

Evansville Dog Owners Group  
Board Meeting  
March 24, 2015  
North Park Library

In attendance: President Lauren App, Vice President Aaron Schultheis, Secretary Alice Rademacher, Treasurer Carla Kleinschmidt, Membership Chair Deb Wozniak, Banner Chair Pam Arnold and Board Members Kim Schapker, Audrey Schapker, Matt Niemeier, and Sarah Niemeier.

Lauren opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Current balance is \$2,888.60 with another \$1685 designated for the building.

**Membership:** Current count is 150.

**New Business:**

- PC Pound Puppies -Greg Dewes [gd644@aol.com](mailto:gd644@aol.com) fosters for PC Pound Puppies and inquired about using the park. Last year, Deb paid for two memberships for PC Pound Puppies to use the park on Sundays when they are at PetFood Center and need to stretch their legs. Deb responded to Greg and told him how much memberships were and did not hear back from him. Some were concerned that the gate code might get passed around and things could get out of control. Deb will send a letter to Brenda (in charge of PC) and express our concerns when we change the code.
- A motion was made (Alice/Pam) to pay Home Depot the \$1,685 that we have on hand designated for the building. Motion passed.
- Lawncare – we are currently spending \$2090.00/year on contracted mowing. Our goal with the building is to mow with our own mower to save money in the long run and improve the number of times we mow to keep up when its growing like crazy. Matt Niemeier works for a Magnum mower distributor and is able to obtain a \$7000 mower for under \$3950 for a non profit to include a 5 year warranty. Our payments will be \$83/month for 48 months. However the loan will have to be in a person's name. Alice Rademacher put the building loan in her name and has not had any trouble. She is not willing to add the lawnmower until the building is paid off. Matt found a grant we might be able to obtain from Old National Bank which would solve our problem. Motion was made (Alice/Pam) and passed to purchase the mower pending finding someone to sign for the mower loan. Volunteer mowers include Sarah and Matt Niemeier, Pam Arnold, and Alice Rademacher. Anyone else interested is encouraged to call Lauren and let her know. Alice warned that no one be allowed to mow under the 4 inches lest we lose our good lawn that we have worked so hard for.
- Since a ramp will have to be put in place to get the mower in and out of the building we will be having a work day on April 11 from 10:00 - ?(probably 2:00 p.m.). The plan is to make a ramp out of available dirt so it will never have to be replaced. Several other items need to be addressed at the park also however we will concentrate our efforts on the ramp and accomplish other items if we have enough people show up to work. Sarah will create a poster informing members for the message board and call Alice who will laminate and install it. Deb will send out an email asking members to attend. Everyone will need to bring a shovel. Alice will bring her trailer and hopefully a repaired tractor with a front end loader. Otherwise we will haul the dirt on the trailer.
- Code change will be effective on April 25, 2015. Deb will send out the code to the membership. The code is not included in these minutes since they are posted on our website.

- Sarah will be attending a dog Easter Egg Hunt and will pass out our brochures.
- Pam expressed concern about people who are not members reaching over the gate to open it. Matt will weld a cover on which will hopefully prevent this action.

#### **Old Business**

- Concerns were expressed that a member whose membership has expired (and is banned from the park until written approval by a professional Dog Trainer is received) is still using the park illegally for the dog in question. We are hoping the code change and a warning to members will solve the situation. Members letting her and her dog in will be held liable for damages in creating a dangerous situation. Don't be afraid to say **no** when someone wants access to the park or has "forgotten" the code.
- Alice will make arrangements to reserve the library room for the rest of our meeting times through October.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Alice Rademacher, Treasurer

Attachments: Income Statement For The Year Ending December 31, 2014