

Omaha Dog Park Advocates
March 14, 2012 Meeting
Swanson Library
90th & Dodge 6 p.m

Present – Briget Jansen, President, Trish Clary, Treasurer, Jody Blakely VP, Lynne Newlin, Secretary, Ed Sirkoski, Jeff Lonowski & Mary Gibilisco members at Large.

Spring Bark in the Park – we have 8 rescues and 7 vendors thus far – YEAH! Flyball will be demonstrated. Still waiting to see if we can get a K9 unit and Jody will check with the red cross to see if they can do CPR demonstration. The Dawg House committed to helping out another organization on 4/21, but really wants to help us so Jody will see if maybe they can cook the food and we man a booth?

Bridget is working on getting the badge holders for the lanyards and Jeff has been tasked to find hand stamps with our logo and neon green ink to use in place of wrist bands. Jeff will also get the hats on order.

Lynne got the okay to have volunteers work in shifts from starting at 9, Noon & 3 to avoid shift changes during the event.

Bridget will get some flyers laminated so we can hang them at the parks and new info boxes will be purchased to replace the broken one at Hefflinger and to install one at Hanscom.

Next meeting will be at the 78th Street Panara Bread on March 27th @ 5:30 p.m

Park Maintenance – Bridget will be meeting with the Parks & Rec Dept. and will let them know that there are still no padlocks on the gates separating the areas at Hefflinger, that more trash cans are needed for the spots with holes cut out, that the trash cans need to be secured and that another hole needs to be cut on the North side (concession stand) of the All dog side so there is another place to throw poop. More places to throw poop away are also needed at Hanscom. Bridget was just notified today of a gate vs. concrete problem at Hanscom and will relay that to the city.

Scoop the poop signs will be ordered for Hanscom and more for Hefflinger.

The Petettique signs will be ordered once the verbiage is reviewed. Bridget is to send that out to the group so we can get those signs ordered.

Sites for Additional Dog Parks – As of January 2012, the following sites were open for dog parks

SE Omaha – Mandan

NE Omaha - Levi Carter, Miller or Fontenelle

North Center Omaha – Somerset (cannot confirm this is a park as this park is not listed on P&Rec website).

Downtown – Heartland of America Park

NW Omaha – Walnut Ridge

SW Omaha – Walnut Grove

Elkhorn – Ta Ha Zouka

Site are subject to change

If we can get home owners associations to help out we could get grant money and the parks can be created sooner.

Wag 'n Wine – Bridget is still trying to touch base with several companies. Brix really is not laid out for such an event.

Yunker's Days – Due to its proximity to SBP, we will not be participating in this.