

Minutes of the Tri-City Dog Park Society September 5th, 2012

Call to order: A monthly meeting of the Tri-City Dog Park Society was held at the POPP building, Richland, WA on September 5, 2012. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m., President Dave Cazier presiding, and Alexandra Olson, acting secretary.

Board attending: Dave Cazier, President; Bill Bell, VP; Alexandra Olson, Sec.

Members in attendance: Alicia Certain, Sami Crawford, Vicki Dahl, Jan Davis, Eric Fahsl, Tom Marocchini, Debbie Sackmann and Kristi Thompson.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of August meeting not approved due to unavailability.

Old business

Treasurer's report

For the period from 08/02/2012 to 09/04/2012, there was \$142.75 in income from memberships and donations, and .85 expense from Paypal fees. The total of all TCDPS accounts totaled \$7,607.00.

Parks Department

Water Installment: Dave Cazier suggested a different location for the water outlet to the large dog park which would require less piping (and labor). Dave Bryant of the Parks Dept. would need to approve the change as it would deviate from the master plan of the park.

Other Improvements: Rotary has plans to install a gazebo in the large dog park.

Fundraising report

Report on Fundraising/Goals BBQ: Bill Bell reports that at the barbecue it was agreed upon that by 10/31/2013, TCDPS would try to increase bank account to \$15,000, have 325 members. We also to have 400 people at this years' Pooch Plunge.

New Fundraising Projects: Bill Bell reported that he hasn't done much with the Dog Dessert project.

Thought of asking City of Richland to add an option to check a box and donation to TCDPS along with dog license fee. Tom Marocchini said things were running smoothly with the Pancake Feed on Oct. 6th.

Tom said he would try a Pennies for Puppies fundraiser at his old school.

New developments

Halloween Dog Parade: postponed until next year.

New Business

Park Issues

Waste: Jen from Parks wanted park users to check whether all dog park garbage cans were emptied daily. No volunteers.

Kids & new signs: New signs are up, thanks to a donation by Jan Davis. However, young kids are still in

the park, along with unaltered dogs.

Sod: Erosion is a problem in the large dog park. Suggestions included sod replacement (a possible Eagle Scout project) and additional trees/shrubs to be planted. Also, erosion by the bottom gate in the large dog park allows smaller dogs to escape. No ideas how to control this problem that would still allow city mowers to pass. Alexandra agreed to discuss erosion problems with Dave Bryant.

Park mood: park rule violators oblivious, rule followers disgruntled.

Media Update

Eric Fahsl and Alicia Certain have been working on a revised website using Juma web design.

Dave Cazier has radio spot on Kona about TCDPS and the Pooch Plunge.

Pooch Plunge

The 3rd annual TCDPS Pooch Plunge will be at Howard Amon Park, Sept. 8-9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per dog, per day. Set up is at 7:00 a.m. Sat. The City of Richland will supply fencing and stakes. TCDPS will supply twist ties, and 'gates'. All shifts of registration desk, set up and take down are covered. In addition, T-shirts and memberships will be sold, as well as tickets to the Pancake Breakfast. There will be a silent auction with 28 items. Dock Dogs will have a table. The vendors will be Latte Lovin Espresso, Bow Wow Cakes, and Weiny Dog Clothes.

Next Meeting: October 3rd, 6:30 p.m. at the POPP building, 524B Railroad St. in Richland.