

**Tri-City Dog Park Society
Board Meeting
6:30pm Wednesday, May 1, 2013
Held At Richland Library**

Attending Board:

Dave Cazier, President, Lynsey Hyson, Secretary, Alexandra Olsen, Treasurer

Attending Memberships:

Sami Crawford, Peggy Jennings, Judy West

Old Business:

***Treasurer's Report:**

Income: \$225.00 (Donations and dues)

Expenses: \$1.40 (PayPal)

Balances

Checking: \$5,079.05

PayPal: \$348.83

Savings: \$7,691.66

Total: \$13,194.54

*We have 8 new members and 135 current members.

*Minutes were approved from April

***Parks Department:**

*Gates will be in by May 10th per Phil.

*The new signs seem to be working and we have less rule breakers entering the dog park.

*The sod the boy scouts put in was dying but we have managed to save it by watering it a lot every day.

*The rotary gazebo will be in by the first week of May.

*Dave asked Jen if we could put up a board along the dog park fence to post events and other things instead of putting in a kiosk. We could spray paint it bright so it stands out.

*May 7th a contractor will be announced by the city of Richland to re do Englewood.

*A new water meter will be installed on the west fence line.

Fundraisers:

*We only raised \$14.15 at Jenny's Hope

*The puptown walk is May 18th at the Uptown. Sami and Lynsey will have a membership table there.

*We are starting to plan for our annual pooch plunge. Most likely will be the weekend of September 6th. Alexandra will contact vendors (Between the Bun, a photo booth and a psychic) to see if anyone of them would be interested. We discussed getting a big banner made to display at the entrance of Howard Amon park to advertise.

*We also brought up the idea of a Octoverfest beer garden event at the dog park for members only or charge a fee at the gate. We will ask Phil about doing this. It can be another big event we do with a band and other vendors.

Parks partnership program:

*We submitted our proposal and were awarded the \$5,000 from the city of Richland. We have 6 months to start our projects and a year to finish them, so by May 2014.

*We discussed if we want to volunteer our time to re do the entry way or pay to have a contractor do it. Everyone is on the fence. We also discussed using a contractor to do the heavy work and the dog park users do all the planting to help with some of the cost.

*We need to find good foliage for the dog park project. Boxwoods were brought up and putting a big boulder there too.

New Business

Rules & RMC:

*The rules need some tweaking. We need to add that all dogs must be spayed or neutered. We should also add no smoking in the dog park. People are being inconsiderate and littering there cigarette butts all over the park.

Membership:

*Its time to start doing membership drives at the dog park.

Media:

*Eric is working on keeping our domain name.

*Facebook is getting a lot better.

Open discussion:

*The board has decided to start doing a quarterly appreciation to honor a member who goes above and beyond. This quarter was Sami Crawford.

Next Meeting:

*Wednesday, June 5th at 6:30pm

*Richland parks & Rec, tentatively

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.