

Dartmouth – Dog Advisory Work Group
Tuesday – September 16, 2014 – Minutes

Family Farm Fun Day Planning Meeting attended by Rick O., Rick R., Bev, Diane, Sandy, Ann, Karen, and Jo-Anne

Diane, Sandy and Jo-Anne met last week to outline how the Family Farm Fun Day would be set up on the Hixville Livery property. Diane shared a sketch with the board as to where the vendors, music, auction tables, cow chip casino, pony rides, and children's game would be situated. With the position of the gate fencing, Sandy indicated the cars and parking would be away from where families would be walking.

Sandy informed the board that she has secured the food vendor truck, and that the owner, Randy, will donate a portion of his sales to DDAWG. He sells hot dogs, burgers, BLTs, chicken, cacoila, and much more. Sandy indicated she would be out of work and home at around 5:00 on Friday and would need helpers to move the gate fencing. Several board members volunteered and offered to bring others to help as well. Sandy will also talk to Melinda Abreau about face painting and suggested Krystal from the Humane Society may be another possibility. Sandy also indicated she has a PA system that we could use.

Diane informed the board that the Port-a-John has been ordered. It will arrive on Friday and be picked up Monday so in the event of rain on Saturday, it would be available for the Sunday as well. The company is out of New Bedford, and will call one hour before delivery. Diane indicated she and Jo-Anne would meet the company and be sure the placement is correct.

Also discussed was the number of volunteers needed on the 18th. Diane suggested we have 2 handle the parking, 2 the children's games, and 2 to 3 for the Chinese auction. Sandy indicated she could handle the pony rides by herself, but if there was someone available to collect the \$2 donation, it would be helpful. She has helmets for the riders and indicated her ponies are very gentle walkers. We should also have the DDAWG table set up with 1 volunteer to answer any questions about the dog park.

The cow chip casino will be set up in a grassy area beside the house. Diane and Jo-Anne will do the lining and numbering on Friday afternoon. We will have to post the rules so there is no confusion if the cow does his business over more than one square. Sandy has two cows, Stumpy and George, to put onto the field and whichever cow goes first will determine the winner.

For the auction table, we will use a single sheet with 25 detachable tickets that all have the same number. We will have one stub with the name and address that we keep and possibly a door prize stub. So far we have a grooming certificate, several dog baskets and blankets, but we need more raffle items, especially non dog themed ones, as not everyone coming will have a dog. Various board members will ask the following businesses to donate: a nail salon, Me and Ed's Restaurant, Riccardi's Restaurant, and Emma Jean's Bakery.

We do not have a lot of vendors at this time. Diane has a dog masseuse and is waiting to hear from Pretty Paws Dog Bakery. Dr. Kate had at one meeting suggested one of her tech vets could do nail clipping, but as she is not here, we do not know if that will happen.

The line-up for the day includes the following: at 1:30, the dog costume contest, at 2:00 the Cow Chip Casino, and at 2:30 the raffle announcements. Children's games will be ongoing, as would the pony rides, until 2:00 pm.

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Sandy will ask Jan, at the town hall, if a bake table is allowed, and will ask Jackie and Amy, two friends, one of whom is a vet, if they would be willing to judge the costume contest. She will also ask Brian Lowry, who writes a pet column for the Standard Times, to be a celebrity judge.

We then discussed signs and where it would be most beneficial to place them. We will have 6 to put out on private property. Sandy, Lee Ann, Bev, Rick O., Rick R., and Karen all suggested locations where they know they could place a sign. Diane will have as many signs made as she can.

We will also publicize the event on our own Dartmouth Dog Park Face Book page and try to have all the area groups, such as Southcoast Humane Society, D.C.TV, New Bedford Guide, Dartmouth Guide, Anchor Animal Hospital, etc. repost it. Jo-Anne will contact the area newspapers.

Our next meeting will be our regularly scheduled meeting on September 23rd, at 7:00 pm. in room 315.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Anne Gallant