stating only 1 event per year, and can meetings/events with non-members still be covered under the policy. Gail will check on these.
Wayne said we should go ahead with purchasing this policy, we can shop around and get something else next year if needed.
WE COULD NOT VOTE ON THIS DECISION BECAUSE A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD WAS NOT PRESENT.
 - C. **Voting:** Relating to the above vote, a discussion was held as to whether or not we could conduct a vote via email. Those present decided that we'd need to change the bylaws to do this, which also requires a majority vote. We tabled the vote until the end of the meeting, hoping Stephanie SB would arrive to provide the majority needed for voting.
 - D. **Brick Forms:** 1000 new forms were printed as a donation by Palmer Printing.
 - E. **Brick Re-do's:** All bricks that were rejected by the park got a letter, a membership card, and a renewal form if they were already a member.
 - F. **Community Mtg:** The joint community meeting with Bob O'Neil and Lara Khoury will be held on Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm. Bob O'Neil will bring pictures for projection, and a dog cake. Wendy and Gail will bring beverages, Beth will bring cookies, Wayne will bring fruit. Gail will bring dogpac propaganda. All board members should hang signs in their area. (Beth will send via email.)

Meeting Agenda:

Park design review

2005 dogpac events:

Dogs of the South Loop Calendar

Winter playday/indoor dog wash – don't mention at mtg – TBD

Grand Opening/Family Portrait

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Playing safe in dog parks – awareness/preparation **Mike to make copy of article

5. **D.O.G.S. – BS:** Beth had some problems with shipping the football, it did get out. There are a few items still to be listed but Beth needs to get accurate descriptions from Gail. Records from Wendy C – board decided they won't get much on Ebay, suggest taking them to a record store to sell.

We have received many large items. Dogone Fun has agreed to let us use their back space to host an indoor rummage sale. The conditions were that we could set up on Saturday afternoon, have the sale Sunday, and be out of the space by Monday. Gail will check if it's possible to store the items in unused space. If we are to put on a sale, we will need board members to agree to help with set up, sales and take down. We decided to try a rummage sale for these large items instead of Craigs List.

Some donors asked that we pick up the items. We agreed that we will only accept large items for pickup that fit in Gail's van.

Porky animation cel – Gail got a good response from art dealers to sell it on consignment. It has a retail value of around \$850, so we should be able to get around \$400 for it with this method.

6. **Benefit Events : Butchers Dog -** Mary Gawenda has been unable to get in touch with Butchers Dog owner in regards to the St. Patty's Day event. We will still go forward with sharing a cover charge & promotion for the event if they are reachable.

Bar Louie – the ownership has agreed to host another event for us if we'd like to. The board in attendance felt this was a good idea based on past success. We do have several items we could use in another auction. We discussed doing it at the beginning of April. WE NEED A MAJORITY VOTE TO DECIDE THIS LOCATION FOR AN EVENT.

Cooking Competition – Gail spoke with Heath, he will speak with the Executive Chef to see if there is enough interest to pursue this further. He is supposed to respond to Gail by 2/21/05.

7. **Dogs of the South Loop Calendar:** We decided to hold an auction to determine the featured dogs. The highest 18 bidders would win. This would be on Ebay or a simple one on our web site. (Details to be worked out later.) The pictures will be taken by a professional photographer. **We still need to secure the photographer. Possibles include Family Portrait photographer or Sheri from Petraits. The calendar will be 16-18 months, with a target release date of either July or September.
8. **Membership:** Mike is still entering data into the new database. Wendy Ito will take over to finish the job. She will maintain the data and make updates for renewals, new members, etc.
9. **Website:** It was decided that only lifetime members will get recognition on our web site. Beth will update the membership page. Beth suggested we recognize our lawyers on the web site. It was decided that won't be done till after we've gotten our status.
10. **Board Meetings:** Several members were not in attendance. An effort needs to be made to set times that a majority can make, and that everyone make those meetings. To that end, it was decided that - the secretary will send out a notice at the beginning of the week of the meeting. Board members will respond to confirm their attendance. If less than 6 people confirm the meeting, the secretary will reschedule.
11. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 2nd, 1244 S. State (Wendy Ito's).
12. **Meeting Adjourned:** 9:30 *WI/MS*