



**Omaha Dog Park Advocates
September 14, 2016
Swanson Library, 6 p.m.**

Present – Lynne Newlin, Mickey Merriam, Jim Kee; Mary Gibilisco, Ed Sirkorski, Theresa Pogge.

Hanscom – -No one in attendance had been to Hanscom since the last meeting, but the city streets are now open so getting there from outside the Hanscom and Ford Birthsite neighborhoods is easier..

Hefflinger – Mud holes. Water is still on, but we need to let people know that the water could be shut off at any time. The mounds of dirt are still there and haven't been leveled.

Dog Park Appreciation Days –was Friday, Aug 26th and Saturday, Aug 27th. We made \$99.86 in donations.

Public Information Position – Jeff resigned as the Public Information Officer. D'Ann will help us with the website until Jim or Lynne are able to learn WordPress. We are always getting e-mails from digital companies wanting our business so Lynne will reach out to Domesti-Pups, a local organization mentioned by one of the solicitors to see if they are legit and if they use them, would they recommend them.

Paint your Pet – October. Jim will set up two Paint your Paint sessions for late October. Sat morning, Tues & Wed 6:30 Sunday afternoon are available. Jim will look into a weekday evening and Sunday afternoon.

New Business – NHS Sunday, Oct 2nd Noon to 4, Not sure how to register as a vendor and due to the lack of volunteers and short time notice we will not participate this year.

Lynne attempted to set up **Meet Up** again as we received several new volunteers, but it wouldn't accept the info@dogparks.org e-mail address. Will try with the Google e-e-mail address.

Amazon Smile has generated \$73.87 since it was begun several years ago. In August alone we received \$8.97. The money is moved into our account automatically.

Lynne reached out to Nebraskans for Solar and got a huge response. **Jared Friesen**, is an engineer, **Michael Shonka** is with Solar Heat and Electric, Inc. 7342 Farnam St. Omaha, NE 68114
W: 402-590-5900 mshonka@qwest.net M: 402-850-7973 SolarOmaha.com
And **Jon Dixon** owns Dixon Power Systems in Lincoln. 3250 N 20th St Ste 1; Lincoln, NE 68521
402-467-3240 dixonpowersystems.com.

Jim will touch base with the city again to see if they oppose.

They Nebraskans for Solar said they could help us with fundraising, once we get numbers together and individually Jared, Michael & Jon would meet with us. Jim has sent them the information he has received thus far.

Elections: As 2016 is an even year, Vice President, Treasurer and Public Information Officer positions are up for election. The PIO and Treasurer are vacant as Jeff Lonowski submitted his resignation in August. Jody Blakely is going back to school full time and working full time and will not run for Vice President. D'Ann will assist us with learning how to manage the website (update items).

To be part of the ODPa Board, you must have attended at least two (2) general public meetings the prior year. Duties of the board include attending fundraising events and Executive Committee meetings. Missing three (3) or more consecutive Executive Committee meetings is considered cause for removal from office. All Executive Committee Members shall have access to the Internet, including email. All Executive Committee members who currently do not have access to the Internet, including email, shall obtain such access before reelection to a new term on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall jointly execute legal documents as needed.

The specific duties for the open positions:

The Vice-President shall assist the President in all committee activities and shall preside at meetings in the President's absence. The Vice-President will coordinate, research, and submit all grant applications and pursue corporate matching programs. The Vice-President shall cultivate relationships with vendors, rescue groups, humane societies, and pet supply stores, among other dog-friendly organizations. The Vice-President shall ensure that ODPa goals are articulated to donors and members in a clear, approachable fashion. The Vice-President shall chair the Grant-Writing committee.

Treasurer

The Treasurer must have accounting and banking experience, as he/she is responsible for the completion of the ODPa annual 990 Form for non-profit organizations. The Treasurer shall receive and keep track of all monies from events, donations, and purchases. The Treasurer shall report on the ODPa funds at each General Public Meeting. All monetary requests must go through the Treasurer and be approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall check the post office box regularly, pay all organizational bills, obtain change for events, calculate sales tax on any and all sales, complete the annual Nebraska/Federal sales tax returns, check the PayPal account, and transfer funds to the ODPa checking account jointly with a designated member of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee.

Public Information Officer, hereafter known as PIO, shall keep the public informed of all meetings, events and activities of the ODPa. The PIO shall be visible and available, and will be the first to respond to any emailed questions raised by the public in our community or other communities interested in creating dog parks. The PIO will do mailings, post emails, be the moderator and oversee social media outlets, send notices for all meetings and events, and maintain and enhance the ODPa website and the ODPa email accounts. A designated member of the Executive Committee shall also have access to the social media outlets, the ODPa website, and the ODPa email accounts. The PIO shall publicize the activities of the organization, its programs, and its goals. The PIO shall manage, in close cooperation with the other Officers, the coordination of all radio, newspaper, television, and Internet promotions.

Members-at-Large

Each year, up to three (3) Members-at-Large shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. The Members-at-Large will be relied upon to represent the general public's interests/opinions and to contribute their knowledge and skills in improving Omaha Metro Area's dog parks.

There will not be a limit on how many terms an individual can remain in Office as long as the individual continues to be voted into Office and remains in good standing. The length of the terms of office and the years for re-election are as follows:

Office	Term Length	Election Years
President	2	Odd years
Vice-President	2	Even years
Treasurer	2	Even years
Secretary	2	Odd years
PIO	2	Even years
Members-at-Large	1	Every year

Jim has created an event on Facebook about our monthly meetings. We will also post fliers inside the park announcing our meetings in hopes of attracting more volunteers.