

**Friends of Kenosha County Dog Parks
Minutes of Meeting January 11, 2011**

1. Welcome/Introductions

We all wished each other a Happy New Year
8 members were present

2. Citizens' Comments

No guests were present. Mark Modory reported that he had received a letter of Thanks from Paddock Lake for our support and donations to the Paddock Lake Pet Parade. Another letter of Thanks and commendation for building the dog parks was received from Mr. Thomas Thompson.

3. Approval of Minutes

Jon Rudie moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2010. All approved the motion.

4. Treasurer's Report

Since our last meeting in November, we've spent \$1,000.08 for a skid of poop bags. Cookies and coffee for the leash cutting ceremonies on December 4 were also expended. A detailed report should be available at next month's meeting.

5. Old Business

Jon Rudie has requested a grant from the Greater Kenosha Community Foundation for the ADA walkway at Carlisle Family Dog Park to go from the gates to the parking lot. (Mark Modory has also applied for Kiwanis grant money that has become available.) The possibility of closing Carlisle in the spring if too muddy was discussed. Also the possibility of shortening the length of the small dog park and adding to the large park space was discussed. It is hoped that the City's work on the roads to redirect water overrun into the creek will help the dog parks' water problem as well. Jon Rudie and Mark Modory have received inquiries from Pleasant Prairie and Racine County regarding the building of dog park facilities in their communities. This would potentially take some traffic away from Carlisle Family Dog Park. Sue Hollander will contact Dr. Carlisle when he returns and together they will try to get an update on the commemorative brick sales from Terri Wolf. Michael Bell's son, an Eagle Scout, has inquired about building benches. Jon is going to discuss a kiosk with him. We have the materials on hand to build a second shade shelter possibly mid June when the youth group is again available.

We also have materials on hand to build two shade shelters next summer at Warren Close Bark Park. Schwarz Nursery has donated new trees, which will be planted when convenient.

The kiosk at Old Settlers is being updated. A dog was abandoned at the dog park, bringing up the need to discuss posting information and phone numbers to handle this situation.

The leash cutting ceremonies were lots of fun. Santa photos raised some money. Mary Ellen Close inquired about a group historian. Mark Modory and Jenny Tunkieicz are both preserving the press releases and dog parks' evolution information.

Rule enforcement is not a priority with us or the sheriff's office at this time.

Dog Park tag sales' requirements were discussed in detail and will not change at this time.

Jon Rudie will talk to Tedi Winnett re: date for spring Volunteer Training session. We need a call for volunteers via a press release, the website, etc. to let new members know that only a small donation of time is needed and that I.D. and training will be provided.

The Dog Days of Summer Fundraiser is not a priority at this time.

6. New Business

It was decided that we will participate in the Burlington Pet Wellness Expo on April 9th. Cathy and Mary Ellen Close both volunteered to work the Expo. They will sell tags and distribute information about the Kenosha County Dog Parks. Everyone is sending appropriate information to Bob Hollander, who will create a pamphlet of information.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8, 2011

The meeting was adjourned and all were advised to drive safely.