

**Kennebunk Dog Park Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday April 2, 2008, 6pm, Boston House at AWS**

Present: Debbie Kerr-Chair, Steve Jacobsen, Sue Flynn, Carol Bowes, Ann Frank, Barbara and Sam Clark, Mary Beth Kvaka, , Randee Perkins, Bob and Lynne Norton

New Members: Gail Crowell and Kerrie Robinson

I. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Debbie at 6:05pm.

II. Introductions:

Steve introduced two new members of the AWS staff who were warmly welcomed by members. They are Gail Crowell, Program Coordinator and Kerrie Robinson, Director of Development. WELCOME!

III. Park condition/concerns:

- **1.** The park has been well used and is frequently quite crowded. It has been troubled with icy conditions much of the winter and it is now experiencing puddles and mud. *Steve* plans to ask Bob Palmer of Tamarack Tree Service to deliver 10-11 truck loads of wood chips as soon as is possible. Members and users (and dogs) will be responsible for spreading the chips.
- **2.** Bones: Someone has been leaving bones both outside and inside the park which has resulted in some doggie squabbles. A sign will be made and posted which reinforces our rule of new food or bones to be used at the park. *Gail* will ensure that this is done.
- **3.** Doggie bags: Many people are donating bags which is useful but is making the park look cluttered. It was agreed to purchase several galvanized rubbish barrels, have them labeled to indicate "CLEAN BAGS ONLY" and place and secure them at various locations within the park. *Bob* will do this.

IV. Status of small dog park:

Ann showed members a rendering of the sign which will be made which includes a photo of Bandit and states:

***This small dog park is in memory of our friend Bandit
who loved to play here until his death on June 8, 2007***

All members approved the sign and a date for the park dedication was set at **June 8, 2008 at 12noon.**

V. Status of Court Case against Perpetrator of Bandit's death:

Steve reported that Michael Moran had been found guilty of a felony offense, aggravated animal cruelty and had been sentenced to two years in jail, with 16 months suspended. He is currently serving 8 months as an inmate in Alfred Jail.

Steve acknowledged and thanked the countless people who advocated for a felony charge and conviction and all members expressed their appreciation to Steve and his staff for their continued advocacy in this case.

VI. Suggestion box:

No suggestions received. **The steering committee wishes to prioritize dog park needs for the coming year and asks all who use or have an interest in the park to let us know your requests. Our current wish list includes (in no particular order).**

- **Paving the parking lot**
- **Piped in water**

- **Enlarging the park**
- **Gazebo**
- **Creation of a walking trail inside the park**

Please let us know your wishes by calling AWS or dropping a note in our suggestion box. Thank you!

VII. New Dog Park Brochure:

The new brochure was unveiled and all members expressed their compliments and appreciation for a wonderful new look which includes all of our changes in addition to our new logo. Many many thanks for countless hours of dedicated work to **Heather Bridges** with assistance of **Penelope Kullaway**. Members will distribute the new brochures to local businesses and hotels.

VIII. Financial Report:

Steve provided our current financial report (April 2007-March 2008) as follows:

Income:	\$4996.78
Expenses:	\$3935.28
Balance:	\$3415.11

IX. Future Plans:

1. **Spring Clean-Up:** a clean-up day was set for Sunday, May 18th at 1pm.
2. We will hold a 2nd **annual dog-gone dog fair** and will include a doggie Olympics, sponsored by the Mobile Adoption Team. A date in August is yet to be set.
3. **Poster sales:** One or two more posters have been sold and more are available at Reigning Cats and Dogs. Given the slow sales of the posters, it is unlikely that we will create a second edition.
4. **Calendars:** Calendars have been a major success. **Randee and Norm** are willing to create another edition for 2009. Photos must be sent to Randee by June 15th with an entry fee of \$5 per dog. She will create a press release.
5. **Engraved pavers** for park entrance: **Steve** will obtain an estimate from Dave Norman for paving our entry court. Pavers would be sold for \$100 each and will yield an approximate profit of greater than 50%.
6. **T-shirts and stickers:** Randee will bring samples to Reigning Cats and Dogs for sales this year, then pass along the remaining inventory to Lynne. We discussed creating a 2nd year T-shirt in a different color. Randee will bring samples to our next meeting.
7. **Sue's sewn goods:** Sue continues to dazzle us with her sewn creations. Her Christmas stockings and other creations were hot sellers at the holiday fairs. She showed us her newest cloth carry-bag with a black dog embossed. Fabulous! Our continued appreciation to Sue for her creative and beautiful work.

X. Adjournment and Next meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm and our next meeting was scheduled for May 7th (Wednesday) at 6pm at the Boston House at AWS.

NOTE: Save the dates attached.

Recorded by: Lynne Norton

Save the dates

ALL ARE WELCOME

May 7th, 2008 (Wednesday) 6pm: Dog Park meeting, Boston House, AWS

May 18th, 2008 (Sunday) 1pm: Dog Park Clean up

June 8th, 2008 (Sunday) 12noon: Small dog park dedication to Bandit

***June 15th: DEADLINE for submission of dog photo to be included in 2009
Doggie calendar***

***August (date to be determined): 2nd Annual Best Dog-Gone Dog Fair
including Dog Olympics***