

Omaha Dog Park Advocates
November 9, 2011 6 p.m.
Panera Bread 134th & Maple

Present – Bridget Jansen, Jody Blakely, Lynne Newlin, Trish Clary, Ed Sirkorski, Mary Gibilsco, Jeff Lonowski, John Williams, Jim Kee & Therese Pogge

Election: President – Bridget Jansen re-elected for a 2 year term
Secretary – Lynne Newlin re-elected for a 2 year term
Members as Large – Ed Sirkorski, Mary Gibilsco & Jeff Lonowski

Hanscom Grand Opening:

Jody will look for a large ribbon that paw prints can be put on as the ribbon the Mayor Cuts at noon.

We will not be doing games due to lack of volunteers

Radios will be brought in due to the fact the Husker game starts at 11:30.

John is still waiting to hear from the Marlybone about drink donation and Tammy (his wife) is waiting to hear back from another food vendor although she has secured hot chocolate.

We have confirmation that KETV and the OWH will be present.

Tammy has a plaque to be given to Melinda Pearson for her help with the dog parks – Hanscom in particular.

We should have the 6 vendors that can fit around the pavilion and several door prizes.

Pettique signs will not be up in time for Grand Opening as Bridget has not had a chance to type up our final wording. Jody offered to do that. In addition it takes months for the signs to be produced. We will therefore have info boxes containing the current Pettique and will be handing them out at the Grand Opening and will laminate some to hang at Hanscom.

Bridget has gotten directional signs that can be re-used at other event and either has or will order the large & small dog side signs like we have at Hefflinger for Hanscom.

Hefflinger:

City will have a permanent fence dividing both sides of the dog park up soon. They will install another drinking fountain on both sides this Spring. Bridget will have a discussion with the city about having trash cans along the center fence to encourage waste pick up as that has fallen by the wayside now that people have to walk to trash cans.

The tree donated by Fred Henniger has been planted.

April 28th is Spring Bark in the Park provided it isn't also NHS's Tails fundraiser.

Both Parks:

Jim Kee & Therese Pogge with the city dept of Environmental Services attended with the offer of purchasing 20 Zero Waste Mini Pet Waste Stations and the bags to go with it. The city has offered to install them in both parks after we tell them where to put them. The "Catch" so to speak is that WE must keep refilled and we must record how many cartons are used. There are 200 bags on a roll, 2,000 in a carton and we only need to tell them how many cartons are used. The trash cans that often go with these will not be provided as the city prefers we use the current arrangement of the large trash cans they come and empty. Should this experiment work, there may be grant money next year for more. If not, the bags cost \$80 a carton.

Jim & Therese are also involved with citizen education on why you need to keep the pet waste cleaned up so we hope to have them at the Spring Bark in Park and Hanscom Grand Opening and we will include their blurbs about pet waste pick up in the newsletter.

We have suggested 12 for Hefflinger and 8 for Hanscom.

Bags can be stored with Keep Omaha Beautiful among other places.

Chris Kraddack is the Public Access contact for Cox. We are still looking for a volunteer to create videos of the dos and don't of Dog Park etiquette.

Jeff Lonowski offered to see about updating and maintaining our website.