



**Omaha Dog Park Advocates
March 14, 2018
Swanson Library, 6 p.m.**

Present – Lynne Newlin, Mary Gibilisco, Jim Kee, Sarah Cooper, Eliza Burr, Mickey Merriam, Bob Denny, Adam Podraza

Hanscom – Needs signs about our meetings. Bob will hang one up. Trash cans are still overflowing.

Hefflinger – The Holes are back in the all dog side where they have been in the past. Holes are now even appearing in the small dog area. The outside areas are the ones currently open.

St. Patrick's Day Parade – 17 dogs were in attendance. Pictures were posted on Meet Up and will be on the website.

Old Business – Waiting to hear from Ben and how fundraising for the agility course is to be done.

New Business: - I could only reserve the library for April and May. June was too far out. The system is NOT user friendly to reserve rooms. I used the ODPAs G-mail for contact so anyone can see what is going on. We have the room for the April & May meeting.

A dog park clean up needs to be scheduled for both parks due to no one picking up poop and trash.

Dog Daze of Summer – Sunday August 26, 2018 – Which is National Dog Day. It will run **Noon to 6.** **Vendors must stay the entire time.** Paw Spa, Chicago Dawg House, Beer Paws, Lagunitas Brewing Company are all returning. River West is going to try to keep one type of vendor so that the vendors can do well. One vet, no more vets, one dog yogurt, no more allowed. One groomer no more. Speakers and Music are on the same stage this year so the music will not overwhelm the speaker. There will be a photographer on the small stage. Noon to 3 will be the hours rescue groups will be profiled. Any and all rescues can attend for free – although they will need to pay to rent table, tent and chairs if they need those.

Omaha Gives – May 23rd. We are registered. People can start donating May 1st. We would like to challenge people to create cheer pages for ODPAs with a prize going to whomever raises the most money and a prize going to whomever gets the most people to donate. The prize will be an ODPAs Goodie bag and a free entrance to Dog Daze of Summer. The training sessions to learn how to garner more funds and how Omaha Gives works started March 12th. They are held during the day.

Leashes At Lauritzen – They do have vendors and Eliza suggested we be a vendor there. They do this once a month starting in May and once signed up you are obligated for all 6 months. 5 to 8 p.m. To attend it is \$10 a person, \$5 for dogs. Eliza will look into the cost for non-profits.

Benson Days – We will sign up for the July 28th event.