

Dartmouth – Dog Advisory Work Group

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Tuesday – June 25, 2013 – Minutes

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President Rick Oliveira called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the following Board members present: Rick Rodrigues, Lee Ann Quint, Bev Reed, Janice Rogers, Sandy Gosslin, and Jo-Anne Gallant.

The minutes from the May 28, 2013 meeting were discussed with several revisions, but without a quorum, the minutes could not be approved.

#### I. Stanton Foundation Grant

Rick O. reviewed the time and place of the Stanton Foundation Grant Meeting: June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Town Hall in the Park and Recreation Room. Several members of the board planned to attend. Then Rick informed the board of a phone call he made to one of the organizers of the dog park in New Orleans who offered some fund raising advice. First of all, they “sold” items for the park, such as benches, dog bag dispensers, water fountains, and fence sections to sponsors as one means of securing money. In addition, they held several events and with both methods they were able to raise the \$450,000 that they needed to build the park. The second piece of advice was advertise, advertise, and advertise! They sold tee shirts and had posters with the park logo. Finally, we were told to be patient as it wasn’t until about the four and a half year mark that everything began to come together. After we complete the Stanton Foundation Grant and have the architect’s sketch, we need to investigate the prices of some of the items we want for our park so they can be “sold” as in New Orleans to sponsors. Even if we are successful with the grant, we will still need to fund raise as we need the complete amount before we can get the go ahead to begin work.

#### II. Face book – Lee Ann

Lee Ann will post our meeting schedule on Face book.

#### III. Website – John

John was not in attendance.

#### IV. Treasurer’s Report

Rick R. opened a checkbook account with \$325.00 from the board. After spending \$79.00 for business checks, and adding a \$50.00 donation from Rick O. we have a balance of \$296.00. The account is with Bank of America on Faunce Corner Road in Dartmouth. The first month is free but subsequent months are \$16.00. Our Post Office Box is also set, with Rick R. covering the rental cost for the first year.

## V. Cow Drop Fund Raiser

Sandy has offered the use of her arena for the Cow Drop Fund Raiser Event. The arena is 175 feet by 100 feet, and we will need to decide how we want the arena divided. Once the number and size of the squares has been decided, we need to sell numbered tickets, at \$20 a square, with each number corresponding to a specific square in the arena. We will use agricultural lime to divide the arena just before the event, and Sandy will have access to a cow. The funds raised are split 50-50 with the individual on whose square the cow does his business. Additional ways to raise money on the day of the event were discussed. One suggestion was to sell purchase \$200 worth of lottery scratch tickets and raffle the scratch tickets off at \$1.00 a chance. Selling tickets for a 50-50 raffle with one for a dollar and an arm's length for \$10.00 was another suggestion. Food and drinks can also be sold. Sandy knows a hot dog vendor (Randy) who might be willing to work the event and donate a portion of his proceeds. Inviting a radio station to broadcast from the event was suggested with WSAR and Fun 107 being suggested. Sandy may also be able to offer pony rides, but needs to check with her insurance provider first. She will also inquire as to which town permits will be required for the event. The suggested time and date was Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 2:00 pm. Sandy has the ability to print the tickets on her computer and Rick O. has a laminating machine if need be.

## VI. Wine Tasting Event

Information will be available at the next meeting.

## VII. Do we want to have a July meeting?

The members present decided a July meeting would be prudent since the Cow Drop Fund Raiser will be in October.

## VIII. Anything for the Good of the Organization

Once meeting minutes are approved, it is necessary for a copy to be sent to Lynn Medeiros at the Town Hall. Her email address is on the Town's website.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Anne Gallant

