

Omaha Dog Park Advocates Meeting Minutes August 10, 2011

Attendees for the meeting: Jody Blakely, Mary Gibilisco and Roger Richards.

1. We just updated Roger on what we were working on for Wag N Wine and Poochfest at the Midtown Farmers Market. Roger is from the Hanscom area and is interested in information about the parks opening date. We updated him the best we could on the status of Hansom Park.
2. Roger reported that the water fountain on the all dog side is still broken. He thought there was no water from either the top or bottom of the fountain. I told him that we had emailed/notified the city to see who needed to look at it and repair it.
3. We talked about some businesses that we could take fliers to and ask for donations for raffle items.
4. Mary suggested a Photo Contest that we could have on the website. People could take pictures of their dogs at the park and submit them. Maybe we could have a business donate something for the grand prize. People would then go to the website or Facebook to vote and it may increase the sites usage.
5. Mary also said that she had been to a pug event in the past where they had an unofficial dog race. Jessica from Pug Partners husband had made a chute and they had something for Lucky the rabbit. Jody will email her and try to get some details on how they made it. Maybe Mark could build one for the park. It would be a fun event to have a monthly or quarterly dog race with a donation for the entry fee. Maybe a good thing to incorporate with Customer Appreciation days?
6. We talked about trying to find a computer student that might be able to help with the website.
7. Mary was going to touch base with Annelle (spelling?) and see if she had any time to help with Wag N Wine. We are not sure who all will be there the day of the event to volunteer. We need people to sell tickets/register people and help with the raffle/silent auction.
8. Jody will email Angela from Urban Wine to see if they have a glass washer we could run the glasses through or if we need to wash them prior to the

event. They have been in the storage shed so they probably need to be cleaned.

9. Mary suggested that we sell the t-shirts and sweatshirts on the website. I wasn't sure if they are already on there or not. I will try to get with Bridget after Wag N Wine to see if I am able to figure out how to help with the website.