

Dartmouth – Dog Advisory Work Group

Tuesday – May 27, 2014 – Minutes

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I. Call to order – Rick Oliveira called the meeting to order with the following members in attendance: Diane, Rick R., Lee Ann, Bev, Sandy, and Jo-Anne. DARTMOUTH TOWN CLERK

II. Reports

The minutes from the April meeting were accepted as read. Rick gave the treasurer's report, noting we have \$487.34 in the account. He indicated we now have the ability to accept credit cards via his phone. The widget is not yet working but the credit card can be keyed in manually. He will return to the bank to have the widget issue resolved.

III. Old Business

A. Pet Fest at Buttonwood Park – Rick/Bev

Rick thanked the ladies for managing the booth for the day. Bev reported that we made \$100 on the basket raffles, and credited Karen for her efforts. Bev delivered one of the baskets to the Lakeville winner via a friend who works at Kyler's Seafood. Diane has contacted the second winner but they have not yet connected. Everyone we spoke to seemed pleased to hear that the dog park may become a reality soon.

B. Town meeting – open for discussion

Bev brought the list of town meeting members by precinct and distributed them to the members present. Jo-Anne handed out a prepared script for potential use when calling making calls. It was decided that between now and Monday, we would each make calls to encourage the town meeting members to vote for the CPC agenda item concerning the dog park. Diane reported that Deborah Wender had emailed her to encourage DDAWG board members to attend the town meeting to answer any potential questions. Diane assured her we would be there and asked about handouts. Deborah referred her question to the town clerk, who said handouts are permitted. Diane agreed to condense the CPC proposal to a single sheet and have it printed so that they could be distributed to town meeting members. Board members who plan to attend the town meeting will need to sit on the right hand side of the auditorium. Rick R., who is a town meeting member, explained that Buddy Baker-Smith would discuss the article and the Finance and Select boards would then report on how they voted on it. The town moderator would ask for discussion and if need be, Deborah or Tim may speak. Questions from the floor are then taken, and there may be a specific question for a DDAWG board member. The article then goes to a vote. There are 334 members, but not everyone attends. A quorum is usually around 280, so it was suggested Diane have 300 flyers available.

C. Greater New Bedford United Way Mini Grant – Rick

Rick e-mailed Claudia Kickland to inquire as to the status of our application and was told we should hear by Friday. If we receive the grant, it is usually awarded at a soiree in early June, but Rick does not yet know the date.

D. Applebee's Fund Raiser – Karen

As Karen is not here, we do not yet know the results of our Applebee's fund raiser. Rick suggested we contact Fay's Restaurant, as they also do a donation night. Since we will be at the 350<sup>th</sup> celebration of Padanaram on July 26<sup>th</sup>, it would be great to have a date after the event. Rick will contact Fay's and try for the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. If Fay's is not available, we will try the 99 Restaurant.

#### E. Farm Fun Day Event – Sandy/Diane

Diane was able to get the raffle tickets donated by Mallard Printing from Fall River. Bev commented that the event location was not on the ticket. Diane indicated everyone received a sample, but no one responded with any suggestions. Bev indicated we all need to do so in the future. The board discussed when to begin selling the Cow Chip Casino tickets, and decided the 350<sup>th</sup> event would be a great time to promote the Farm Day. Rick will have the posters done and laminated for the August meeting, but one will be available for the July Padanaram event. We should publicize the event in the Chronicle either the last week of September or the first week of October. The Standard Times was also suggested, provided there is a reduced rate for non-profit organizations. Rick O. asked Sandy about room for potential vendors, and was told there would be an area that could accommodate about 10 tables if the tables are about 6-8 feet in length. Diane will coordinate vendors, and it was decided to charge the vendors \$20. Sandy will need help on Friday breaking down the panel sections to prepare for the event. Rick R. apologized that he would not be available since his wife booked their vacation and it included that weekend. Others agreed to help. Sandy will ask Randy, a food vendor, to be available. She will also ask her husband to judge the Cow Chip Casino. Limited parking will be available on the property, but cars can park on the street and possibly at the fire station, provided the doors are not blocked. Sandy will ask the fire department for permission. In addition to the auction table, dog costume contest, and casino event, several games were suggested, such as a potato sack race, three legged race, pie eating contest, and hula hoop contest. We will need to have various small prizes for the children, with participant ribbons as well.

#### F. Nutro Pet Food and Petco Foundation – Rick

The Nutro Grant has been cancelled this year, and Rick opted to wait until after the town vote before applying for the Petco Foundation grant.

#### G. Wal-Mart Grant – Jo-Anne

Jo-Anne picked up the Wal-Mart Grant and it seems to be more of a donation rather than a grant. Once approved, you get a gift card to the store. Jo-Anne suggested we wait to apply in the fall and use the money to purchase the prizes for the Family Farm Fun Day.

#### I. Dartmouth's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Bev

We will have a table near St. Peter's Church on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. The event runs from 10 to 4, but we need to be set up at 9 am. We will need both the pop-up and the table. Diane will have another flyer and promote the restaurant fund raiser on the back. Bev's contact person, Pam Cole, suggested everyone dress in vintage clothing. The plan is to have a small pool with floating "dog-ducks" that are numbered on the bottom. The numbers each correspond to a prize. There will be lots of inexpensive prize dog-ducks, with the more valuable prizes having fewer chances. Visitors would purchase a chance for a dollar and try their luck selecting a dog.

#### IV. New business

##### A. Fundraiser at Fay's Restaurant – Rick

Rick discussed this earlier in the meeting.

##### B. E-mail address

Diane set up a yahoo email account and wants everyone to have access to it. The email address is: [Dartmouthdogpark@yahoo.com](mailto:Dartmouthdogpark@yahoo.com) The user name is dartmouthdogpark and the password was given to the board members present. Those not present will get the password at a future meeting.

C. Updated list of board members

Rick will have an updated list of board members at the next meeting.

D. Facebook and Website

Lee Ann will ask about having more than one person having access to the DDAWG Facebook account. Karen had told a board member that John was nearly done with our website as he has been working on it while in the hospital.

V. Next meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. at the town hall.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Anne Gallant