

Dartmouth – Dog Advisory Work Group  
Tuesday – September 23, 2014 – Minutes

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I. Welcome

Rick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Rick O., Rick R., Diane, Bev, Karen, Lee Ann and Jo-Anne. Rick welcomed Denise Levesque, a friend of Sandy's, and thanked her for joining us.

II. Minutes

There were no minutes available, but they will be ready for our next meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report

Rick reported that our balance is \$602.17. He received a \$20 vendor check for our event, and was asked to have a check available for \$155.00 for the Port-a-John company at the next meeting. In addition, Bev turned in some checks for cow chip casino tickets. IV. Family Farm Fun Day Event

A. Ticket sales for Cow Chip Casino

Rick R. and Bev have sold all their tickets and turned in their money. Everyone else is still selling tickets, but Rick O., Diane and Jo-Anne indicated they only had a few left to sell. The Cow Chip Casino will net a \$500 profit if every ticket is sold.

B. PR – Bev, Jo-Anne

Bev was asked to contact radio stations to ask if they will mention the event on air, but was uncertain as to how to go about doing so. It was suggested that she check out the radio stations' web sites, and perhaps there was a way to email the stations. Jo-Anne will be contacting the local papers about advertizing the event. Another Face Book possibility that may reach a different crowd is the "You know you're from Dartmouth when...." site. Posters will be placed on community bulletin boards at Stop and Shop, Panera Bread, and our area Dartmouth places. Several other suggestions were made such as Go Fetch and Down to Earth in New Bedford. Discussed was having flyers sent home with Dartmouth School children, but it was decided that we shouldn't do that this year.

C. Volunteers

Bev and her friend, Rick O., Lee Ann, her husband, daughter and her boyfriend, Denise, Diane and Jo-Anne will all be available to help set up Friday night. Bev, Rick O., Lee Ann, Diane and Jo-Anne will be there on Saturday as well. Karen indicated she had a good number of family members, and some girls from her Girl Scout troop willing to help on Saturday. Karen also offered her 30 cup coffee maker so that we could have coffee for the volunteers in the morning.

D. Vendors and activities

We still have more room for vendors. In lieu of face painting, Karen suggested we purchase temporary tattoos that her girl could put on for children. We will be able to have a baked goods table! Karen, Lee Ann, Bev, and Rick O. (wife) will all donate individually wrapped baked goods. For games, we have sack races, stick horse races, and pumpkin tossing. There is a package of carnival games that includes prizes at Oriental Trading that the board decided Karen have the authority to purchase if it seems worthwhile.

#### E. Donations for raffles

Suggestions were made for non-dog themed baskets for the raffle. Bev will try to put together a car themed one with wax, cleaner, sponges, air fresheners etc. Other suggestions were a football themed basket, and a wine basket with both a red and white wine and two glasses. Denise will contact Hannoush Jewelers, Wasabi Restaurant, Caddy Shack, Lickety Splits, Westport Tire and several other places for gifts or certificates. Lee Ann will have a certificate from Emma Jean's, a cupcake bakery in Fairhaven, and will do a basket herself and have a friend make another basket. Karen will do a scrapbooking basket, and work on getting some gift certificates. Rick R. will ask a local barbershop for a gift certificate. Rick O. will try local family owned restaurants and Aaron's Pool and Spa's. He already has a dog grooming certificate. Karen will try to get some certificates from Wonderbowl, Ocean's Golf, and Flagship Cinema to do a family fun basket. Jo-Anne also plans on trying Dartmouth businesses for gift certificates. Diane has numerous baskets and blankets that her sister donated for the raffle. Honey Dew Donuts could possibly donate donuts for the workers on Saturday morning.

#### V. Accountant

A discussion was held about our tax free status and our need to find an accountant to assist us with tax filings. We have had no difficulty with the Attorney General filings, the Federal Government filings or the paperwork for the Secretary of the State. However, as we grow, our finances will be more complex, and it would be helpful to have an accountant to advise us. Rick O. and Diane will both contact accountants they know for advice, Stephanie Wheeler and Michael Falcon respectively. Steve Riccardi was also suggested by Bev as a possibility.

#### VI. For the good of the organization

Diane offered her home to put together the baskets for the auction on the night of October 13<sup>th</sup>. We can get together, have a potluck dinner and finalize the items for the Chinese auction table. Despite it being Columbus Day, Lee Ann still has to work, so we decided on 5:30 as a start time.

#### VII. Next meetings

It was decided that we should continue to meet weekly until the event. The dates of upcoming meetings will be on the following Wednesdays: October 1st, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### VIII. Adjournment -- The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Anne Gallant