

**Tri-City Dog Park Society  
Board Meeting  
6:30pm Wednesday, October 3, 2013  
Held At Sharehouse Coffee**

**Attending Board:**

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

**Attending Memberships:**

Charlene Clark, Peggy Jennings, Aimee Oropeza

**Old Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income: \$2,905.00 (Pooch Plunge and Dues)

Expenses: \$5,082.66 (2 fountains, PO Box and pay pal fees)

**Balances**

Checking: \$1,697.89

PayPal: \$169.16

Savings: \$10,478.77

Total: \$12,345.82

\*Minutes were approved from September

\*We have 118 members current in dues. We have 13 new members and 2 from the Pooch Plunge.

**Media:**

\*Eric was not at our meeting but did send an e-mail stating we had one of our busiest months. We had 499 site visits compared to 378 last month. Visits from cities ranked as: Kennewick, Seattle, Richland and Pasco.

\*Eric wants to update photos so Dave will link Eric on photo stream to get photos.

\*Facebook has 400 users. We discussed making a members only Facebook page since the posts are becoming more unnecessary and still keeping our other page for non members to use for there rants.

**Parks Department:**

\*No new development on the rules update.

\*Englewood roadwork is done and open as is Yokes.

\*Phil has ordered the fountains and they should be installed in two weeks time. The water at the dog park will be shut off for the winter so the pipes don't freeze.

\*Alexandra wants to ask Phil if we can get city mulch to fill in the holes at the dog park. This mulch is free to us.

\*Irrigation is on and fully functional now, but the small dog park is really dry.

\*Fences should have been fixed and completed by Wednesday evening. As of 5:00pm this was not done.

**Pooch Plunge:**

\*We had 460 people and 350 dogs at the plunge this year. We had more business on Sunday compared to Saturday.

\*The feedback is: Advertising was great and free so we should continue doing this next year to get the word out. We discussed purchasing 2 sandwich boards to use for events and that would cost \$40-\$100 per board. The Tri Tech students were no shows on both days except for a few girls. Next year we should not depending on using them for help and gather more dog park volunteers. However use them for set up and take down. We also agreed that next year we should have the pool water drained and refilled. The parks dept should next year provide us with a recycle bin. Also having music was a huge hit.

\*Some vendors were no shows and having them there is a cost to us. We pay a \$10 licenses fee, so next year we should have the vendors pay a \$10 deposit that is refundable if they show up. That way if they don't show up it is they're loss not ours. Between the Buns and the Harness people did really well.

\*We need new orange fencing and fiber glass post. We can get 4 rolls of fencing at 50 ft each for \$168 and we need about 200 feet. The posts are 20 for \$50, so the cost for both would be about \$355.

#### **Fundraisers:**

\*Petsmart was a bust we made nothing.

\*Shakey's we think was a success. No figure yet on what we made but Shakey's seemed happy with our turn out. This event was easy and we want to do it again.

\*Lynsey will go to Gordon Estates and find out how much it will cost to have a members only mixer there. We will have to have a meeting somewhere to discuss our options.

\*Between the Buns will do an event at their establishment like we did at Shakey's. They will even fence off their parking lot so we could bring our dogs. We are not sure about that though due to the fact they are off a busy street and if dogs get loose it could mean trouble.

#### **New Business**

\*We have 12 boxes of 300 left of poop bags. We discussed ordering more and took a vote and agreed to order more. **\*\*\*Alexandra e-mailed me 10-4 stating she ordered three cases of poop bags. The cost was \$234.00 for a total of 3600 bags.\*\*\***

\*We discussed doing new t-shirts. Keep our logo but do different color shirts. We also discussed changing the membership fees. Memerships no t-shirt \$20 or \$30 with shirt.

#### **Open discussion:**

\* Dave took the extra rocks that were used for landscaping at the dog park.

\*Charlene brought up making punch cards to give to new membership sign ups as an incentive. We would have local business have a discount of some kind as a punch. Charlene will look into this and talk to business.

\*We need to update how to get to the dog park on our website.

#### **Next Meeting:**

\*Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30pm

\*Sharehouse Coffee Shop

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm**