

Omaha Dog Park Advocates Meeting

Wednesday February 9, 2011

1. Linda Greene will chair the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It is the Omaha St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown on Saturday March 12th. It is a fun event you can take your dogs to. We walk in the parade and could hand out fliers for the Spring Bark in the Park.
2. The OWH has a section in the paper called Good Deeds. You can list your needs for volunteers and advertise upcoming events. We could use this for Spring Bark in the Park.
3. The Bark for Life people have a meeting next Monday and need to know if they are able to use the dog park for their event May 21st 2011. Normally we rent out the park for events for \$500. It was decided that since they are also a non-profit group, we will do an in-kind agreement. They will have a booth at the Spring Bark in the Park Event. Kris will call/email the contact person and cc Bridget. We need to sign off on any materials they print in regards to insurance/liability.
4. John and Brian have a friend who is the president of the Hanscom Park Assoc. that could possibly print our sweatshirts for us. Michelle Cartwright also has a contact with a print screen capability, so we will look into sweatshirts again. The goal being to have them to wear by the St. Patrick's Day Parade as it is usually cold! Many of us volunteers are interested in having them and we could sell at events like we currently do with the t-shirts.
5. Brian's office has a program for 5013C non-profits to petition for excess computer equipment. As laptops are replaced, they donate the old ones to non-profit groups. We would need to write a letter to the NRD to be considered. Then if one becomes available, we could get a laptop that is specifically for the ODP with all of the information we need access to in one place.
6. Ed raised some concerns regarding the plans for the Hanscom Park location. The bid has one large gated area that all dogs enter and then divide to the different areas of the park. At the He flinger location, there

was an incident where a small dog was attacked that was being carried in by its owner a few years ago. This is not a final draft, but as far as knowing the funds we need to raise for fencing, we should get the estimate for two separate entrances with double gates.

7. The Omaha Roller Girls held their first annual Black and Blue Ball December 11th. They were kind enough to donate all admission proceeds to the ODP! Kris and Michelle Donner attended the event along with Sara Bickerstaff. Kris and Sara did a presentation about the dog park. The Roller Girls would like us to come to their first event Saturday February 19th at 7pm at the MAC center in Council Bluffs to accept the check for the money they raised for us. They look forward to doing more with us in the future also!
THANKS Omaha Roller Girls!
8. We would like to plan a summer fundraising event at the Sidedoor Lounge on 35th Avenue and Leavenworth. We will work on that after the SBP!

Regarding Spring Bark in the Park Saturday April 23rd 2011

- We need to have some volunteers to chair the committees to make this event happen! Cherine and Gail volunteered to co-chair the raffle. Bridget will contact Seargants again. Michelle C. will chair the media/awareness committee as she has just finished working on a press release and has many contacts already. Jody will get her the information she has from last year. Lynne will chair the volunteers committee. She has a list of some potential volunteers. Lynne has already been talking with some area vendors and has some interest from Good Karma Dog Center and already has one raffle prize!
- Prices for the SBP event are as follows this year. Pre-registration is \$8 for a one dog family and \$15 for a two dog family. Pre-registration is available on-line through March 31st. The day of the

event prices are \$10 per dog. In the event someone comes that does not have/own a pet, they will pay \$5 and receive no goody bag.

- We discussed the cost for vendors/rescues in regards to the permits needed etc. We need to find out what NHS charges rescue groups for their Rescue Rally. Bridget will call her contact at NHS and Jody will check with her rescue friends. The girl I talked to from Boston Rescue said that the Rescue Rally was free for rescues. And this year her Spring Fling that is usually on the same day as our event is on April 17th.
- We will meet again on February 15th at the VFW on 33 & Leavenworth at 6pm. We will be meeting more frequently now in preparation for SBP.
- The vendor/rescue meeting will be Wednesday April 13th at 5:30 prior to our April monthly meeting. This is where vendors will get wristbands, maps and information they need for the event. Kris checked with the library to make sure we can meet early in April.