

Omaha Dog Park Advocates Meeting

Wednesday July 13th, 2011

1. Bridget has been working on updating the Petiquette signs with the changes we wanted to make.
2. Wag N Wine is set for August 27th at Urban Wine from 2-5pm. We have Joey Gulizia for the entertainment. He gave us \$100 off his normal rate and will already be at Urban Wine prior to our event and will just stay.
3. We will order appetizers and get the wine from Urban Wine so that the cost of the room is free. We will have 30% of the total going out to gratuity and taxes.
4. There will be six different tastings. We are working with the manager Angela to choose names of wines and beers that have dog related names. She gave us the contact information for a few vendors so we can ask them to donate some wines for us maybe.
5. Tickets are \$20 in advance (any of us can sell them). Bridget printed some tickets and several of us took some to sell. In the past, we have initialed the tickets we sold on the back of the ticket it sounded like? We also have a paper to keep track of the tickets we sell. Urban Wine will sell some for us also. The day of the event the price goes up to \$30. Ticket prices will include the 6 tastings, commemorative glass and appetizers.
6. We really need items for a raffle and silent auction and would like to have door prizes if possible also.
7. Bridget will count the glasses we have left over (with the Dog Park logo) and we can order more if we need to.
8. Bridget will put Wag N Wine on the website and blast out an email with a save the date announcement. Jody will contact Michelle C. and see if she has time to send out info to our media contacts. Bonnie knows someone who works for a local news station that she will contact also. We will also update Face Book and try to put weekly reminders on there until the event.
9. Linda asked if the Wag N Wine was going to have a theme? Great idea if anyone has any suggestions or wants to take that on.....?

10. Customer Appreciation Days will probably be moved to September since in August we have the Pooch Fest at the Midtown Farmers Market on August 20th and Wag N Wine on the 27th.
11. The summer swim at Hanscom Pool will probably not happen this year. We did have a great meeting with the city, but Melinda was called out before we could get to talk about having an end of year swim at Hanscom like NHS does at some other local pools on the last day that they are open. We would like to pursue that next year and have as an annual fundraiser.
12. Updates on Hansom Park from John:
John is working on several more grants. The big one is the Kiewit Foundation grant. The application is due Friday July 15th. We should find out if we get it or not on September 30th. It could double the funds that we have to spend on the Hanscom Park location if we get it! We are making plans with the money that we have raised (30 thousand) and then we can expand if we get the grant money.
The City bids the jobs out (like fencing, water fountains etc.) It sounds like bidding is from July 20th-August 3rd. The bids will need approval from the City Council and will be on the agenda for their meeting August 30th. We could have the issue to proceed by September 6th! So we are hoping that the new park would be open by the end of September (realistically the end of October?)

In attendance: Bridget Jansen, Jody Blakely, Bonnie Price, Mary Gibilisco, Linda Greene, John Williams, Ed Sikorski and Trish Clary.